

PINEY GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of Rising 6th Grade Students:

The transition activities from 5th to 6th grade have just begun. The staff at Piney Grove Middle School is anxiously anticipating the arrival of your 5th grader and is working hard at making the transition as smooth as possible. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our future Grizzly and invite him/her to participate in our upcoming events. We have included a list of activities that we have planned in order to help you and your child become more familiar with our school.

6th GRADE CHORUS AND BAND VISIT

April 25, Shiloh, 9:30-10:00

Piney Grove chorus director, Amanda Steinberg, and band director, Fred Chang, bring a “mini” chorus and band to Shiloh. Chorus and band are yearlong connection classes, and sixth grade is a great year to join!

6th GRADE PINEY GROVE AMBASSADORS VISIT

May 2, Shiloh, 9:30-10:15

Piney Grove 6th grade Ambassadors travel to Shiloh in the morning to answer questions and get them excited about the upcoming middle school tour! Students play a fun game of “Are You Smarter than a Sixth Grader?”

5th GRADE TOUR OF PINEY GROVE

May 7, Piney Grove Middle, 9:30-11:15

5th graders travel to Piney Grove in the morning for a band and chorus concert and an exciting tour from the 6th grade Ambassadors.

BEAR NECESSITIES ‘BOUT BECOMING A GRIZZLY

May 13, Piney Grove Middle, 6:30-7:30

A parent informational night to discuss the “nuts & bolts” about curriculum, instruction, grading, communication, workload and more! We will also have this meeting in Spanish the same night.

ADVANCED CLASSES & HORIZONS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

4/30, 5/6, 5/9, 5/14, 5/15, 5/22, 5/23, 5/29 Piney Grove Middle, 7:00pm-8:00pm.

*There will also be a meeting on Saturday, May 18, at 9:00am. A parent informational night about how advanced classes and the Horizons program work at Piney Grove and what to expect for the next 3 years. This meeting is for parents who think their son/daughter is capable of more rigorous classes or who have a student currently in the Horizons program. Parents only need to come to **one** of the advanced nights.*

BAND, CHORUS & DRAMA RECOMMENDATIONS DUE

May 21, Shiloh

Students turn in their band, chorus or drama preference forms to their 5th grade teachers. Students have the option (but are not required) to take band, chorus, or drama in middle school. Sixth grade is the perfect year to join the music department at Piney Grove – no prior music experience is necessary. Band, chorus, and drama are the only connections classes that middle school students can “pick” the other connections classes are selected for them.

GRIZZLY CAMP

Saturday, August 3, Piney Grove Middle, 8:45-12:00

An exciting and interactive camp just for 6th graders the Saturday before school starts. Students participate in fun games with other 6th graders and teachers. They learn who their homeroom teacher is, get to know some of the students in their class, and can even decorate their lockers early. Students will be outside for most of the events, so please dress appropriately and bring a water bottle. Parents spend the morning inside in several different “classes”.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Monday, August 5, Piney Grove Middle, 4:00-6:30

Parents and students tour PGMS, meet teachers, purchase school paraphernalia, etc. Students receive a copy of their schedule. Parents will be given a “to do” list to make sure they don’t forget anything!

Please reference the Piney Grove Middle School 5th to 6th grade transition website at www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/pineygrove for updated transition information. We hope that you will make plans to attend the parent nights this spring as well as Grizzly camp in the fall. We look forward to working with our future Grizzlies and Grizzly Parents.

