

Dear Piney Branch PTO Families,

We hope everyone has been enjoying a summer filled with adventure, joy, and plenty of fun. While our Cardinals are still soaking up these last sunny weeks, the Piney Branch PTO has been busy preparing for a school year built around our new PBES theme, **Build Your Character: Every Story Counts**. Behind the scenes, we have been finalizing our PTO calendar, planning community events, and helping our community feel prepared and ready for a strong and spirited start on August 24th.

To kick things off, we're launching our first-ever **Chalk the Walk** event. Before students arrive, we're gathering volunteers to help decorate the sidewalks leading to the school with colorful messages and cheerful designs – a bright, creative way to start the story of a new year. If you'd like to help us bring this tradition to life, [sign up to volunteer today!](#)

Plus, get a sneak peek at all the fall fun we have been planning in our PTO calendar of events and moments.

2026 Fall PTO Calendar of Events & Moments*

Check out what's new and save the date for our marquee fall events.

AUGUST

- **NEW! Chalk the Walk | Aug 23 from 5–7pm**
Welcome our students back to school with messages of encouragement. [Volunteer to Chalk the Walk](#) today!

SEPTEMBER

- **2ND ANNUAL PTO Carnival Night | Sep 11 from 5–8 PM**
Tickets will be available for purchase soon! Rain date: Sep 18
- **PTO Meeting | Sep 16 from 7–8 PM @ PBES Library**
*We will have **free child care** provided by our NHS Students at Gainesville High School to make it easier for parents to attend.*

OCTOBER

- **IT'S BACK! Movie Night + 50/50 Raffle | Oct 9**
Admission is free. Concessions will be available for purchase. Proceeds from the 50/50 Raffle will support school initiatives.
- **PTO Meeting | Oct 21 from 7–8 PM @ PBES Library**
Free child care will be provided.
- **Color Craze Run | Oct 30**
Keep an eye out for our fundraising kick-off! Rain date: Nov 6

DECEMBER

- **NEW! PTO Event TBA | Dec 11**

Stay tuned... more details will be announced shortly.

More exciting events will be announced later in the year. [Bookmark our events](#) page to get updates in real time. **Events and dates are subject to change.*

PTO Sponsored Initiatives

In addition to PTO events, we sponsor initiatives that support our students, teachers, staff, and community. Check out some of our upcoming initiatives for the 2026–2027 school year and see what's new this year.

- [Sprout School Supply Kits](#)
The PTO Board is busy delivering orders to each class room so our students' supplies are ready when they arrive Aug 24.
- [Piney Branch Elementary School Spirit Wear](#)
NEW! *Designs for the 2026–2027 school year will be dropping soon. Be sure to keep an eye out for our online store opening.*
- [Teacher Appreciation Events & Moments](#)
*If you want to help spread joy to our staff, we welcome you to join the Teacher Appreciation Committee.
Email pineyteacherappreciation@gmail.com to learn more or express interest.*
- [2026–2027 Yearbook](#)
Enjoy photography, design, storytelling, or simply want to help celebrate our school community? We welcome you to join the PTO Yearbook Committee. Email the committee to learn more or express interest at yearbookpbs@gmail.com.
- [Square 1 Art Fundraiser](#)
More information coming soon.

Support the PTO!

There are many ways to [support the PTO](#) – choose the option(s) that fit your schedule and commitment level.

- [Become a member](#) for as little as \$10! Attending meetings or participating in events is appreciated, but NOT required!
- [Volunteer](#) at one of our marquee events or chair a committee!

- Make a financial contribution to support our events and initiatives! The PTO is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. We appreciate your contributions. All donations can be sent to the PTO via Venmo [@PineyBranch-ElementaryPTO](#).

Click here to learn more about how to [support the PTO](#).

Stay Informed!

Follow the [Piney Branch Elementary School PTO Facebook page](#). Get event updates, connect with fellow members, and catch all the latest news. Join our social community!

Thank you for supporting the PTO,

Sincerely,

Chris, Sara, Stephanie, Maria, and Emily