



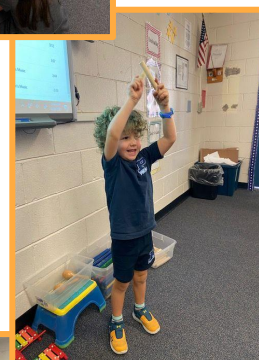
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Fine Arts and Special Area Newsletter

Mrs Cunningham- Music, Lower school

It has been an exciting start back to the school year in the Lower School Music classroom! Students in grades K3 through 5th grade have been busy singing, dancing and learning how to play different instruments. K3, K4 and K5 students are learning how to respond to music with movement, speak in rhythm, keep a steady beat, properly handle instruments and they have also been working on some special Halloween songs. First and second grade students have been working on beautiful singing voices, responding to music with movement, the difference between steady beat and rhythm and reading and writing quarter notes, eighth note pairs, half notes, and quarter rests. Third graders have picked up some skills on a new instrument-the ukulele! And 4th and 5th grade recently started working on their Veterans Day program material (details to come).

The Lower School Choir will start on Monday, **October 18th** for all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders who are interested and will take place from 2:35 to 3:30 in the music room. If your child is interested in joining choir and you have not already done so, please let me know! Bucket drumming will start second quarter.



Mr. Moreau- Music Technology



- ★ The Music Technology students are now working on writing their next original song. Chord progressions, melodies, rhythms, harmonies... It is time to experiment!
- ★ The Video Production class is currently working on the production of interviews. After crafting a questionnaire, students set up cameras and lights and took turns being an interviewer, an interviewee, a camera operator, a light designer, a sound designer. This was a good practice for the more formal interviews they will shoot in a few weeks!



And look what else....

Ms. Ehrlich- Drama, Upper school



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- ★ We are excited to announce that the Panther Paws will return this year!
- ★ 4th and 5th grade parents will receive an email with detailed information mid-October. Dance class will be held on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:15, and begin meeting in November.



Middle School Theatre News

The Middle School classes have been working hard on their upcoming showcase called, 10 Ways to Survive Life in a Quarantine, by Don Zolidis. This is definitely a group effort - we have actors and stage crew working together.

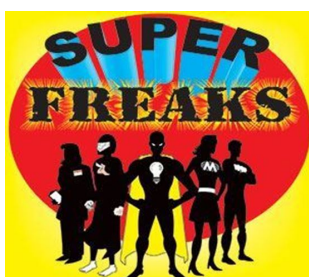
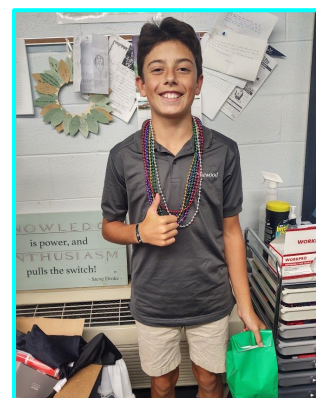
We hope you can join us on Friday, November 5th, at 4:00 in Freedom Hall!

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High School Theatre News

Our High School Theatre & Film Design class has been busy! They have been learning about safety in theatre, renovating parts of the stage, learning the light and sound system, fixing microphones, on top of creating their own short films!

- ★ Congratulations to Nico Rivera! All middle school students were challenged to earn the top spot in a review game. After 24 hours, Nico had the most points and was our champion!




Our **Honors Theatre class** recently went through the audition process, and are now beginning rehearsals for our show in December, Super Freaks, by Scott Haan.


Save the date for December 2-5!


More great news...

P.E. Department

We are having so much in Lower School PE these first nine weeks!

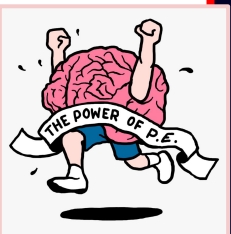
 K3, K4, K5 are busy working on locomotor moves – walking, marching, galloping, sliding, jumping, hopping etc. We have also been working on throwing and catching (underarm and overarm) and using the overarm throw to play some Football. We have also been working on sharing, respect of self and others and cooperation all while having FUN!

 1st – 3rd Grade have also been working on locomotor moves - walking, marching, galloping, sliding, jumping, hopping etc. The students have been working on throwing (underarm and overarm) and progressing to play Football and we have also been working on fundamental skills for Volleyball (bumping, setting, serving).


