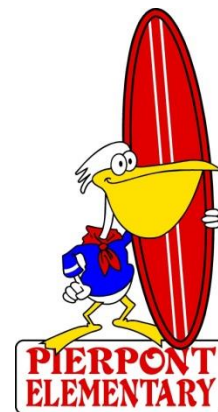


Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year at Pierpont Elementary School. This wonderful campus and talented staff make Pierpont a perfect place for children to learn and grow. We encourage you to be an active partner in your child's education during these very important years. We have been working over the summer to prepare for your students by attending trainings, setting goals, and planning activities for the year. We continue to embrace technology, implement Common Core curriculum, and dive into the new hands on inquiry based Next Generation Science Standards. To help get the year off to a great start, please review the following:



- **Student Information Packets:** These important documents are included with this letter. Please complete and return the requested documents promptly to your child's teacher.
- **PTA:** We have an exceptional PTA! All field trips and enrichment programs are fully funded through PTA. Please help support all students by joining and actively participating in PTA events and fundraisers. PTA membership information will be coming home in the coming weeks.
- **Student and Parent Handbook:** This booklet contains information about our goals, history, rules, hours and programs.
- **Pierpontelem.org:** Our school web-site has been updated and includes a calendar for the year, curriculum information, after school activities, bus schedules, links to cafeteria menus, and teacher contact information.
- **School Hours:**

	<u>Monday – Thursday</u>	<u>Friday (starting the first Friday)</u>
Breakfast Program <i>(Students in the café until 7:50 am)</i>	7:30 am – 8:00 am	7:30 am – 8:00 am
Campus open to students <i>(Please don't drop off students before 7:50 unless they are having breakfast)</i>	7:50 am – 8:00 am	7:50 am – 8:00 am
Kindergarten AM Class	8:00 am – 12:30 pm	8:00 am – 12:50 pm
Kindergarten PM Class	10:00 am – 2:30 pm	8:00 am – 12:50 pm
Grades 1-3	8:00 am – 2:30 pm	8:00 am – 12:50 pm
Grades 4-5	8:00 am – 2:35 pm	8:00 am – 12:55 pm

- **Cafeteria:** Breakfast is served daily from 7:30 am - 8:00 am. The cost is \$1.75. Students arriving before 7:50 am for breakfast must stay in the cafeteria until dismissed. Student lunch is \$2.75. The free and reduced meal program is available for those who qualify. Parents may prepay for breakfast and lunch with the cafeteria staff.
- **Absences:** Regular attendance is extremely important for student success. Please verify all absences by calling the school or by sending a note within three days of the absence. Your help in maintaining regular attendance is greatly appreciated by staff and will translate to increased school success for your child. The attendance phone number is 641-5470, ext 3.
- **School Visits:** Parent help is welcome! If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom, please contact the teacher to schedule appropriate times. All visitors must obtain a visitor pass in the school office before entering campus to ensure student safety. We need to know who is on campus at all times! Visitors, please use the entrance on Martha's Vineyard to enter campus after 8:15 am.
- **Traffic Pattern:** The surface streets adjacent to campus are congested before and after school. Please drive carefully and obey all traffic laws. Experience has shown that the safest location to drop-off and pick-up students is located on New Bedford Court and is designated with yellow curbs. Please review the traffic flyer in this packet for more specific information. To make our school safe it takes everyone following these guidelines at all times.
- **Los Posas Day Care:** Child care for school age children will be available on-site after school beginning August 18th. For further information, call 648-2867 or visit www.lpcc.com.

This is going to be an exciting year! It is an honor for me to work with these wonderful students, terrific parents, and exceptional staff. Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful school year!

Katie Tedford
Principal

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