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May 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to the last month of the 4th quarter!!!!

Thank you for a great year! Our students, your children, continue to show progress in all academic areas. Your help with making sure that they are here each day or have completed an independent study packet, have helped immensely. We appreciate your patience with us as we completed the retrofit of the Hall into two classrooms. It is a beautiful facility for our youngest students and a music classroom. The Kitchen has been upgraded where we can have homemade lunches served to our students.

The 4th quarter is full of closing events- state testing, Talent Show practice and presentation, end of the year rewards, grades, and then graduation! Please encourage your child(ren) to keep their focus throughout the quarter as it leads to placements for the following year and especially high school. Please take note of more detailed information in the CALENDAR of EVENTS at the end of this letter.

Parent surveys are still open!!! Please help us by completing the survey as we seek continuous improvement for our students. The survey will stay open until May 17,2026. The District will also survey students in 3rd - 8th grade and all staff members. There will be a raffle for a \$50 Gift Card of your choice for fuel or groceries at the end of the quarter Awards Assembly. Please use the QR code to access the survey.



PTC/PAC/DONATIONS

The Parent Advisory Committee is continuing to finalize the Local Control Accountability Plan. Please join us on May 13 for the final look at the Goals for the 2026-2027 school year. We will meet at 3:15 in the school office.

Piute Mountain Parent/Teacher Club

The school year is winding down, but the PTC is finishing strong! We provided locally made pizza to show our thanks on Staff Appreciation Week and will provide concessions at the talent show. If you'd like to help serve hot dogs, chips and soda, join us at Ed Oakley Hall at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 7.

Giving gifts to this year's kindergarten and 8th grade graduates is our final event of the year. Come to our last meeting on Wednesday, May 13 if you'd like to help provide a fun send-off for these great kids as they go onto the next chapter of academia.

Thank you for all your support this year. We hope everyone has a great summer and look forward to a fun-filled 2026-2027 school year!

PBIS News (Positive Behavioral Interventions Supports)

Thank you for continuing to encourage strong attendance and positive behavior—every day truly counts! Mid-quarter reward is on May 8th! We will have water balloon fun with a students vs. staff water balloon dodgeball, balloon toss, fill the bucket, and other water games. Make sure students who are eligible for this event bring clothes they can get wet and a change of clothes.

And right around the corner is the end-of-year reward.. John's incredible pizza! On May 26th we will take a trip to Bakersfield to end our school year with pizza, ice cream, and fun games!

Eligibility for PBIS incentives will be described as below:

Students earn points everyday they come to school and they must meet the required amount of points to be able to attend our fun PBIS events. The minimum amount they must acquire by the mid-quarter event will be **125 points** and for the end-of-quarter event will be **185 points**.

That being said, students may miss up to **3 days** and still be able to join but if they miss more than that they will be required to make up that time during after school hours. We offer after-school clubs for those who need to make up days. Notices have been sent with students who may need to make up days before the event and also those who have reached the maximum amount of absences. Please call Ms. Natalie if you have any questions or concerns regarding attendance recovery.

- **Attendance - 5 points** earned each day students attend school

If a student misses a day of school, they may make it up by attending **3 after-school club sessions** for **at least 1 full hour each** (equals 1 make-up day).

After-School Club Hours:

- **TK–3rd Grade:** 2:45–4:30
To recover attendance students must stay until **3:45**
- **4th–8th Grade:** 3:30–4:30

Clubs Offered This Quarter:

