

PINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL KNIGHT NEWS



October 15, 2023

IMPORTANT SAFETY & ELECTRONICS UPDATES

Horse Play is rough play in which people push and hit each other, or behave in a silly way. Other terms for horse play include rough housing, tumble, clowning around, romping, fooling around.

We have had numerous unfortunate incidents at Pinole Middle School.

Many students have been horse playing in the hallways. This has led to fights.

Children are playing until one of the participants decides it is serious.

Moving forward any student caught horse playing will receive a consequence. With each infraction the severity of the consequence will increase.

Please discuss with your scholars the importance of following the rules, and also cursing will not be tolerated.

Updates to Pinole Middle Policies

Phones should be off and away during school hours 8:20 am - 2:35 pm (1:35 Wed).

Air Pods and headphones are included, unless they are connected to a Chromebook to listen to audio required for a class.

This includes passing periods.

The only exception is lunch. 11:33 - 12:13 PM or 11:05 - 11:35 AM Wed

Students who use their phones to record video of fights or conflict, or to spread threatening messages can be suspended for inciting violence.

If a student's phone is seen or heard, they will be asked to surrender their phone to a staff member. The phone will be held in the office for the remainder of the day.

If a student violates the policy a second time a parent or other adult will be asked to pick up the phone from the office.

If violations continue, students will be required to leave their phone at home or surrender it in the office in the morning.

If a student refuses to comply with the request of a staff member to surrender their phone, their adult will be contacted to retrieve the phone from the student in the main office.

MEET MR. YU!

Mr. Yu is a Physical Education teacher in his third year teaching at Pinole Middle School. Originally a SoCal native, Mr. Yu moved to the Bay to share his passion for physical and outdoor activities. He hopes to provide a meaningful and enjoyable PE experience so students can also participate in lifelong physical activities. Outside of school, Mr. Yu can be found walking his dog, exercising at the gym, camping, snowboarding, spearfishing, and surfing.

START WITH HELLO!

This is our second week of Start With Hello. Last week's challenge was to say hello to someone you don't usually talk to. We would encourage you to continue to do that throughout this week and when you think of it, the rest of the year. As a reminder, this week we're learning about how to help others who are having feelings of isolation and loneliness. Some signs of loneliness and social isolation are when people spend long periods of time alone, not having friends, and avoiding social situations.

- ***Did you know that students who experience loneliness or social isolation often experience anxiety, depression, or low self-esteem? Kids who experience loneliness or social isolation don't do as well in school and can be sick more often than other kids.***
- ***Your challenge this week is to notice others who seem to be lonely or isolated and then to either reach out to them to find out if they're ok or to let a trusted adult know that there may be someone who needs help.***

THERE'S STILL TIME

Pinole Middle School's after-school program is now accepting applications. Please consider signing up your student using this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/jeQqfwy9GnPxwhoi7>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/17 - Rescheduled School Site Council (SSC) monthly meeting, 5 pm in Library
- 10/24 - End of 1st Quarter
- 10/25 - 1st Quarter Report Card Marking - Minimum Day - Secondary Schools
- 10/27 - PMS & WCMS Trunk or Treat
- 10/31 - K thru 8th Grade Minimum Day

WMCS & PMS TRUNK OR TREAT

Get ready for this year's Trunk or Treat happening Friday, October 27th from 4:30 - 8:30 pm. This is an annual collaboration between Pinole Middle & West County Mandarin Schools and we need your help.

Are you interested in decorating your trunk for the event? If yes, contact the PTSA or the office to sign up.

Can you donate candy to pass out to children? If you can, drop off your donations with Ms. Lorena at the front desk.

Can you volunteer to set up, clean up or work during the event (multiple spots available)? If yes, contact the PTSA or the office to sign up.

Click on the link to sign up! [PMS Trunk or Treat 2023](#)
With your help, this can be an amazing experience for all students & families.

PTSA NEWS & UPDATES

Topic: Pinole Middle PTSA Meeting

Time: Nov 9, 2023 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87653183358?pwd=b2g3ZFJxOXNTay8vdIFXa29sVVVBUT09>

Meeting ID: 876 5318 3358

Passcode: 016059



**PINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND
WEST COUNTY MANDARIN
PRESENTS**



The PTAS of WCMS and PMS are welcoming all our families to join us at Halloween Trunk or Treat 2023!. This will be a kids and family friendly event with sale of food, drinks and desserts. Families will be entertained with games, music and creatively decorated trunks.

FAKe weapons, Violent or scary themes or costumes will not be allowed at this event. We thank you for accommodating and hope to see you at this fa-BOO-lous event!



FRIDAY OCTOBER 27, 2023 |

4.30 PM - 7:30 PM

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