

THE VOICE OF PINE HILL MIDDLE'S STUDENTS

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Pine Hill Middle Student's Puppy Saving Plan!

by Mary Morris



Jasmine Joubert is a student right here at Pine Hill! She is an incredibly creative person. Why so you ask? It is because Jasmine has come up with the idea of making a new dog shelter! In her organization, she plans to help homeless and lost dogs in our area. This is such a big deal because she's a 7TH GRADER for one! Also, there aren't very many dog shelters in the local area.

If you were to find a stray, you'd have to go some distance to drop them off, and there would be no telling what would eventually happen to that poor pup, as many of the dog shelters in our area eventually have to let go of the dogs due to limited space.

Jasmine and her crew have already drawn out some plans for this huge project. They've also started calculating what they will need to get this amazing mission done. She has a website already set up, as well as a go fund-me account, where people can donate funds to the project.

Her organization will be the only no-kill program in this area that aims to stop injuries and to help prevent dog fighting, which are both common problems in this area. It will also be an adoption center as well as a lost and found center, which will make it easier to reunite dogs with families who have lost them.

For instance, if your dog runs off chasing the mailman, you could come to her shelter and find him! We at the Panther's Eye think this is a wonderful idea because dogs are a man's best friend!

Jasmine and her team will have a meeting very soon. If you or someone in your family are willing to volunteer, she asks if you would please attend. If you can't volunteer and you have a few spare dollars, please donate to this excellent cause that will change our community for the better. She can't do this all by herself!

Watch out for the flyers that will soon go up with QR Codes to help anyone interested to get more information. Let's help this Pine Hill Panther out!



Jasmine Joubert Student Activist



If you are interested in helping Jasmine help homeless puppies, please visit this link: protectingdogs.wixsite.com/home or scan the QR Code to the right.



Scan the QR below for more information!



Fortnite Zombies: Are Video Games Making Kids Brainless?!!

by Martel Carpenter

Player Unknown's Battle Grounds, League of Legends, Monster Hunter World, Minecraft, and Roblox are just a few of the most loved games by kids today. However, right now, Fortnite is probably the most popular and well-known game in our school. It's awesome! They've got skins they've got dance's but most important of all they've got V Bucks! What is not to love about this game!

But have you ever stopped to think that it's not good to play over the recommended times? Of course you haven't because you need to play one more round! Yet, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, Depression, and Anxiety (another word for stress) the over playing of video games is a major factor in student's getting poor grades.

Some kids spend all their time playing games. They go to sleep late and do not get a good night's rest. This makes it hard to pay attention in class. When they get home all they do is play their favorite game so they don't do their homework or study. This can cause bad grades.

The brain is the most important organ in your body. According to the University of Montreal, every three hours you spend playing video games your brain cells are slowly being destroyed leading up to the moment where you start forgetting important things like directions to where you live, where you put your phone, important phone numbers and information, and recently learned information!

If you can forget these things, can you imagine what happens to the things we learn at school?!

On the other hand, scientists have also found that video gaming is not only fun but it can improve hand eye coordination. There are also games that can teach players skills and certain types of knowledge like how to play the piano or how to improve on problem solving and strategic thinking in Math.

Is playing video games bad? No! However, like in all things you need to have a balance. You need to take frequent breaks and not play so much that you are not sleeping well or not studying or doing your homework.



So the next time you play Fortnite or PUDG or whatever it is you kids play nowadays remember to take breaks and not to get out of hand with game playing time!

"The important thing about game playing is that you have balance and not play so much that you don't get enough sleep or time to study"



Popular Games Such as Fortnite And PUDG Can Become Time Traps for Kids If They Are Not Careful



Lights, Camera, Action! Pine Hill Middle Students Featured on National Video Series by Educational Giant Khan Academy!

By Sariah Smith

A world-wide way of learning, for all ages with a huge variety of courses. These aspects are the mission of the Khan Academy, an online learning center dedicated to helping students learn in academic areas like math, science, history, art, and technology.

Khan Academy was looking to feature real students in one of their learning video series. They chose our very own Pine Hill students as their stars! A hundred and twenty students participated in grades 6-8 but 30 six grade students were chosen to be featured. The six graders were chosen because they had the highest average of problems and could show the most academic growth.

Isaiah Maiden, Nancy Turberville, and Stephen Smith were three of the six graders chosen to be part of this program. Shout out to Isaiah Maiden for being the student in the LearnStorm promo video. He was chosen not only because of his grade in math, but he was trusted by Ms. Grubbs to represent Pine Hill in a positive way.

