

Piñon Valley Elementary

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



Dear PVE Community,

We are off to an amazing start. Our staff and students have embraced this new year by developing relationships, working as a team, and diving into new curriculum. Our PVE Team appreciates our partnership with our parents/guardians of our students. Building a foundation can truly only be accomplished as a team.

As a new principal, I am impressed with our culture at PVE and eager for our year to progress. Our success is a collective effort due to the connection that our students make with one another and the whole school community.

As we continue throughout the year, please know that we value and appreciate the uniqueness of each child. Our PVE Team appreciates and values your commitment to our students' education. If there is ever a time you would like to stop by, my door is always open.

As stated before, it is an honor and privilege to be the Piñon Valley Principal. I look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,
Kim Sandoval,
Principal

Reminders

Parking Lot...Thank you for dropping off students in the marked zones and using our crosswalks. And, thank you for your continued support for our new dismissal process. Please continue to use the "yellow" curb area for picking up your child. If your child is walking home, please make sure they have a designated meeting place. Our staff feels that this new process has benefited the safety for all of our students. Thank you.

Pedestrian & Bike Safety...Please walk bikes, scooters and boards while on campus. Parents/Guardians and students should only cross streets at our crosswalks.

Visitors...All visitors are required to check in and sign in at the front office. ALL visitors are required to wear a "Visitor Badge."

Attendance...Attendance is important for your child to access the curriculum and acquire the essential information and skills to advance to each grade level. Please support your student by getting them to school on time each day.

Absences...Please make sure to call in the absence to our front office if your child must be absent. If your student is tardy, a parent/guardian must walk them in and sign them in at the front office. This will allow the tardy or absence to be excused.



OCT. 6TH - 3/4 GRADE, FUN IN THE SUN DAY

OCT. 9TH - 12TH - SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SURVEY GRADES 3-6

OCT. 10TH - SAAC MTG. 2:00 - 2:45

OCT. 13TH - FALL FESTIVAL

OCT. 18TH - 6TH GRADE DINNER THEATER

OCT.19TH - CONFERENCE PREPARATION - NO STUDENTS

OCT. 20TH - PLC DAY, NO STUDENTS

OCT. 26TH & 27TH - PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

OCT. 23 RD- 27TH - BOOK FAIR

NOV. 20TH - 24TH - THANKSGIVING BREAK

SRP Protocol

(Standard Response Protocol)

Our school has adopted The “I Love U Guys” Foundation Protocol. Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

Please take time to review the common language with your child on the following page. We will practice the following drills along with fire drills each month. We believe in practicing drills to keep our students and staff as safe as possible.

Yellow Flag Procedures

Occasionally you may see a ‘yellow flag hanging on the flag pole to symbolize release’ at the end of the day. This will happen if the weather conditions present a risk to your child. Typically this involves lightning within a ten mile radius of the school, but we have used this option for exceedingly strong winds/cold that posed a risk for our students.

We will be using the free app called Weatherbug to make this determination each day at 2:30 PM. If we see that a storm is moving through and/or lightning is currently within a ten mile radius of the school, or expected to be within 10 miles at the time of release, we will hang a “yellow” flag from the flagpole. Our staff will support our students by getting them to you in your car or allowing them to wait if they are “walkers.” We will allow walkers to call their parents to let them know they need to be picked up .

We will also use the Weatherbug app to determine if we will be having a ‘yellow flag morning’. This means that if the morning temperature at 7:40 AM is too cold (or if it’s raining or snowy so heavily the students would be soaked), students will enter the building and wait in the gym for the bell to ring. You will not receive notification of this, but please know that we monitor temperatures each day. A temperature below 20 degrees at the end of the day does not prompt a yellow flag release.

Lastly, while we’re talking about temperature and weather conditions, students stay inside for recess when the temperature is below 20 degrees or other severe weather conditions are present. Otherwise, all students go outside. Please dress your children for the weather.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices are not to be used during the school day (from the time a student enters the school grounds until the 2:50 bell rings) without teacher or administrator permission. A student’s cell phone should remain in his/her backpack turned off. If a student’s cell phone, smart watch, or electronic device is used or heard by school staff in the building before/during the school day, the device will be confiscated until the end of the school day. If repeated incidents occur, a parent will be required to retrieve the device from school administration. Students are highly encouraged NOT to bring electronic devices to school in case of theft. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen personal belongings; nor will time be given to the investigation of lost or stolen items.

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



HOLD



SECURE



LOCKDOWN



EVACUATE



SHELTER

Standard Response Protocol – Public Address

Medical Emergency	Hold in your Room or Area. Clear the halls.
Threat Outside	Secure! Get inside. Lock outside doors.
Threat Inside	Lockdown! Locks, Lights, Out of Sight!
Bomb	Evacuate to (location) Shelter for Bomb!
Earthquake	Shelter for Earthquake!
Fire Inside	Evacuate to the (location)
Hazmat	Shelter for Hazmat! Seal your Rooms
Weapon	Lockdown! Locks, Lights, Out of Sight!
Tornado	Evacuate to (location) Shelter for Tornado!





