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Piute Mt. School - August Newsletter

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students of Piute Mt. School,

Welcome to August! We are off to a fantastic start to the 2026–2027 school year! It has been inspiring to watch our students step up and embrace this year's school theme: "**Superheroes**".

Every day around campus, we are noticing our real-life superheroes making special efforts to live out the Wrangler Code by being **Safe, Respectful, and Responsible**. Whether helping a classmate, taking pride in schoolwork, or setting a great example in the hallways, our Wranglers are showing that you don't need a cape to make a huge impact!

PTC Update & Upcoming Events

Hello and welcome back to school! The **Piute Mountain Parent/Teacher Club (PTC)** is excited for a great 2026–2027 school year and is hitting the ground running!

- **Scholastic Book Fair (August 17–21):** The Book Fair was a huge hit last year, and we look forward to bringing a bigger, better event this year! If you would like to help out, please call the office or email Jolyn Young at mrsjolynyoung@gmail.com.
 - **Next PTC Meeting:** Join us on **Wednesday, August 12 at 3:30 PM** at the school. We will vote on officers and prepare for the upcoming school year. See you there!
 - **Mark Your Calendars:** Looking ahead, we have **Recreation Day on September 18**, followed by the **Fall Festival in October**. If you would like to volunteer for these fun student events, please let us know—we'd love to have you join us!
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Associated Student Body (ASB) Leadership Opportunities

Calling all 6th–8th graders! The Associated Student Body (ASB) is looking for students who would like to show their Superhero status by going **Above and Beyond**.

- Keep an eye out for upcoming campaigning information, or talk to **Mr. Alexander** if you are interested in getting involved!
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Academic Progress & Reading Support

- **Assessments Completed:** All students have recently been assessed in Math and ELA, and instructional adjustments have been made to tailor learning to each student's needs.
 - **1st–3rd Grade Reading Support:** Ms. Penney is offering extra support in the afternoons through the **Reading Club** for our 1st through 3rd graders!
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PBIS Rewards & Eligibility Reminders

Our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program is in full swing, rewarding students for demonstrating great behavior and attendance:

- **Mid-Quarter Event (August 25, 2026): Staff vs. Student Games!** (110–125 PBIS points required)
 - **End-of-Quarter Event (September 22, 2026): Roller-skating in Bakersfield!** (210–225 PBIS points required)
 - **Attendance & Point Recovery:** Students may lose a maximum of 15 points (or miss up to 3 days of school) per quarter to remain eligible. Missed attendance points can be recovered through club participation, and behavior points can be recovered through community service.
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Clubs Offered This Quarter

Club Name	Grades	Instructor / Location	Days & Times
Homework & Reading Support	TK–8th (1st–3rd Reading)	Ms. Penney (Room 4)	Mon–Thu: 7:15–8:15 AM & 3:30–4:30 PM
Cool Craft Club	TK–8th	Ms. Megan (Library)	Tue & Thu: 3:30–4:30 PM

**Trifecta Club (Music,
Dance & Drama)**

TK–8th

Ms. Noelle
(Room 1)

Mon & Wed: 3:30–4:30
PM

Note: Signed permission slips are required to join. Please note that no transportation is provided after after-school clubs; student pickup is promptly at 4:30 PM.

Important Policy Reminders

- **Chromebook Checkouts:** Permission forms are required before any student can check out a Chromebook for school or home use.
- **Cell Phone Policy:** Piute Mt. School is a cell-phone-free school for students during the school day. If a student needs a phone for travel to/from the bus stop, parents/guardians must sign an agreement form with the office.
- **Student Absences:** If your student will be absent or if you need an independent study packet, please notify the school office as soon as possible. You may call the office or email **Ms. Black** or **Ms. Natalie**.

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Calendar of Events

August 11: School Board Meeting (6:30 PM)

August 12: PTC Meeting (3:30 PM at the school — Officer elections & planning)

August 17–21: Scholastic Book Fair

August 25: PBIS Mid-Quarter Event: Staff vs. Student Games (110–125 PBIS points required)

September 18: PTC Recreation Day

September 22: PBIS End-of-Quarter Event: Roller-Skating in Bakersfield (210–225 PBIS points required)

Thank you for being the superheroes who support our Wranglers every step of the way. Let's make this an extraordinary school year!

Sincerely,

Piute Mt. School Administration & Staff