

PINEY GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

2010-11

4-H Club – 4-H is an educational organization provided by the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. 4-H is the largest youth organization in the world. Today, 4-H is urban and suburban, as well as rural. The purpose of 4-H is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will help them become self-directing, productive and contributing citizens. There are many opportunities each month to get involved with students throughout the school and county. The club is sponsored by Forsyth 4-H and hosted by Ms. Sarah Whitfield.

Academic Bowl – Academic Bowl is a game of academic competition between students in grades 6, 7, and 8.

The purpose is to boost student confidence and self-esteem, to inspire students to excel academically, to promote good citizenship, to stimulate a competitive spirit and to recognize student scholastic aptitude. All interested students are encouraged to attend. The actual Academic Team will consist of up to ten (10) members and several alternates. The Academic Bowl meets throughout the entire year. There is never a set day. Members will be added to a group on ANGEL. All information about meetings, tournaments, and academic sites will be posted there. This year's team will be sponsored by Mr. Jim Wiles, Mrs. Kim Simshauser, and Mr. Dan Levi.

Art Club - The mission of the Piney Grove Middle School Art Club is to offer a school-year long program to the student who has a creative interest in Art by providing additional time, media, and techniques beyond those offered in regular art classes. Activities will include projects that may become permanent collection(s) reflecting the Piney Grove community. The Art Club will meet Thursday mornings and is sponsored by Ms. Julie Mitchell.

Big Green – The Big Green is the PGMS Pep Club. Students will pay a fee to join and will receive a tee shirt and a pass for free admission to all Grizzly home events. The Big Green will be responsible for making signs and banners to support Grizzly athletics. Ms. Lauren Duplantis and Ms. Natalie Outz will sponsor the Big Green.

Book Club – The purpose of the Book Club is to bring students from all grade levels together to share an interest in reading. The Book Club will be a place where students interact with novel studies by reading, discussing, and sharing in various ways. Students will show their understanding of stories in creative ways such as artwork, skits, games, and much more! We are planning to meet two times a month before school hours. Specific times and dates will be given once we all get settled in! Please come and join in on the fun!! Bring a good book and a good friend☺. The sponsors of the book club are Mrs. Stephanie Rushwin and Mrs. Aimee Park.

Builder's Club – The Builder's Club is a service-based club that will plan and implement several projects throughout the school year that will benefit those in need. The Builder's Club is a branch of the Kiwanis and students will have the opportunity to continue affiliation with the club through high school and college if they choose. The club will meet before school throughout the academic year. Ms. Staci Gibson-Beard is the sponsor of the Builder's Club.

Eco / Environmental Club (The Green Grizzlies) – The Eco / Environmental Club will meet twice a month before school to share insight, information, and interest in the environment. The Green Grizzlies will also be in charge of the school-wide recycling program. Come join in the fun! Ms. Catherine Allen and Mr. Keith Kulikowski are the sponsors of this club.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) – FCA will meet every other week before school for fellowship, food, and fun. We work on local, national, and international mission projects in order to make a difference in others' lives. For more information, contact Ms. Rene Blackstone, Ms. Aimee Park, or Ms. Donna Evans.

Future Cities - What is Future City? The mission of the National Engineers Week Future City Competition is to provide a fun and exciting educational engineering program for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students that combines a stimulating engineering challenge with a "hands-on" application to present their vision of a city of the future. This will be accomplished by: Fostering engineering skills, such as teamwork, communication and problem solving skills; providing interaction among students, teachers, and engineer mentors; informing the community about the multi-disciplines within the engineering profession; inspiring students to explore futuristic concepts and careers in engineering. The competition employs a team-based approach in which all members of the team have an important role that is necessary for the completion of the project. Meetings will begin in September. Future Cities is sponsored by Rene Blackstone and Dan Biskup.

