

# ***Piney Branch Elementary***

PTO Meeting

September 17, 2025



*Motion to  
Open*



# ***Agenda***

- Motion to Open
- May Meeting Minutes
- Carnival Success
- Upcoming Events
- Spirit Wear
- Committee Updates
- Fundraising Goals
- Financial Review
- Open Questions & Discussion
- Motion to Close





# *May 2025 Meeting Minutes*

May 14, 2025 PTO Meeting

Attendees: Chris G., Sara A., Stephanie D., Malia H., Susie B., Charissa, Ivette, Mr. Thorne, Amber M., Christina

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Opening Remarks

Chris G. highlights the 2024-2025 lessons learned and events.

Thank you to all the volunteers, parents, PTO memberships

Color Run, 2 Bingo Nights, Movie nights, Winter Dance, Heritage Night, Musical, upcoming 5th grade promotion celebration.

Enrichments and engagements

Yearbook's are in, collecting all the photos was a large feat and very successful!

March Notes approval - Chris G. motioned for approval

Second (approved) - Sara A.

Spring Enrichment - survey will be sent out so we can see the experience that was had.

Yearbook (over 420) were ordered, scheduled yearbook for after school Wednesday/Thursday 4:30-6:00.

If not picked up, yearbook will be distributed to teachers to be sent home with students.

5th Grade Promotion is Monday June 9th 10am, following 1:30-3:00 Grad party in gym.

Sprout Boxes

- Order deadline is July 8th
- Order Online Now, Scan QR Code, in NEST, Newsletter
- PTO to discuss with Ivette scheduling the text messages over the summer.
- Teachers can add flyer to weekly newsletters

Spirit Wear is available

- New Spirit Wear will be available next year.
- If you need any winter gear on sale

Committee Updates

- Teacher Appreciation committee did a great job supporting the teachers this year.
  - Teachers' were very happy!

Yearbook Committee

- Art was submitted for the cover, displayed in the hallway, did accept a winner for the front and added all 4 runner ups to the back of the

Watch Dogs

- Make sure to have tables at back to school night
- Make sure past watch dogs wear their shirts at all events
- Adam and Brandon will lead the Watch Dogs next year

Find Us on Facebook

- Share the PTO webpage gets the community more involved

Fundraising Goals

- These have remained consistent across the year and will be updated next year.
  - Thorne: We are allowed to carry over 10% of the budget.
  - Money for heads in the building comes in November
  - Sound system Purchase Order: did not happen yet
    - Targeting for summer
  - Thorne may use memorandum money to cover end of year
    - Replenishing \$40K from accounts
    - July will be allotted to Thorne's budget

Credits and Debits

- Musical script, teacher appreciation
- Credits over the summer and yearbook sales will be coming in as well

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Budget is healthy going into next year.

#### Open Questions

##### Square One Art

- Ms. Hilton will be leaving to go to GVMS
- Staff liaison would be great to have Square One Art leader
- PTO needs ½ hour of Ms. Hilton's time before the end of the year to document roles and responsibilities.
- Teacher's are LOVING the Piney Grove picnic area (Staff Appreciation)
  - Concerns over umbrellas not kee[ing up
- Need to add more umbrellas and tables from BJs for recess area.

#### Thorne's Comments

- Teacher appreciation time went very well
  - Staffing Updates
    - Hilton will be leaving
  - Biscoe will be leaving, Lake Ridge
  - Administrative Assistant Intern
- Because we have 6 special education teachers we will get relief in the front office.
  - Dr. Crow will be Admin
  - 1 Opening in special education
- Welcome on Dana Sizzler (PWCS past employee, 5th Grade)
  - Meg Ferrell - ESL Teacher (new)
  - Special Education Teacher (new)
  - Ms. Edwards will be retiring
  - Adding 6th (4th grade) Teacher
    - How many kinders?
      - 4 Classes
    - Kindergarten

#### Election

Jamie Whitaker - Member at Large

Stacie Reynolds

Maria Clark - Secretary

# *Carnival*

- Success!
- Thank you volunteers!



