**The “Buck” Starts Here**

The Pine Road School Pledge:

I pledge to try each day, In my work and in my play,
To be **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, HONEST** and **KIND**!
I am **PINE ROAD PROUD**!

**Upcoming Events:**

People performing acts of kindness surround us, particularly at this time of the year. During December and January our “Pine Road Pillar Focus” will be on **kindness**. We will explore words and actions that promote kindness, things we are grateful for in our lives and helping others in the community.

As the weather is changing outside, the change will be reflected on the walls of Pine Road. Each student and staff member will have an opportunity to demonstrate their gratitude with a heartfelt message written on a snowman.

Would you like to share your gratitude, too? Use the snowmen at the end of the newsletter, visit the Virtual Backpack to download a snowman or get one from the basket in front of the main office while visiting us at school.

**Home/School Connection:**

Our town meetings and classroom circles will focus on **gratitude** and **kindness**. For example, friends share how they can be kind to others and what they are grateful for every day.

Please encourage your child to share ways in which they can show kindness and gratitude to others. So the next time you are out with your family, what little things can you do to show kindness in the community? Remember...a little kindness goes a long way!

*“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”* Aesop

**Literature Connections:**

- **Kindergarten:**
  - One Smile
  - Please Don’t Taste the Tootsie

- **1st Grade:**
  - Kindness is Cooler
  - Ordinary Mary’s Extraordinary Deed

- **2nd Grade:**
  - Because Amelia Smiled
  - Kindness Quilt

- **3rd Grade:**
  - Boxes for Katje
  - The Lion & The Mouse

- **4th Grade:**
  - The Can Man
  - Each Kindness

- **5th Grade:**
  - One Green Apple
  - The Lady in the Box


***Look for the next issue of “Pause for PBS” in February!***
We define **KINDNESS** as caring for others on the inside and out!

Our Kindness Expectations include:

- Sharing
- Being open to the ideas and opinions of others
- Using positive words and actions
- Helping and supporting others
- Enjoying displays with our eyes and not our hands
- Using good table manners
- Eating our own food
- Demonstrating good sportsmanship
- Waiting for your turn patiently
- Leaving environments the way we found them
- Smiling and waving hello in the hallways

**KINDNESS Pass it on!**

- Give a flower
- Eat lunch with someone new
- Listen with your heart
- Visit a sick friend
- Clean a neighbor’s walk
- Offer a hug
- Give an unexpected gift
- Make a new friend
- Pick up litter
- Say “hello”
- Call a lonely person
- Open a door
- Help carry a load
- Plant a tree
- Pass a kindness on
- Buy someone’s meal
- Cheer up a friend
- Thank a teacher
- Give blood
- Read to a child
- Do one kind act every day
- Leave a thank you note
- Offer your seat
- Tip generously
- Be tolerant
- Let another go first
- Bake cookies for emergency workers
- Tutor a student
- Give a compliment
- Pay the next driver’s toll
- Lend a hand
- Give a balloon to a child
- Offer a ride
- Celebrate the day
- Respect others
- Encourage a child
- Walk a dog
- Do a favor
- Forgive mistakes
- Drive courteously
- Share a smile

www.actsofkindness.org

**LISTEN TO THE MUSTN’TS**

Listen to the MUSTN’TS, child,
Listen to the DON’TS
Listen to the SHOULD’NTS
The IMPOSSIBLES, the WON’TS
Listen to the NEVER HAVES
Then listen close to me—
Anything can happen, child,
ANYTHING can be.

Shel Silverstein
### October and November 4 Pillar Role Model Award Winners

#### Kindergarten:
- Cara T.
- Luke P.
- Quinn R.
- Bailey H.
- Maya K.
- Charlie M.
- Heylee L.
- Dara C.
- Eliana H.
- Sophia C.
- Veronika C.
- Annie M.
- Katie H.
- Antonia A.
- Julia C.
- Julia M.
- Andy L.
- Agnes K.
- Zac B.
- Daniel D.

#### First Grade:
- Luke S.
- Noah S.
- Siyona A.
- Jake P.
- Anjali S.
- Madyn T.
- Alex P.
- Luca P.
- Dax C.
- Annabelle S.
- Jaela G.
- Gianna G.
- Jordyn M.

#### Second Grade:
- Jacquelyn M.
- Carlie S.
- Jisue K.
- Brinda D.
- Albion P.
- Aleena T.
- Ben M.
- Mia D.
- Jacob G.
- Gabriella T.
- Andrew F.
- Simona K.
- David R.
- Amanda R.
- Gabriella F.
- Mia T.
- Mia D.
- Patrick H.
- Elizabeth G.
- James C.
- Kenna R.
- Daniel M.
- Allie M.
- Aaron L.

#### Third Grade:
- Amelia O.
- Ryan H.
- Payton H.
- Shawn P.
- Jonah M.
- Alexandra B.
- Ayden K.
- Amelia B.
- Ria S.
- Mason T.
- Casey S.
- Nathan L.
- Michael M.
- Lindsay K.
- Numa M.
- Gianna A.
- Sophia H.
- Angelina K.
- Ty C.
- Leah W.
- Emerson J.
- Drew D.
- Haley K.
- Abdullah F.
- Priscilla J.
- Melina B.

#### Fourth Grade:
- Michelle H.
- Carlie K.
- Varun S.
- Christopher K.
- Sophia C.
- Elijah C.
- Ann Z.
- Mia K.
- Sam M.
- Madison S.
- Raj V.
- Alex K.
- Nicholas A.
- Sarah R.
- Daniel G.
- Maya V.
- Sarah K.
- Maxim B.
- Jacob H.
- Isabella D.
- Brooke Z.
- Mark H.
- Alex S.
- Lilly E.

#### Fifth Grade:
- Timmy K.
- Rachel M.
- Zoe K.
- Tim M.
- David C.
- Melanie H.
- Michael S.
- Ashley K.
- Kevin A.
- Declan C.
- Emily F.
- Madison S.
- Aram A.
- Rachel W.