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Newsletter for December 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians of Piute Mountain Students:

Welcome to the holiday season! There are only 10 school days this month and each day is packed. Your child will not want to miss a day of school. (Please note the Calendar of Events).

We made it!!!! Our attendance grew to 93%!!! Thank you for taking the time to set up independent study packets when you knew that your child would be out for a day and notifying us 24 hours in advance! Thank you for signing your child up for the hour of attendance recovery by bringing them early and/or picking them up late so that they could make up a day of attendance (7:00 am and 4:00 p.m., 3- 1 hr. Sessions = a day of attendance).

This past quarter we learned that some parents were not informed of their child's Wrangler points and how it connected to the special Condors field trip! Ms. Caffee has added phone calls home for students who are in jeopardy of losing the reward. She will let you know what your child needs to do to clear absences and /or behavior points. Thank you in advance. Our next field trip reward will be to the Fresno Zoo for 3rd-8th and Calm Zoo for TK-1st on Dec. 10. Watch for more information.

The PTC is actively working on their big fund-raiser Santa Secret Shop with a wide selection and multiple items of gifts for your child to purchase. The prices are very reasonable. A flier will go out the first week of December. They are also working on the Christmas Dinner with a program to follow. Please mark your calendar for Dec. 12 at 5:00 p.m.

PBIS

Congratulations to our Wranglers of the Month for November: Kindle Birdwell, Milo Young, Grayson Macias, and Colton Summers! These students went above and beyond to show they know the Wrangler Code and were leaders to their peers by being great examples.

We really enjoyed the rewards that students got to redeem this month. For crushing the Wrangler Code throughout this month, students will get to vote which staff members are to get pied in the face by our Wranglers of the Month on Thursday, December 5th. Keep up the great work, Wranglers!

As a reminder, the end of quarter reward for 95% attendance and Wrangler Code behavior is coming up! Students who have earned this reward will go on a field trip to the Fresno Zoo (3rd-8th) and CALM Zoo (TK-2nd) on Tuesday, December 10th. Eligible students will be described as below:

Quarter 2 has 46 total days.

If students come to school, they earn **5 points (totaling 230 points, 210 for the end of quarter field trip)**.

Students can earn additional points/earn back points lost due to undesired behavior by working during recesses for **1 point** each:

Examples of Community Service include but are not limited to:

- Working with Mr. McCay
- 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.

Students may also recover attendance through our after school programs in order to still be eligible, should they miss too many school days. We have various clubs happening from 2:45-4:30 to give students the opportunity to make-up attendance. If a student attends one of the clubs for **3 days**, they are able to make-up for **1 day** of school missed (**5 points** back). In order for the recovery to be changed, students must be in attendance of a club for 1 full hour. Students that leave earlier will not be able to count that time towards their attendance recovery. The following clubs are available for your students:

ELO-P (Monday-Thursday 7:15am-8:15am)

Archery Club (Tuesday/Wednesday 3:30pm-4:30pm)

Dance Club (Monday/Wednesday 2:45pm-4:30pm)

Cool Craft Club (Tuesday/Thursday 2:45pm-4:00pm)

Homework Club (Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 3:30pm-4:30pm)

If you are interested in your student attending the after school clubs, please contact the office to have them stay on campus. As a reminder, there is no transportation provided, so please make arrangements for picking up your student by 4:30pm.

Students with at least **195 points** at the end of the quarter will get to participate in PBIS activities. 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-PLEASE POST FOR REFERENCE

December 3- PTC Meeting 3:15

December 5 - Winter dress up – Dress like your favorite thing about winter and
Monthly Pie a Staff Member Reward

December 6-13 Santa Secret Shop - Holiday shopping for students

December 6- Christmas Social 7th-8th grade at Elk Hills

December 9- Grade Books Closed

December 10 - Fresno Zoo 3rd-8th (leave at 6:00 am return 5:00 pm) and CALM Zoo TK-1st
(leave at 9:00am return 2:30pm)
Board Meeting 6:30 pm

December 11–12- Noon Dismissal for Parent Conferences

December 12th - Ugly Sweater dress up – Wear the ugliest sweater you can find.

December 12- Christmas Program 5 pm

December 13- Noon Dismissal, Awards Assembly 10:00-11:00 TK-8th grade

December 16-20 Winter Intersession Camp 8:15-3:30 School Transportation included

That's it for now. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,
Piute Mt. Staff