

Dear Piney Branch PTO Families,

The final week of summer is here, and our Cardinals are enjoying these last sunny days before returning on Monday, August 24. As we get ready to welcome everyone back, your PTO is putting the finishing touches on our back-to-school plans. We're looking for [Chalk the Walk volunteers](#), plus [Carnival Night wristband pre-sales](#) are now open. Read on for details.

Chalk the Walk | Aug 23 from 5-7pm

Help us kick off the school year with color and joy! Join the PTO for [Chalk the Walk](#), where families decorate the sidewalks with encouraging messages and bright artwork to welcome students back. It's a quick, fun way to make their first day feel special. Check out the details and [sign up to volunteer](#) — we'd love to have you join us.

Carnival Night Pre-Sale Event Open, Now through Sep 8

Our second annual PTO Carnival Night is coming up on Friday, September 11, and it's shaping up to be an evening packed with games, attractions, music, treats, and more.

Every guest needs a wristband to enter. Wristbands serve as your all-access pass to enjoy the carnival fun. Wristband **pre-sales are open now through September 8 at 5:00 PM**, giving families the chance to **save \$5 per person** on unlimited activities. Purchasing ahead makes arrival easy and ensures your family can dive right into the excitement.

[Grab your wristbands today](#) and get ready for one of Piney Branch's newest and most popular back-to-school traditions. Visit our [Carnival Night event page](#) for all the details.

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**
[Get your wristbands and save \\$5 per person](#) during our pre-sale event, now through September 8th. 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 from 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 PBES 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

The Piney Branch Elementary School PTO