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## November 2023 Newsletter

Nov. 3, 2023

Dear Families of Piute Mountain School:

Welcome to November! Here it is November 1<sup>st</sup>, and the weather is 85 degrees in the afternoon and the low 40s in the morning. We have quite a collection of coats, sweaters, and sweatshirts! The yard supervisors are asking students to pick up their jackets before leaving the playground, and we are asking that you put names in the coats so that we may return these costly articles of clothing to their rightful owners.

The state testing scores are printed and headed your way through the mail. Please watch for them. The teachers have also received a copy and the copy is now in the student's file. This will help us as we look at differentiating student's level of work and identify needs. If you would like to review the test scores with your child's teacher, please contact them. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the school office. In addition to the education of your child, Piute has activities that may be of interest.

Here are the upcoming events:

Nov. 6, PTC Meeting 3:15 pm

Nov. 8, Veteran's Program

Nov. 9, ASB, Students dress up in patriotic colors

Nov. 13, ABS, Students dress up Hawaiian shirts

Nov. 14, Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Nov. 22-24, No School- Happy Thanksgiving

Nov. 28, Fire Department Presentation for TK – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders

Piute Mountain School has added to its staff!!! Ms. Nichole Stroud has joined Ms. Penney's class and Ms. Natalie Lovett has joined Mr. Alexander's class as a teacher's aide. Mr. Carlos Ochoa is part of the custodial and groundskeeping team. Ms. Loreen Carothers is officially the cook on campus. It is nice to have the open positions filled. We would also like to thank Mr. Dean Aguilar and Star Cole for helping during this time. We also appreciate Ms. Wagner who is filling in for me when I am out. As a reminder, I am retired and filling in as interim principal/superintendent while the board continues its search for a replacement. I can work 75 days at a school during the school year as a retired educator. The Board has stretched out my calendar so that the students would not need to go through another change. To do this, I will be off for a few weeks at a time and Ms. Wagner has agreed to fill in as a principal designee.

We received donations in October of new clothing and boxes of prizes for our upcoming PBIS store. A BIG shout-out goes to Dr. Tincher and her team from Kern Dental for coming to Piute and completing dental assessments and training on the best way to keep their teeth clean. The students went away with lots of loot to help them with the goal of good dental hygiene. PTC organized the Fall Festival this year and the students went away with lots of candy. They also had the opportunity to decorate cookies, play carnival games, and participate in the costume parade. The ASB officers organized the events for Red Ribbon Week under the theme of "Be Kind to Your Mind". The week of events included dress-up days, obstacle courses with smeared goggles, and ended with an egg drop. Lots of work is represented each day and a big hat off to Richard, Warren, Emily, Eva, and Piper.

If you would like to donate or volunteer in the classroom, please contact Tiffany Black in the school office. We also have volunteer opportunities for Parent Teacher Club (PTC) and the District Advisory Committee (DAC). PTC meets around once a month and DAC meets every other month following the PTC meeting. Please email me at [rshive@calienteschooldistrict.org](mailto:rshive@calienteschooldistrict.org), if you are interested.

Speaking of the PBIS store, here is a bit of background. Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) is a way that students are rewarded for following the school rules. Students receive Dojo points in their classroom which can be traded for items in the PBIS store. Mrs. Alexander will run the store on Fridays beginning Nov. 3. If you are interested in helping out or learning more about how your child can earn points, please check with your child's teacher.

Piute Mountain School continues to run before and after school, however, it has changed a bit. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday will continue to be STEAM activities with Ms. Penney. Tuesday will be with staff supervision, and we are adding Friday for parents who need their children to stay until 4:00. Tuesday and Friday will be focused around art and recreation. If you would like your child to receive extra help with homework, please let Mr. Alexander know. His email address is [jalexander@calienteschooldistrict.org](mailto:jalexander@calienteschooldistrict.org).

I appreciate the opportunity to serve with the Board of Trustees as we work together to bring the highest quality education to Piute's community.

Sincerely,

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