

---

September 2016 Newsletter

---

# Pine Ridge Elementary PTO

For more information, visit us on our NEW website at: [prepto.weebly.com](http://prepto.weebly.com)

Please join us on [facebook](#) by searching Pine Ridge Elementary PTO

---



It is going to be an exceptional 2016-2017 school year at Pine Ridge! We have amazing students, parents, and staff. Pine Ridge is so lucky to welcome 30 new families to our Ranger community. If you see a new face, please give them one of our amazing PR smiles and make them feel welcome!

Wondering how to get involved? When an event is scheduled for? When does a certain grade level go to lunch? When is the next PTO meeting? Need to locate a form (spirit wear, family directory)? Just visit our new PTO website at [www.prepto.weebly.com](http://www.prepto.weebly.com). The website is frequently updated with current information. Please check it for the current volunteer opportunities, such as babysitting for school celebrations or organizing the 4<sup>th</sup> grade float in the FHC Homecoming parade. Wondering what each job entails? It's also located on the website. This website has it all!

**Sarah Streit, PTO President and Kylie Rowland, Vice President**

---



The Ranger congratulating some of last year's Rally walkers.

## PTO Meetings

**Thursday, September 29- 9 a.m.:** Principal Tamasha James will speak in media center; breakfast provided

**Wednesday December 7- time TBD:** Holiday Brunch

**Friday February 24- time TBD:** In media center

**May, Date and Time TBD:** End-of-Year meeting (with Volunteer Appreciation Dessert.)

## **Speaking of volunteers....**

The PTO needs your help to fill a few remaining Committee Chair positions.

There are a variety of positions to pick from and lots of people to help get you on your way. Please visit our website at [prepto.weebly.com](http://prepto.weebly.com) for more information.

Questions can be directed at Kylie Rowland at [kylie.rowland1@comcast.net](mailto:kylie.rowland1@comcast.net)

---

## Ranger Pride Hits the Street

Get ready to RALLY for this year's **Pine Ridge Ranger Rally** on **Friday, Oct. 7, from approximately 9 a.m. until 11:45**. Check out the [PTO website](#) if you would like to walk with your child or volunteer at school with snacks.

Volunteers are assigned a specific classroom and walk to keep students safe and orderly. This is a great opportunity to spend a morning exercising with our fabulous Pine Ridge kids while showing your school spirit!

The money raised from corporate sponsors like Meijer and other local businesses, along with donations from Pine Ridge families, cover the costs that the PTO incurs throughout the year. Those include: school buses to field trips, the art show, and teacher resources.

Parents who can't walk, but would like to contribute, can buy a Ranger Rally t-shirt, sponsor a logo on our Ranger Rally shirts, or purchase a sign for the front drive of the school.

If you still have questions, please contact Steph Ryan at [scottandsteph@comcast.net](mailto:scottandsteph@comcast.net), Colleen Fuelling at [colleen.fuelling@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.fuelling@gmail.com), or Jenni Yoder at [jenniferburnsyoder@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferburnsyoder@gmail.com).



**Carb' up at Culver's Night Before the Rally!** Our generous friends at Culver's on 28<sup>th</sup> Street donate a portion of their profits from **5-8 p.m.** on **Thursday, Oct. 6**. Stop by the dining room or even drive through to see members of the Pine Ridge staff, and help support your child's PTO.

**\*NEW\* this year!**

On Tuesday **September 27<sup>th</sup>**, **Vitales of Ada** will donate a portion of all food proceeds back to Pine Ridge in honor of the Ranger Rally. Dine in and on food items ONLY. Beverages not included in this promotion. **Please mention Pine Ridge to your server!**



### Calling all 4<sup>th</sup> Graders!

The Ranger Rally Committee has decided to **bring back the 4<sup>th</sup> grade CHANGE WARS** this year! Outside of each 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom there will be a Rubbermaid bin labeled with your teachers name on it that should be used to collect change for your class (**rolls** or loose). Please encourage your students to return their Rally envelopes with a donation as well as contribute to the class change bin. The class with the highest weight in change will lead the Rally.



# Spend money to make money for Pine Ridge!

Pine Ridge has partnered with different businesses for raising funds that directly benefit our school. Whether it's grocery, retail or on-line shopping, every little effort benefits the students.

**Aunt Millie's School Spirit:** Collect UPC codes from participating Aunt Millie's, Sunbeam, Holsum, and Soft' N Good bread, hamburger buns, donuts, and/or hotdog buns bags and donuts and snack cake boxes. Pine Ridge can earn 5 cents per label. See [schoolspiritprograms.com](http://schoolspiritprograms.com) for a list of participating products.