Our PVE Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is aimed at supporting our school, teachers, and students. This organization allows you to work collaboratively within the PVE Community to make a difference in our school.

Our next PTO meeting is Wednesday, October 11th at 5:00 pm in our PVE Library.

The Fall Festival is returning to our PVE Community.

Fall Festival will be on Friday, October 13th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

There will be a myriad of family fun events to include:

Games (sack race, balance a pumpkin, pie eating contest, three legged race, pumpkin carving contest, pumpkin sweep, costume contest tug-a-war, chili cook-off, and candy corn guess), Merchandise, Food and
A WHOLE LOT OF FUN!!!

Keep an eye out for more information.

PVE's October Book Fair is only a few weeks away, and we'd love to share our plan with all of you. Book Fair week will look a bit different this year, and we feel that these changes will make the most of our time with Scholastic's products.

As usual, our book fair will take place during Parent-Teacher conference week, October 23rd - 27th. However, the opening hours will be different.

Monday 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Tuesday 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Thursday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

Classes will be invited to preview books during mornings of their teacher's choice. Classes normally have about 15 minutes to "window shop" and complete their wishlists. Kinders visit with older students in order to help our youngest kids create their wishlists.

As you know, book fair is so exciting that some students preview books online at home days before the book fair even starts. Students will be welcome to purchase books before their class preview times, if their teacher gives permission. Students may not purchase other items (toys, pencils, bookmarks, posters, etc.) unless they are shopping with their adults. If you purchase items besides books with your child, please take them directly to your vehicle/home to avoid mishaps and distractions in the classrooms and backpack areas. We have a lot of learning to do everyday!

We are always in need of volunteers for our book fairs. Please text Mrs. Herzik at 719-491-8916 if you would like to help.



Walk to School Day - - - October Count Day

October 2nd 2023 is the State Of Colorado's October Count Day, this is an extremely important day. Please make sure YOUR child will count for PVE, as we receive critical funding for each child under our roof that day. Students need to be physically present at school on Monday October 2nd, 2023 for PVE to receive funding.

Please avoid appointments that day and encourage your child(ren) to come to school.



Students and parents are invited to wear bright or neon clothing and gather at Black Bear Coffee at 7:00 AM. At 7:20 AM, we will make a few announcements and Mr.

Johnson will lead our walk to school.

During this 20-minute timeframe, Black Bear Coffee has generously donated one small complimentary cup of coffee per adult and one small complimentary cup of juice or lemonade per student. Donuts and bananas provided by the PTO will also be served. Please arrive early if you plan to have anything more than what is complementary. Black Bear Coffee opens at 6:00 AM and serves delicious breakfast sandwiches,

pastries, specialty beverages, and tea for purchase.

Thank you for supporting our partnership with Black Bear Coffee, and for helping build

community and confidence in our kids!

Intramurals

We are excited to offer CMSD 12 Intramural sports programming for current 5th & 6th grade students. We will offer Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball and Co-Ed Volleyball.

The Girls Basketball season is November 27th through December 14th.

The Boys Basketball Season is February 26th through March 14th.

The Volleyball season will run from April 8th through April 25th.

The fee for participation is \$70 per sport. School specific information will be sent from the coach at each school site. Number of teams and contest schedule will be determined after the registration window closes for each sport.

If you need more information please contact Kim Bufkin or Kris Roberts at Cheyenne Mountain High School.

[Girls Basketball - November 27th - December 14th \(Registration closes Nov. 10th\)](#)

[Boys Basketball - February 26th - March 14th \(Registration closes February 16th\)](#)

[Register for Volleyball - April 8th - 25th \(Registration closes March 15th\)](#)



Cheyenne Mountain School District Child Find

Child Find is the identification, assessment, and determination of eligibility for services for children/students who may have a disability. Child Find services are available from birth through age 21. The Resource Exchange is responsible for Child Find evaluations for children, from birth to 3 years of age. Cheyenne Mountain School District provides Child Find evaluations for families who reside in the school district and are concerned with their child's development, ages 3 through 21 years of age.

Child Find (birth to 3)

If you are concerned about your infant/toddler's development, please contact The Resource Exchange (TRE) Early Childhood Services Team at (719) 577-9190.

Child Find (3-5/preschool age)

If you have concerns regarding your preschooler, please call Matthew Gordon, Preschool Coordinator/Assistant Director of Special Education at (719) 475-6140.

Child Find (ages 5 to 21)

If you are concerned about your school-age child's development, please contact your school administrator to determine whether a Child Find is necessary for addressing your concerns.