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Dear Parents and Guardians of Piute Mountain Students:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are excited to have your child(ren) at Piute this year, especially with the positive changes to the PBIS awards and Class Dojo communication. Ms. Caffee has joined the staff and is planning field trips and at school events to make the academic year more exciting. If you need more information regarding PBIS, please contact her at the school office.

Piute's public water system is getting closer to clearance for public consumption. Piute school is continuing to offer bottled water through Primo water and has also provided water bottle containers for the students to have at their desks. Some parents have expressed a desire to send a water bottle from home. If you would like to do this instead of the school's bottle, it will need to be plastic, sealable, and no larger than 20 ozs of water. It was also brought to our attention that the water provided is warm and on these hot days is needed to be cooled. We are working on cool water dispensers for the classrooms. Thank you for your input. Please continue to check with us if you have any questions or concerns.

Piute's staff is growing! We have added a new teacher, Ms. Simmons, who will teach 5th-6th grade students. She will have the help of Ms. Veronica Osorios as a teacher's aide. Ms. Macias continues to teach TK- 1st with Ms. Marianne Smith as her teacher's aide, Ms. Penney 2nd-4th, and intervention, Mr. Alexander teaches 7th and 8th graders with Ms. Natalie as his teacher's aide. Ms. Megan continues to be the library clerk and intervention. She has exciting things going on in her library. Mr. Carlos and Mr. McCay are custodial and bus staff and Ms. Loreen will serve your students in the cafeteria. Ms. Wagner and I will continue to be the administrative staff for the year, with Mr. Alexander helping with student behavior. Ms. Wagner will be at the school on Tuesday and Thursdays for the most part and I will be at the school on Monday and Wednesdays. Mr. Alexander will cover on the short day Fridays. Ms. Wagner, as principal designee, will cover the student side of the school and I as interim superintendent will cover the business and personnel side. We can both be reached through email at

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## PBIS

Congratulations to Maysen Carsen, Mason Taylor, Gabriel Taylor and Eli Girard for earning our first Wrangler of the Week reward for the 2024-2025 school year! These students were selected for showing exceptional Wrangler Code Behavior by either being safe, being responsible, or being respectful during the first week of school. Students who show exceptional Wrangler Code behavior each week get a ticket submitted for each class. At the end of each week, one ticket will be pulled from each classroom to select who will receive a reward. Wranglers of the Week get to pick a free item worth up to 25 points from the PBIS Store. Students who win Wrangler of the Week have the opportunity to win Wrangler of the Month and Wrangler of the Quarter for each class. Students who are selected as Wrangler of the Month will get a certificate sent home and have an Ice Cream Party with other Wranglers of the Month. Students who earn Wrangler of the Quarter will receive a certificate at the Awards Assembly and some Piute Mountain school swag!

We are so excited to get to share rewards with students that have 95% attendance and students that crush the Wrangler Code each week, month, and quarter. Every Friday, Ms. Caffee will give students with 95% weekly attendance the opportunity to pick a "PBIS Pass" to use at school. The passes allow students to eat lunch with a Piute Mountain staff member, extend the class's recess by 5 minutes for the day, eat lunch outside with the class, have an extra visit to the library, wear pajamas to school for the day, or receive 50 Clasdojo points to spend at the PBIS store. Students who crush the Wrangler Code each week also have the opportunity to have their lunch as a picnic outside with their peers.

On Friday, August 2nd, students with 95% monthly attendance and Wrangler Code behavior for the month of July will earn rewards as well. Students who have earned 95% attendance for the month will get to redeem a free item worth up to 50 Clasdojo points from the PBIS Store. Students that have crushed the Wrangler Code for the month will get to participate in the monthly Piute Mountain Staff vs. Students sports tournament.

Finally, students who have earned 95% attendance for the 1st quarter will get to have a Pizza Party with Ms. Caffee on Thursday, September 19th, and students who have crushed the Wrangler Code for the quarter will get to go on a field trip to Rollerama on Tuesday, September 17th. Students eligible to participate in the Wrangler Code field trip are determined as described below:

Quarter 1 has 48 total days.

If students come to school, they earn **5 points (totaling 240 points)**.

Students can earn additional points/earn back points lost due to undesired behavior by working during recesses for **1 point** each: Examples include but are not limited to:

- Working with Mr. McCay or Mr. Carlos
- Working with their Teacher

- Working with the office staff

Undesired behaviors: Students will have **1 point** deducted for receiving a detention, **3 points** deducted for receiving a referral, and **4 points** deducted for receiving a suspension.

At the end of the quarter, students with at least **225 points** for the quarter get to participate in the end of the quarter PBIS activity. Ms. Caffee will keep track of all of this under "Piute Attendance" ClassDojo points. These points will not be spendable in the PBIS store, it is for tracking purposes only. We recommend that parents and guardians get connected to our School Clasdojo site in order to be better connected on school events and our point system at school. There is the website, as well as an app available for iOS and Android devices. Events will be posted to our school story, and parents can see what points their students are earning and directly message staff with any questions. If you have any difficulties getting connected to Clasdojo, please contact Ms. Caffee at (661)867-2301 or [acaffee@calienteschooldistrict.org](mailto:acaffee@calienteschooldistrict.org).

Calendar of Events:

July 9 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

July 11 - Back to School Night 5:30-7:30

July 15 - First Day of School

July 19 and 26- Wrangler Code Picnic Lunch and PBIS Rewards

Aug. 2 - Wrangler Code Staff vs. Students water volleyball WOW Ice Cream Party

Watch for August Activities in the August newsletter to be sent home on Aug. 2.

### **VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS**

We are looking for parents to become a part of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Parent Teacher Club (PTC). The PAC is prior to the PTC meeting and asks parents to help with planning the budget, Comprehensive Safety Plan, Federal Fund plans, and Wellness Policy. Parent Teacher Club is a group that meets after the PAC and looks at ways to support students and teachers through fund-raising activities, while adding to the extra-curricular activities surrounding holidays, Talent Show, and Veterans programs. If you would like to be a part of this important school function, please email me at [rshive@calienteschooldistrict.org](mailto:rshive@calienteschooldistrict.org).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GET YOUR WRANGLER T-SHIRT!!!! Student Body Fundraiser. We have adult and student sizes for only \$15.00. WE can accept cash and checks made out to Piute Mt. ASB. Watch for the T- Shirt form to follow to order your shirt.

Sign up for After School Electives: Monday and Wednesday - Dance w/ Ms. Loreen, Tuesday and Thursday Cool Craft Club with Ms. Megan, and Choir Club on Tuesday and Wednesday with Ms. Marianne Smith. Please refer to the flier that went home last week. If you didn't receive one, please call the school office.

Your Partner in Education

Dr. Shive and Piute Staff