**Box Tops for Education:** Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools earn over \$475 million since 1996. This is an ongoing fundraiser for our school that allows Pine Ridge to earn \$.10 per clipped Box Top from hundreds of participating products. Each classroom has a collection box for the clipped box tops. There are many opportunities to earn more cash for Pine Ridge by visiting [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to learn more, to sign up, and earn easy money for our school.

***Note: Please take a minute and actually trim your Box Tops around the margins (yes, this includes the margarine containers!) The company requires the Box Tops be trimmed, and it takes many volunteers many hours to do that each time we collect them. A little help at your house can save the volunteers time. :)***

**Labels for Education:** With this program, Pine Ridge can earn points to be redeemed for arts, athletics and academics merchandise. Only UPC labels with the LFE logo can be turned in for one to ten cents per label. Go to [www.lablesforeducation.com](http://www.lablesforeducation.com) to learn more.

**Pop Tops:** By collecting the tabs to aluminum cans and turning them in to Pine Ridge near the cafeteria (down the PR alumni 4th grade photo display hallway), we are earning money for the Ronald McDonald House. For more information, please go to [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org).

**Tyson Project A+ labels:** Collect these labels from participating Tyson products and turn them into your child's teacher. We earn 24 cents per label. For more information go to [projectaplus.tyson.com](http://projectaplus.tyson.com).

## Spirit Wear!

Show your Ranger pride wherever you roam, with Spirit Wear.

Order forms should have come home in backpacks the first week of school. If that did not make it to you, the forms are also available in the office.

Orders are due on Friday, September 30th, and will be available for pick up the week of October 24th.

Any questions, please contact Tara Evans at [taralynnevans@yahoo.com](mailto:taralynnevans@yahoo.com).

## Stay connected with a Family Directory

Communicate with other families at Pine Ridge by submitting your contact information to the annual directory. Directories are free, but you must submit a form to be included in the booklet. Additional copies will be available in the office for \$3.00 each.

Forms will be orange and included in the packets that came home on the first day of school. The deadline to submit forms is Friday, Sept. 16.

If for some reason you did not receive the form, please contact Jackie Rogne directly at [jackson\\_stubner@yahoo.com](mailto:jackson_stubner@yahoo.com) to make sure the information is included, or pick up an extra form in the office.

*The Family Directory is solely for communication of school-related matters. The directory is not meant to be used for solicitation and the contents cannot be reproduced without permission of the principal. This directory is prepared by volunteers and the school cannot be held responsible for how the directory is used.*

Look for the directory to be sent home in backpacks after the first week of October.



## Original Works is back again this fall!

Kiddos will be creating a masterpiece with our fantastic Mr. Donohoe in Art Class. And the Original Works will take the artwork and transfer it onto whatever items you choose to order. **Orders will be back in time for the Winter Break (and gift giving!) in December.**

New this year...we will be using an Online Ordering feature...so watch for more information on that later this fall!

**A portion of the proceeds come back to the Pine Ridge PTO.**

Contact [missybonner@comcast.net](mailto:missybonner@comcast.net) with questions.

## 2016-2017 Pine Ridge PTO Board

**President:** Sarah Streit [jskc4@yahoo.com](mailto:jskc4@yahoo.com)

**Vice President:** Kylie Rowland [kylie.rowland1@comcast.net](mailto:kylie.rowland1@comcast.net)

**Treasurer:** Karen Witham [kvwitham@hotmail.com](mailto:kvwitham@hotmail.com)

**Assistant Treasurer:** Michelle Ptak [scrubs315@gmail.com](mailto:scrubs315@gmail.com)

**Recording Secretary:** Janet DeLapp [demudgins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:demudgins@sbcglobal.net)

**Corresponding Secretary:** Colleen Fuelling [colleen.fuelling@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.fuelling@gmail.com)

**Parliamentarian:** Jenni Yoder [jenniferburnsyoder@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferburnsyoder@gmail.com)

**Teacher Representative:** Jill Cardosa [jcardosa@fhps.net](mailto:jcardosa@fhps.net)

---

*Many thanks to our volunteers!*

---

The Pine Ridge PTO has been busy all summer getting ready for the new school year. **Kylie Rowland** has logged many hours, along with help from **Sarah Streit**, creating our brand new PTO website, and both ladies have been talking with committee chairs and getting people in place to run various committees. Thanks for all your effort!

Thanks to all incoming board members and committee chairs who are working overtime to make 2016-2017 a great year at Pine Ridge!

We also thank **Culvers, Baskin Robbins, Grand Rapids Gymnastics (GRG), Goldfish Swim, R-Athletics and Rebounderz** for donating items to our Newcomers Orientation and Kindergarten 'Ready Set Go!'