

We're heading into a big week at PBES with fall fun, community events, and a few important deadlines.

- Color Craze t-shirt and participant registrations close this Friday
- Outdoor Movie Night is this Friday and students picked the movie
- Squishy Basket Raffle closes October 11

Whether you're joining us under the stars, cheering on our runners, or supporting classroom programs, there are plenty of ways to get involved and stay connected.

Scroll below for everything you need to know — quick links, deadlines, and updates to help your family stay in the loop.

2026 Color Craze T-shirt Deadline | October 9

To qualify for Color Craze t-shirts and register additional participants, please complete the following by Friday October 9th at 5:00 PM:

1. [**Create your student's fundraising page**](#)
If you haven't set up your student's page yet, start here. A correctly created page ensures eligibility for t-shirts, additional participants, and prizes.
2. [**Share the page and meet the required minimums**](#)
Share your student's link with family, friends, and coworkers to help reach the required minimums. All funds support PBES literacy and S.T.E.A.M. programs
3. [**Order t-shirts and register additional participants**](#)
Once minimums are met, complete the t-shirt order form and additional participant registration form so your runners are ready for the October 30 event.

 **DEADLINE REMINDER >>> All fundraising minimums, t-shirt orders, and additional participant registrations must be completed by Friday, October 9 at 5:00 PM. No exceptions.** *T-shirt orders and additional participant registration will NOT be accepted after the deadline. Additional participants must check in at the PBES office and must be pre-registered to be eligible to participate in the event.*

For full details, deadlines, and prize information, visit the [Color Craze webpage](#).

PTO Movie Night | October 9

Outdoor Movie Night is almost here! Join us on Friday, October 9, for a cozy evening on the PBES field — admission is free, the field opens at 6:15 PM, and the movie begins at 7:15 PM. Students have voted, and this year's feature film will be **Dog Man**. Bring your chairs and blankets, enjoy concessions for purchase, and [grab a raffle ticket for the Squishy Basket](#). We can't wait to see you under the stars.

Squishy Raffle | Deadline October 11

You may have spotted our brand-new **Squishy Basket Raffle** at Back-to-School Night — and good news, ticket sales continue all week! Families can [purchase raffle tickets online](#) through **Sunday, October 11**, and the lucky winner will be announced the following week.

The basket is packed with student-favorite squishies, including real **NeeDoh**, **RMS dumplings**, and other fun surprises. Each ticket purchased counts as **one digital entry** in our virtual drawing, and you do **not** need to be present to win.

Grab your tickets, support PBES, and add a little squishy excitement to your day.

PTO Meeting | October 21

Join us on Wednesday, October 21 from 7-8PM in the PBES Library to learn about [upcoming PTO events](#), [volunteer opportunities](#), [membership options](#), and more. Meetings are open to the entire Piney Branch community regardless of membership status and will be held throughout the year in the school library. **Free childcare** will be provided by our NHS students from Gainesville High School to make it easier for families to attend. Plus, [save the date for future meetings](#).

Can't attend in person? [Join us via Zoom](#).

Color Craze Run | October 30

Our Color Craze fundraising event will culminate with a running event during the school day on October 30th, 2026. Students will join the Color Craze run by grade to celebrate their hard work. The school grounds will transform into a colorful canvas as students dash through clouds of color with laughter and excitement. They will enjoy a dance party and popsicles after the run. All students participate regardless of fundraising status. [Learn more about how your student can earn a commemorative t-shirt and qualify to have family members join in the running event.](#)

Our 2026 Color Craze running event schedule and additional details for students, additional participants, and volunteers will be available shortly.

2026 Fall PTO Calendar of Events & Moments*

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

OCTOBER

- **IT'S BACK! [Movie Night + New! Squishy Basket Raffle](#) | Oct 9**
Admission is free. Concessions will be available for purchase. Proceeds from the Squishy Raffle will support PBES initiatives.
- **PTO Meeting | Oct 21 from 7-8 PM @ PBES Library**
Free child care will be provided.
- **[2026 Color Craze](#) | Oct 30**
Fundraising is now live! Students can earn t-shirts and qualify to invite additional participants for our running event by reaching fundraising minimums before Oct 9. Our top fundraisers will be eligible for coveted grand prizes announced the week of Nov 2.

DECEMBER

- **NEW! Mad Science of Washington Event | 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.

- [Piney Branch Elementary School Spirit Wear](#)
NEW! Designs for the 2026-2027 school year launched in September. Our online store is currently closed but is scheduled to re-open for the holidays in November!
- [Teacher Appreciation Events & Moments](#)
We sponsor monthly teacher appreciation events to ensure our teachers, administrators, and staff know how grateful we are for all they do.
- [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