- **ELOP (TK-8th) / Homework Club (TK–3rd)** – Ms. Penney, Room 4
Monday–Thursday, 7:00–8:15 AM (TK-8th) & 3:30–4:30 PM (TK-3rd)
- **Homework Club (4th–8th)** – Mr. Alexander, Room 7
Monday–Thursday, 3:30–4:30 PM
- **Performing Arts: Trifecta Club- music, dance, and drama (TK–8th)** – Ms. Marianne, Room 1
Monday & Wednesday, Thursday 3:30–4:30 PM ***In this club, you will prepare for the Talent Show by learning line dances, choral and solo singing, and skits that will be performed during the 4th quarter Talent Show.***
- **Cool Craft Club (TK–8th) (Tuesdays are full)** – Ms. Megan, Library
Tuesday & Thursday, 3:30–4:30 PM
- **CHANGE**
- **Archery Club (4th–8th) (Full)** – Ms. Black, Archery Field
Tuesday & Wednesday, 3:30–4:30 PM

Reminders for Club Participation:

- Permission slips are required.
- **Space is limited.** Students with 3 unexcused absences may be removed from the club.
- Students must be caught up on schoolwork to participate.
- No transportation is provided — **pickup is at 4:30 PM.**
- If your child is signed up but not staying after school on a club day, please contact the office by **12:00 PM** to update their dismissal plan.

Great job to all of our students for showing up, staying involved, and earning those rewards!

Not signed up for an after-school club?

Contact the school office or message **Ms. Lovett (Natalie) on ClassDojo** to enroll.

Undesired behaviors: Students will have **1 point** deducted for receiving a detention, **3 points** for receiving a referral, and **4 points** deducted for a suspension. Students can earn additional points and/or earn back points lost due to undesired behaviors by working during recesses and when completed they will earn **1 point back**.

Examples of community service that is offered:

- Working with Mr. McCay
- Working with their teacher
- Assisting office staff

Students can pick up a community service voucher from Ms. Natalie to use as a way to make up the points they need to make-up due to a loss of behavioral points.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 5-18 State Testing

May 4-8 - Staff Appreciation Week

May 6- Talent Show Dress Rehearsal

May 7 - Talent Show 5:30 Doors open at Ed Oakley Hall 6:00 Show

- ASB candy bar and school t-shirt fundraiser during talent show

May 8 - Mid Qtr Grades go home, Mid Qtr reward, Water day 12-1pm

May 13- PTC/PAC Mtg. 3:15, 8th Grade Magic MT. trip

May 18-22 End of the Year Assessments

May 20-23 - Washington DC trip

May 22 - 8th Grade Bowling

May 25 - NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

May 26 - John's Incredible Pizza - PBIS reward

May 27-29 Parent Conferences - MINIMUM DAY 12:00 Dismissal

May 27 - Class Party and Yearbook Signing

May 28- Water Day and 8th grade Lunch

May 29 - K Graduation, 9:00 am, Awards Assembly 10:00, 8th Grade Graduation at 6:00