Future Teachers of America - The mission of The Future Teachers of America is to expose students who are interested in becoming teachers to classroom settings in which they can experience and see first hand the roles and responsibilities that teachers face on a daily basis and the dynamics of student learning. Activities will include visiting live classrooms at Shiloh Point Elementary School, reading to students, helping students with their class work and homework, and interviewing teachers about their roles and responsibilities. The club will meet approximately one to two times a month and will be sponsored by Ms. Jacqueline Allen and Ms. Stacy Dockter.

Game Club - Game Club is sponsored by Mr. Robert Oswald and will feature complex yet fun board games that place club members at the center of key moments in history. This club is great for those who enjoy competitive, social, and cooperative board games and who are also interested in learning more about military history. Games include Axis and Allies (World War II), Diplomacy (World War I), and Kingmaker (British Civil War). More games will be added as Mr. Oswald's mother continues her quest to clean out all of her children's stuff from her basement and comes across more of Mr. Oswald's old games. This club will meet weekly starting a few weeks into the school year and will continue until the commencement of Track season. Due to the type of games, club space is limited.

Girls Club – This club will focus on mentoring the young Grizzly ladies in the areas of fitness, etiquette, hygiene, relationships, dress for success, personal strengths, diversity, community service, and babysitting. The Girls Club will meet monthly and is sponsored by Ms. Heather Artzer, Ms. Nicole Huffman, Ms. Melissa Mulvey, Ms. Shanda Roberts, and Ms. Ginger Smith.

Jr. Beta Club - Junior Beta Club is a service organization that recognizes academic achievement and provides opportunities for students to explore leadership roles. National Beta Club membership provides an opportunity to promote, recognize and train students in the areas of character, achievement, service and leadership. The Piney Grove Junior Beta Club sponsors "Serving our Seniors", our annual food drive, and pajama day. The club meets on an as needed basis; however, there is usually one meeting per month. For more information, contact Ms. Joan Irwin or Ms. Kathy Vogan.

Literary Magazine – The PGMS Literary Magazine provides a resource for all student produced art and literature, therefore encouraging everyone in the school to submit work for inclusion in the once-a-year publication. The magazine needs a few aspiring writers, artists, and editors to join our production staff. The staff will meet approximately twice a month to edit, evaluate, and categorize all student submissions. The final version of the magazine will be finished and for sale in May. Contact Mrs. Staci Gibson-Beard for more information.

Math Club – Math Club provides an opportunity for students to apply their knowledge of math beyond the classroom. Students can expect to explore careers that utilize math and to compete in competitions and contests. The Math Club will meet before school throughout the year. This year the sponsors are Ms. Aly Brown, Ms. Jamie Baggett, and Ms. Tara Hawkins.

Mother / Daughter Book Club – The mission of the Mother / Daughter Book Club is to share the love of reading with those you love. Mothers and daughters will meet monthly to share our love of old and new classics. Each mother/daughter pair will select and host a meeting for their chosen book of the month. Mothers will share their love of books such as *Anne of Green Gables*, *Little Women* and *Gone with the Wind*. Daughters will share their love and fascination of the new classics such as *Hush*, *Hush*, *Leviathan* and *Twilight*. Come and join us, it's bound to be a good time with our favorite characters. The Mother/Daughter Book Club is sponsored by Ms. Phyllis Lindsey, Ms. Ginger Smith, and Ms. Heather Artzer.

Multicultural Club – The Multicultural Club is designed to expose students to various cultures from around the world. The Multicultural Club is sponsored by Mr. Jonathon Kent, Ms. Muriel Kuhne, Ms. Rebeca Duyvelaar, Ms. Dina Sanchez-Rincon, and Ms. Lizzette Nixon and will meet before school throughout the year.

Peer Leaders - Sponsored by our counselors, Sarah Coats and Kris Johnson. Piney Grove Peer Leaders were selected at the end of their 7th grade year based on a student essay, character, and teacher recommendations. This group of 8th grade students will encompass many leadership and service opportunities throughout the 2010-2011 school year. The different projects will include mentoring, ambassadors to new students, assisting with school and community outreach projects, and peer tutoring. Peer Leaders are placed in Ms. Coats and Ms. Johnson's homeroom.

