

Pinewood Press

January 2026

Pinewood Family,

Happy New Year! We are excited to continue learning with all of you this new year. Here are some reminders as we start the 2nd semester.

- Our doors open at 8:30 am, and school starts promptly at 8:50 am each day. On time attendance each day matters!
- Students who take iPads home need to charge their iPad each night and bring it to school each day.

We will continue working toward our learning goals in reading and math as we live our mission of being lifelong learners, high achievers, and responsible citizens. Be sure to ask your students about their personal learning goals. I also encourage you to read with your student and have them read to you. There are so many great books to share.

We will have kindergarten Registration Day on January 16-See details in the newsletter. Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten students will NOT have school that day.

Please see the calendar for important upcoming activities at Pinewood this month.

One Team, One Dream! Working together we will make it!

Kristi Reinsch



WILL YOU HAVE A CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN IN 2026?

**Kindergarten Registration Day is
January 16, 2026, 2:00 PM or 4:30 PM**

Please mark your calendar! We will need assistance from Pinewood families to let us know if you have a child eligible for kindergarten next year. Remember, students must be **five years of age by July 31, 2026**. Please call the office at 531-299-1940 if your child will be eligible or if you know someone who is.

ILLNESS GUIDELINES

We have begun to see an increase in the number of ill children at school. In order to prevent the spread of disease, please consider the following guidelines:

Please keep your child home if any one of the following occurs:

Temperature of 100 degrees or higher within the last 24 hours

Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours

Any symptoms of acute illness such as persistent cough, runny nose, or body aches

Red eye(s) accompanied by discharge, a classic sign of conjunctivitis (pink eye)

Your child should behave like him/herself for 24 hours before returning to school. This will protect your child from exposure to other illness before they are able to build resistance. It will also protect other students and staff from what your child may transmit.



Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Pinewood students continue to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program. Students have the opportunity to learn about fruits & vegetables and taste a sample twice a week. ***Eat Well! Live Well!***

Winter Safety Tips

*Always be sure that your children come to school dressed appropriately for the current weather and the weather forecast for later in the day. Layers of clothing are a must for all age levels. Even as the outdoor temperature fluctuates, our rule at Pinewood is that students must have long sleeves at recess on cool days (this could be a shirt, or jacket/coat over short sleeves).

*Be alert to changing weather. Usually, area media announce school closures beginning at around 6:00 am. Your family plan should include emergency care for students when school is cancelled due to bad weather. You will also receive texts or emails from the district. Be sure your information is updated!

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

January 2026 starts the school application process for the 2026-2027 school year. Parents / Guardians of students enrolled in a transition grade (last grade at the current school), **will receive an email with a link to the application on January 5th.**

Parents may apply for their child to attend any elementary or middle school in the Omaha Public Schools. Approval of applications is subject to the availability of space at the requested school(s) and the priorities set forth in the School Assignment Plan. Only enrollment into neighborhood schools is guaranteed.

The current Student Assignment Plan considers the student's residence and distance to school, to determine transportation eligibility. The Plan is organized around eight (8) elementary partner zones and four (4) middle school partner zones within the District. The residential address and corresponding neighborhood school identify the partner zone.

ELEMENTARY PARTNER ZONES

Elementary Partner Zone 1	Elementary Partner Zone 2	Elementary Partner Zone 3	Elementary Partner Zone 4
Belvedere K-5 Florence K-5 Fullerton K-5 Masters K-5 Prairie Wind K-5 Saddlebrook K-5 Wakonda K-5	Boyd K-5 Lothrop K-5 Miller Park K-5 Minne Lusa K-5 Pinewood K-5 Ponca K-5 Sherman K-5 Springville K-5	Benson West K-5 Central Park K-5 Dodge K-5 Hartman K-5 Mount View K-5 Rose Hill K-5 Western Hills K-6	Adams K-5 Druid Hill K-5 Fontenelle K-5 King K-5 Picotte K-5 Skinner K-5 Standing Bear K-5 Sunny Slope K-5

Wilson Focus (3-6) will continue as a District wide Specialty School. Families may apply to Wilson Focus starting in grade three. More information is available at wilsonfocus.ops.org or call Wilson at 531-299-2260.

Elementary Partner Zone 5	Elementary Partner Zone 6	Elementary Partner Zone 7	Elementary Partner Zone 8
Belle Ryan K-6 Catlin K-5 Dundee K-6 Field Club K-5 Jackson K-6 Liberty K-6 Pine K-5 Walnut Hill K-6 Washington K-6	Conestoga K-6 Edison K-5 Franklin K-6 Gifford Park K-6 Harrison K-6 Joslyn K-5 Kellom K-6 Kennedy K-5	Ashland Park/Robbins K-5 Beals K-6 Crestridge K-5 Gateway K-5 Highland K-5 Indian Hill K-5 Jefferson K-6 Oak Valley K-5	Bancroft K-5 Castelar K-5 Chandler View K-5 Columbian K-5 Forest Station K-5 Gilder K-5 Gomez Heritage K-5 Pawnee K-5 Spring Lake K-5

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTNER ZONES

Middle School Partner Zone 1	Middle School Partner Zone 2	Middle School Partner Zone 3	Middle School Partner Zone 4
Davis 6-8 Hale 6-8 King Science* 6-8 McMillan 6-8	Alice Buffett 6-8 King Science* 6-8 Monroe 6-8 Morton 6-8	Bluestem 6-8 King Science* 6-8 Lewis & Clark 6-8 Norris 6-8	Beveridge 6-8 Bryan 6-8 King Science* 6-8 Marrs 6-8

***King Science** is a district magnet school and is therefore a partner school in each zone; however, students who live in the King Science neighborhood are in partner zone 2 and are only eligible for transportation to schools in that zone.

PINEWOOD SCHOOL
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JANUARY 2026

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!

FREE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM
FOR FAMILIES/CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN
AGES 0-5 PLAY & LEARN/FAMILY
SOCIALIZATION GROUPS: PARENTS AND
CAREGIVERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN(BIRTH-5)
ARE INVITED TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO
OUR GROUP TO PLAY, READ, CREATE, AND
EXPLORE! PARENTS/CAREGIVERS STAY WITH
THEIR CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH ALL THE
TOYS & ACTIVITIES IN THE PINEWOOD
PANTHER DEN. COME JOIN US AND MEET
OTHER FAMILIES AT OUR SCHOOL.

DEEDEE THAKOLO - HOME VISITOR
MARY ELLYN DUNN - FAMILY FACILITATOR
CLAIRE CORDES - COMMUNITY FACILITATOR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
PINEWOOD PANTHERS					1 Winter Break	2 Winter Break
4	5	6 Play & Learn 9-10:30 am	7	8	9	10
11	12 Play & Learn 9-10:30 am	13	14	15 Math Night 5:30-6:30	16 Kindergarten Registration 2-3 or 4:30-5:30	17
18	19 No School	20 Family Socialization 9-10:30 am	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 2 Hour Late Start No Group	28	29	30	31

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3
4	5 SCHOOL RESUMES Doors open at 8:30	6 Cheer	7	8	9	10
11	12 Tech Club Rose Theater to PreK	13 Cheer	14	15 Math Olympic Night 5:30- 6:30	16 Kindergarten Registration Day 2:00 or 4:30 NO PREK	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	20 Cheer Rose Theater to PreK	21	22	23	24
25	26 Tech Club	27 Cheer Late Start Doors open at 10:30	28	29 1 st to Rose Theater	30	31

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