June 1- Summer Camp Begins

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

Sincerely,

Piute Mountain Team

May 2025 Caliente Breakfast

Kern County
Superintendent of
Schools

Advocates for Children

Monday


Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



4	CINNAMON TOAST CRUNCHCEREAL APPLES, FRESH 1 EA JUICE MILK CHOICE	5	MINI CINNIS APPLES, FRESH 1 EA JUICE MILK CHOICE	6	HONEY BREAKFAST BAR Whole Fruit 1 Ea JUICE MILK CHOICE	7	HOMEMADE BREAKFAST Whole Fruit 1 Ea JUICE MILK CHOICE	8	BREAKFAST BUN Whole Fruit 1 Ea JUICE MILK CHOICE	1	CROISSANT SCRAMBLED EGGS SLICED AMERICAN CHEESE APPLES, FRESH 1 EA JUICE MILK CHOICE	
11	WAFFLES - MINI BLUEBERRY APPLES, FRESH 1 EA JUICE MILK CHOICE	12	MINI CONFETTI PANCAKES APPLES, FRESH 1 EA JUICE MILK CHOICE	13	ENGLISH MUFFIN SCRAMBLED EGGS Whole Fruit 1 Ea JUICE MILK CHOICE	14	MINI FRENCH TOAST Whole Fruit 1 Ea JUICE MILK CHOICE	15	APPLE FRUDEL APPLES, FRESH 1 EA JUICE MILK CHOICE			
18	BANANA BREAD Whole Fruit 1 Ea JUICE MILK CHOICE	19	WHOLE GRAIN BISCUIT SCRAMBLED EGGS Whole Fruit 1 Ea JUICE MILK CHOICE	20	CRUMB CAKE ORANGES, FRESH 1 EA JUICE MILK CHOICE	21	MINI FRENCH TOAST Whole Fruit 1 Ea JUICE MILK CHOICE	22	APPLE FRUDEL APPLES, FRESH 1 EA JUICE MILK CHOICE			
25	No School Today 	26	STRAWBERRY YOGURT CRISPY GRANOLA BITES Whole Fruit 1 Ea JUICE MILK CHOICE	27	BLUEBERRY MUFFIN STRING CHEESE Whole Fruit 1 Ea JUICE MILK CHOICE	28	PB&J SANDWICH SUNBUTTER SANDWICH APPLES, FRESH 1 EA JUICE MILK CHOICE	29	HOMEMADE BREAKFAST APPLES, FRESH 1 EA JUICE MILK CHOICE			

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Caliente Lunch

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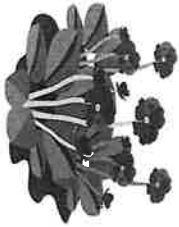
Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



4	BEEF RIB PATTY SUB ROLL VEGETABLE - STARCHY Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	5	TURKEY BIRRIA TORTILLA CHIPS VEGETABLE - BEANS/LEGUMES Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	6	DELI TRIO SANDWICH SHREDDED LETTUCE TOMATO SLICE VEGETABLE - OTHER MUSTARD MAYONNAISE Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	7	CHEESE QUESADILLA SALSA VEGETABLE - BEANS/LEGUMES SOUR CREAM Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	8	CHICKEN ALA-MARA PASTA VEGETABLE - RED/ORANGE Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE
11	BLACK BEAN VEGGIE PATTY HAMBURGER BUN SLICED AMERICAN CHEESE VEGETABLE - STARCHY MAYONNAISE Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	12	Beef Steak DINNER ROLL 1 Ea MASHED POTATOES VEGETABLE - OTHER Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	13	TERIYAKI CHICKEN BROWN RICE VEGETABLE - DARK GREEN Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	14	BEEF TOSTADAS REFRIED BEANS SHREDDED LETTUCE SALSA SOUR CREAM Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	15	HERB ROASTED CHICKEN PASTA WITH PESTO MOZZARELLA CHEESE STICK VEGETABLE - DARK GREEN Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE
18	GRILLED TURKEY & CHEESE VEGETABLE - RED/ORANGE TAJIN Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	19	HERB ROASTED PORK CHOP BROWN RICE VEGETABLE - STARCHY TAJIN Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	20	DELI TRIO SANDWICH SHREDDED LETTUCE TOMATO SLICE VEGETABLE - OTHER MUSTARD MAYONNAISE Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	21	BEEF TACOS SHREDDED CHEESE SOUR CREAM HOT SAUCE VEGETABLE - BEANS/LEGUMES Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	22	CHEESY CHEDDAR RAGU SPAGHETTI GREEN SALAD BABY CARROTS RANCH DRESSING Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE
25	No School Today	26	Nacho Supreme SHREDDED CHEESE TORTILLA CHIPS REFRIED BEANS DICED TOMATO SOUR CREAM Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	27	TRI TIP BEEF DINNER ROLL 1 Ea MASHED POTATOES VEGETABLE - BEANS/LEGUMES TAJIN Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	28	PUPUSAS SALSA VEGETABLE - BEANS/LEGUMES SOUR CREAM Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE	29	ALA-MARA PASTA SHREDDED CHEESE STRING CHEESE VEGETABLE - RED/ORANGE Whole Fruit 1 Ea MILK CHOICE



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