
CALIENTE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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January 2024 Newsletter

Dear Families of Piute Mountain School:

Welcome to 2024!!! We are entering into the 3rd quarter, which signifies half of the school year. With the new quarter and the new year comes the opportunity for a fresh start. All previous detentions are tossed, and grading starts over. What a great gift!

New academic groups will be formed this quarter in math and ELA. The small group instruction will help teachers differentiate the curriculum to focus more on the needs of the students. The reading assessments, math assessments, and class participation will be included in identifying the flexible grouping.

Fund-raisers were plentiful in December and PTC and ASB were able to bring in much needed dollars to help with their projects and the 7th-8th grade trip. This could not have been done without your help, donation, and purchases. So many from the community brought in items for the PBIS student store and the Santa Secret Shop. Baked Goods and gift baskets were popular at the Christmas program and brought in a lot of attention and money! The silent auction was the main fund-raiser for ASB and all items were sold with a profit of about \$400. There are still 2 items left that are available. There is a Treadmill for sale for \$50 and a rowing machine for \$35. If you are interested, please call the school.

Piute Mountain School is in a continuous program through the California Department of Education regarding its high level of chronic absenteeism and truancy and has been for 2 years. When this happens, the County office of education will help with identifying the problem of practice and set up strategies/ solutions to improve student attendance. Attendance is linked to academic success. When students miss a day, they are behind the following day. The school is funded through its attendance, with a buffer of 95% of expected attendance. Our budget is also affected. We will be asking for your input through surveys, phone interviews and in-person meetings. Your opinion is greatly appreciated. And a plan of action will be created from what is learned.

In addition to the education of your child, Piute has activities that may be of interest. Here are the upcoming events:

- Jan. 8 – First Day of 3rd quarter
- Jan.9 – Native American Indian presentation
- Jan. 9- Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 12 – 2nd quarter award – no detentions or referrals
Pajama Day – no detention or referrals for the week.
- Jan. 14 – Martin Luther King Holiday – No school
- Jan. 17 – Make up picture day
- Jan. 18 – PBIS Store, Superhero Dress up day – no detentions or referrals for the week.
- Jan. 19 – Basketball at Maricopa
- Jan. 22- PAC 2:45 followed by PTC 3:15
- Jan. 26- Whiz Kids Essay Competition
- Jan. 29 – Staff In-Service – No Students

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We also have volunteer opportunities for Parent Teacher Club (PTC) and Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). The next PAC meeting will be held on Jan. 22 at 2:45 with PTC to follow-2:45-3:30 . The DAC helps with the school’s safety plan, wellness plan, and make decisions on how funding is spent, and reviews the school district’s budget and inner workings. Please email me at rshive@calienteschooldistrict.org, if you are interested.

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

Sincerely,

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