# *Upcoming Events*

## **SEP - NOV**

- Baroody Camp Registration
- Spirit Night (Urban Air)
- Fall Bingo + 50/50 Raffle
- Color Craze Run
- Square 1 Art Fundraiser

## **DEC - FEB**

- Piney's Got Talent
- Spirit Night (Good Fellas Pizza)
- Winter Dance
- Heritage Night + PTO Passport Program

## **MAR - JUNE**

- Finding Nemo Musical
- Spring Bingo + Silent Auction
- Spirit Night (TBD)
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Movie Night



# Spirit Wear



# ***Committee Updates***

- ❑ Bingo Committee - Susie Bacus & Amber Merriman
  - ❑ Color Craze Committee - Charissa West
- ❑ Square 1 Art Fundraiser Committee - Jamie Whitacre
  - ❑ Piney's Got Talent Committee - **Need Chair**
  - ❑ Winter Dance Committee - Stacie Reynolds
- ❑ Teacher Appreciation Committee - Kristina Stark
  - ❑ Yearbook Committee - Celina Gallegos
- ❑ Watch D.O.G.S - Adam Bacus & Brandon Merriman



# Color Craze Fundraiser

## 2025 Color Craze Fundraising Deadlines

- 📅 **Fundraising deadline for t-shirts is October 10th at 5:00 PM.** Any donations submitted after October 10th will not count toward earning a t-shirt. Order your shirt before October 10th at 5:00 PM!
- 📅 **Fundraising deadline for additional non-student runners to qualify is October 10th at 5:00 PM.** Any donations submitted after October 10th will not count toward earning additional participants. Register your additional participants before October 10th at 5:00 PM.
- 📅 **Fundraising for our grand prizes ends October 25th.** Any donations made after October 25th will not count toward earning a grand prize.

## Weekly Prizes

Week of...	Grade	📅 Fundraising Deadline
September 15, 2025	5th Grade Class	September 21, 2025
September 22, 2025	4th Grade Class	September 28, 2025
September 29, 2025	3rd Grade Class	October 5, 2025
October 6, 2025	2nd Grade Class	October 12, 2025
October 13, 2025	1st Grade Class	October 19, 2025
October 20, 2025	Kindergarten Class	October 25, 2025

# ***Fundraising Goals***

## **Carnival**

- Stage lighting & risers

## **Color Craze**

- STEAM initiatives

## **Bingo/Spirit Nights**

- Greenhouse



# Financial Review

## PINEY BRANCH PTO ACCOUNT SUMMARY

JULY 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

DESCRIPTION/REFERENCE	AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2025
Account Balances as of July 1, 2025	\$64,899.15
<b>Credits:</b>	
Carnival Night, Color Craze Kick Off, 24-25 Barooddy, PTO Dues, Interest	\$17,080.20
<b>Debits:</b>	
Back to School Breakfast/Lunch, Teacher Appreciation Spirit Wear, Vending Machine, Concessions, Carnival Expenses, SpiritWear, Running Club Shirts, Teacher Stipends	-\$11,255.77
<b>Balance as of 9/15/25</b>	<b>\$70,723.58</b>

RESERVES/PENDING TRANSACTIONS	
PTO Reserves for PBES (Playground Fund)	-\$40,000.00
Vending Machine Reserve (\$125 monthly)	-\$1,000.00
Teacher Appreciation Reserve (\$250 monthly)	-\$2,000.00
Color Craze Reserve	-\$500.00
Fall Bingo Reserve	-\$250.00
<b>Balance as of 9/15/2025</b>	<b>-\$43,750.00</b>

<b>NET BALANCE</b>	<b>\$26,973.58</b>
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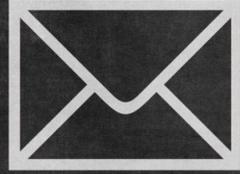


## ***Open Questions & Discussion***

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***Thank you!***

Next Meeting: October 15, 2025

