

Happy New Year!

PINE BUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2018



**PLEASE BE ADVISED
THAT IN THE SCHOOL
SIDE PARKING LOT, IT IS
ILLEGAL TO PASS A
STOPPED SCHOOL BUS
THAT HAS ITS RED
LIGHTS FLASHING.**

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Dear Families and Friends,

I would like to extend warm wishes for a healthy and Happy New Year to all students, staff and families of Pine Bush Elementary. The month of January offers us a unique opportunity to begin anew from the first minute of the first day of the month. Many of us stayed up late on December 31st to watch tens of thousands of people flock to the popular New Year's Eve location of Times Square in New York City. These celebrants and others around the nation bid adieu to the final moments of the current year and watch with delight as a new year is welcomed.

New Year's Day is celebrated as a holiday in almost every country in the world, but not all countries, cultures or religions celebrate the New Year on January 1st. As an example, the Chinese New Year starts on a different day each year while the Jewish New Year is celebrated about the time of the autumnal equinox in late September. Regardless of the date it is celebrated, a new year presents opportunities for rejuvenation, rebirth and resolutions. Involving children in setting resolutions allows them an opportunity to learn about the importance of goal setting and following through with a personal commitment. This is a fundamental life skill that can be taught in a creative and meaningful way.

May you and your family enjoy a wonderful New Year! Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sanita
Principal

Incoming Kindergarteners September 2018

Do you have a child that will start kindergarten next fall? If so, we want to hear from you!

A special informational session for all incoming kindergarten students will be held on January 18, 2018, at 6:30 pm at Pine Bush Elementary School. Information on this session will be mailed home on January 2, 2018, to families of incoming kindergarten students that are listed in our district census database. To be sure that your child is listed in the database, please contact the GSCD Central Registrar Zeynep Rice. *E-mail is preferred.* You may reach Zeynep at RICEZ@GUILDERLANDSCHOOLS.NET or by phone at (518) 456-6200, ext. 3109.

If you choose to send an e-mail, please include the following:

- First and last names of both parents (if applicable)
- Your child's first and last name
- Your child's date of birth
- Your home address and phone number

Children must be five years old by December 1 of the year they enter kindergarten to be eligible to attend school. Parents of eligible children who are not notified by mail in January should contact the Central Registrar.

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-19 school year is set for January 31 and February 1 at Pine Bush.

Dear Pine Bush Parents, Students, and Friends,

The Pine Bush fifth grade students and teachers would like to send out warm heartfelt thanks for your support of our Make-A-Wish fund drive. Our 5-day sale of stars allowed us to send a check for over \$300.00 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeast New York. Our fund drive is a true example of the remarkable community spirit and generosity that exists at Pine Bush Elementary.

Thank you for your continued support.

The fifth grade students and teachers.



Bus Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Parents are reminded that it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus displaying red warning lights on the road or on school property. Please be aware of this when dropping off or picking up children at school. In order to avoid a potentially hazardous situation, parents are requested to use the visitor's parking lot on the right side of the building when dropping off students. If a child needs to be accompanied into school, parents should park their vehicle and escort their child across the parking lot. Please do not allow your child to walk across the parking lot unaccompanied at arrival and dismissal times.

Thank you.

Lost and Found

There are quite a few clothing items, including winter coats, hats and gloves in our Lost and Found area in the front lobby. Please check with your child to see if they are missing any clothing items. If so, encourage them to search through our Lost and Found.

We also request parents to write your child's name inside their winter coats so that we may quickly return these costly items to your child.

Thank you.



Did you know:

This is the cold and flu season?

Hooked On Health Hint:

Wash your hands frequently!

(Sing "Happy Birthday" twice while you scrub up!)

Monday, January 15, 2018

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

NO SCHOOL

School Delays and Closings

As the winter approaches it is possible that weather conditions may require closing school on certain days. Delayed openings may also occur. Information concerning closings and delayed openings will be carried on the following radio and television stations:

Stations and Dial Positions

WGY 810 AM
 WYJB B95.5 FM
 WRVE 99.5 FM
 WRGB (TV) Channel 6
 WXXA (TV) Channel 8
 WTEN (TV) Channel 10
 WNYT (TV) Channel 13
 Capital News Channel 9
 Local Cable TV Channel 16

Parents please note that on days when the opening of school is delayed by one or two hours, there are no staff present to supervise children who arrive at the regular time. Please do not drive your child to school earlier than the delayed opening time expecting that someone will be available to watch him or her.

Whenever schools are closed for emergency reasons all night activities and continuing education classes are also cancelled.

Guilderland Website www.guilderlandschools.org

Upcoming Events:

February

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| 1 | Grades K-5, 2nd Quarter Report Cards available on SchoolTool |
| 1 | Kindergarten Registration, 9:00 am—3:00 pm |
| 19 | Presidents' Day - <u>NO SCHOOL</u> |
| 19-23 | RECESS— <u>NO SCHOOL</u> |
| 26 | School Resumes |



March

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| 9 | PTA Movie Night, 6:30 pm |
| 12 | PTA Spring Pictures |
| 14 | PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm |
| 21 | Superintendent's Conference Day— <u>NO SCHOOL</u> |
| 24 | PTA Follies |
| 28 | Spring Concert, 7:00 pm |
| 30 | Good Friday— <u>NO SCHOOL</u> |