 4th and 5th Grade have jumped right in and after various warm up activities the students have completed units on Volleyball and Football. We have also worked on demonstrating appropriate behaviors, cooperation in group activities, understanding the value of equipment and demonstrating concern for others all while having FUN!

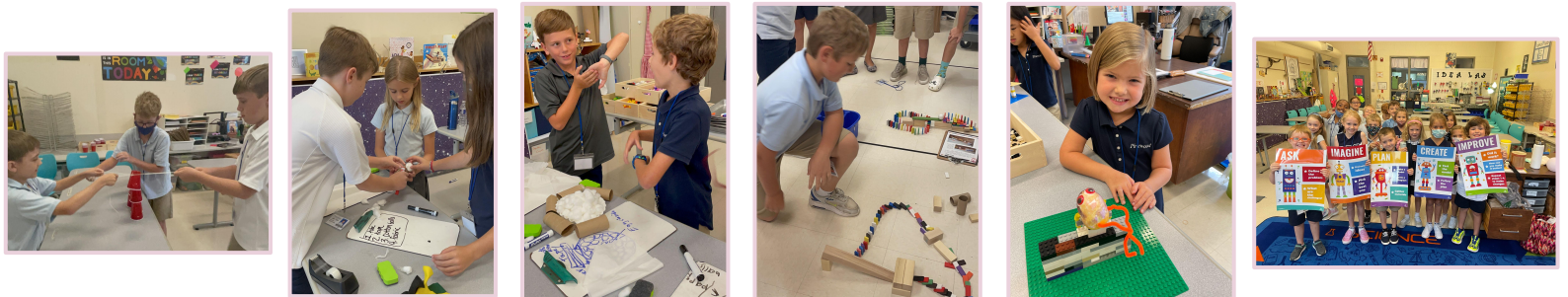
Thank you!


*Coach Osborne, Coach Painter,
Coach Accetta and Coach Morgan*



Ms. Solego- IDEA Lab, lower school

 What a great start to the 2021-2021 school year! The Lower School students at Pinewood have been very busy learning, exploring, investigating, and engaging in a variety of hands-on activities to help promote curiosity, engineering, communication and teamwork. Although specific science and engineering concepts and topics are important to understand as your child becomes older, this year my goal is for your child's curiosity to be sparked while gaining confidence in what they can do.



 The “Engineering Process” has been, and will continue to be a focus throughout the school year. All students have learned the five steps in the engineering process, as well as what each of those steps entail. Feel free to ask your child the steps of this process (Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create, and Improve). You may even have a chance to witness some interesting “moves” they have learned ;-). We will be using this process to complete most of our challenges and investigations through the school year.

One last thing....!

Mrs Reed- Visual Art, Lower school Ms. Young- Art Substitute

🎨 Lower school art has been taught by the wonderful Mrs. Young this first quarter! She's had the students working hard to start off this school year creating beautiful works of art!

🎨 Let's take a look at all the masterpieces they have been creating as far, and what is to come:

- ★ PK3- My Shape Book
- ★ PK4- Line Sculptures, Pattern Snakes with scissor cutting test
- ★ K- Line Kites, Matisse Cut-outs, Waterfront Houses
- ★ 1st- Keith Haring Figures, Dali Birds
- ★ 2nd- Kandinsky Circles, Greek Vases
- ★ 3rd- Jonathan Green Portraits, Realistic Robots, Fall Tree Collage
- ★ 4th- Dia de los Muertos Skulls, O'Keeffe Flowers
- ★ 5th- Illuminated Letters, Op Art Cones
- ★ 6th- Operation Ruby: designing onesies for Mrs. Reed's little baby, Ruby (LS helped by adding fingerprint designs), Zentangle Animals, Figure Drawings

♡ Mrs. Reed is very excited to get back in the classroom from maternity leave and start making art with all the kiddos! She has missed them all!

Ms. Robinson- Music, Upper school

We are so excited to add Ms. Brooke Robinson to the Fine Arts Department at Pinewood. She is teaching Middle and High School Guitar as well as Upper School Choir. We look forward to a very musical year!



Mrs. Strang- Visual Art, Upper school

Mrs. Strang's art classes are busy creating and designing! Be on the lookout next quarter for updates about what they are making!