Photography Club - Calling all novice or experienced photographers! Join the Piney Grove Middle School Photography Club and spend an exciting Fall learning to operate sophisticated and easy-to-use 35mm and digital camera equipment, as well as how to take clear and sharp prints and digital pictures that all of your friends and family will view with envy! It promises to be a fun-filled and exciting time as you participate in club meetings, photography expeditions and Piney Grove's "Annual Exhibition of Photographic Art." The Photography Club will meet before school and on the weekends in the fall only. See club sponsor, Ms. North, for more information.

Power Team - The "Power Team" is a winter activity that allows any member of the school to be trained for sport. It is an intense and comprehensive strength, speed, and conditioning program. Activities include weight lifting, plyometrics, speed training, and conditioning. The "Power Team" meets in the morning from 7:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. starting in mid-January through April. For more information contact Coach Phil Duplantis via email.

Robotics Club – Students in the Robotics Club will have an opportunity to participate in the Lego League contest sponsored by the Forsyth Alliance. The Alliance is a group of Forsyth County schools, including both North and South Forsyth High Schools who sponsor school teams and events designed to give teams (all "rookies") a taste of what robotics competitions are like and to help them learn the "ropes" of robotics competitions. This club has a limited number of slots so it is important to come to the first meeting which is in mid-August. Robotics Club is a one-semester club and will meet twice a week until November when it is three times a week. The contest is held in early December. Ms. Wendy Hall will sponsor the Robotics Club.

Science Club - The Science Club will meet twice a month to participate in fun and challenging scientific investigations and hands-on lab experiences. Students will have the opportunity to use science knowledge to solve real life challenges, and participate in science competitions. The mission of this club is to promote interest in the field of science and science careers. This club is sponsored by Ms. Theresa Witalis.

Student Government – The PGMS Student Government consists of student representatives who will have the opportunity to make a difference at Piney Grove. Two eighth graders will hold the positions of President and Vice-President and will lead the students of PGMS to develop a school environment that is safe, fun, and educational. Representatives of sixth and seventh grade will represent the concerns, needs, and suggestions from their classmates and propose solutions and projects for our school to be successful for all students. Student Forum will be organized beginning second semester of the school year. Ms. Wendy Hall and Mr. Mitch Lesinski will be the sponsor of Student Government.

Torah Club – The purpose of the Torah Club is to educate and expand the knowledge of students about the history, heritage, and traditions of the Jewish people. The Torah Club is sponsored by Mr. Dan Levi and will meet once per month before school.

Transition Club – The Transition Club consists of students who assist Mr. Hughes with severe and profound needs students. Typical activities include assisting students from the bus stop or visiting students in the classroom. All of these activities are done under the direct supervision of PGMS staff members. The Transition Club is sponsored by Mr. Shawn Hughes.

Winter Guard – Winter Guard is an ensemble activity that combines aspects of dance, drama and precision drill moves with flags and rifles that are choreographed to specific pieces of music. Students learn about teamwork and leadership skills, as well as build friendships with those who enjoy the same activity. We will work with instructors from South Forsyth High School and guard members of South's team. We will compete three - four times locally, in our second season. Most importantly, NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. You will be taught everything you need to know if you have the desire to learn. The new team will begin to meet after school in October on a weekly basis through the month of March. Most competitions are on a Friday evening or Saturday and occur during the months of February and March. We may also have the opportunity to perform here at "The Grove" as well. There will be a cost associated with joining the team; however, if there are financial concerns we are willing to work with you. Mrs. Donna Price and Mrs. Staci Gibson-Beard are the Winter Guard sponsors.

Yearbook – The PGMS yearbook is created and produced for students by students. This is the purpose of the Yearbook Club. Most of the Yearbook meetings are held during the first semester and the first half of the second semester each year. Yearbook Club is open to seventh and eighth graders only. Contact Mr. David Duval for more information.