The Panther's Eye would like to congratulate all the students involved for doing a job well done and representing the school in a way we can all be proud of. It took a lot of hard work and dedication because students had to work for long hours in a quiet and focused environment for six weeks non-stop. Let's give them a hand!

Most of the students enjoyed the experience but admitted that they also found it to be really boring at times. I think we can all understand where they are coming from. I mean it would be kind of boring to sit in a room for a long time in complete silence, but the students say it was all worth it! I think it goes without saying that most things that are worth the effort require some sacrifice.

The objective the students had was to complete problems in order to gain a certain amount of points. After they got the points, they received candy at the end of every work period.

The students found it to be very awkward because cameras were all around them watching their every move, but they still strived through it all and still gave it their best to represent the school well.

The students felt very honored to be chosen to be a part of an amazing experience. For most, this was their first time in front of a camera! How exciting!

A special thanks goes out to Ms. Grubbs and Ms. Mincey for all the hard work they've done and for making this possible for the students! We also want to thank Sal Khan for picking our school out of thirty other schools world-wide and giving us this opportunity to be part of something life changing!



Khan Academy Videographer Taping Students as they Work



Ms. Grubbs and Pine Hill Students Working Hard While Being Taped.





Introducing The Heralds! Pine Hill Students Have a New and Exciting Club!

by Kaylana Krause

Pine Hill has a new club called The Heralds Club! Mrs. Rosado has made this club for everyone because she has a passion for helping people. The new club is for anyone and everyone that wants to join. Mrs. Rosado loves to supports her students.

Mrs. Rosado thought it was important to help build character in students, to give students a place to belong, and to help people in need. An important part of this club is God. The belief of this club is that God will all ways love you no matter what and that God will always protect you every day. If you are interested in learning about God this would be a good club for you!

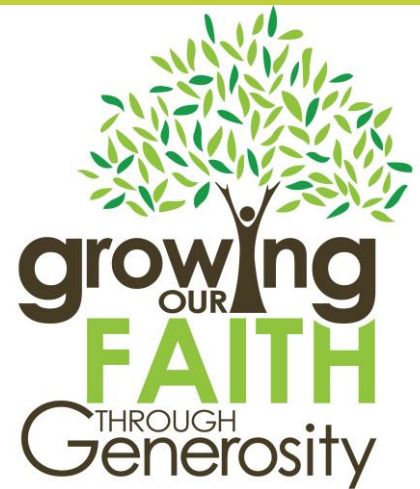
The great thing about this club is that everyone is welcome! The Panther's Eye asked some of its members what made them want to join and they answered, "Every other club or team we have at school you have to try out for a spot and hope you can make it, but in the Heralds all you have to do is sign up. Anyone who wants to be part of It can!" This is what is special about this club. Everyone belongs!

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The Heralds Club also wants to help the Community and School. One of the biggest goals is to feed people that are homeless or poor. They plan to do this by growing an organic garden right here at our very own school! Cool right?! They are going to give the food they grow to people in need.

The Panthers Eye encourages students to be a part of this club because it allows students to take part in something special. Club members get to help other people, learn about God, and make new friends! If you are looking for a place to belong, come and check out the Heralds!

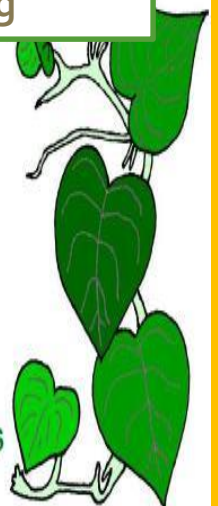
Pine Hill Heralds: Growing more than Just Food!



The Heralds Will Plant a Garden Much Like This One!

Growing

- Grounded in the Word**
- Reflecting Christ's love**
- Open to the Spirit**
- Welcoming the journey**
- Inviting others along**
- Nourishing their connections**
- Giving generously**



Feminism: A Call for Equality, Liberty, and Justice For All

By Samia Evans

For decades women have been set to a standard that they have to be the stay at home mom or they are the weaker gender. Although things have gotten better over the years, things haven't really taken a drastic turn. As a matter of fact, women are still expected to do certain jobs, not play certain sports, and are often paid lower than men.

For example, football is viewed as a sport that women or girls shouldn't play because they are "too weak" or "girls should stick to cheering and dancing."

Yes, these stereotypes have been thrown on girls, but did people forget about the women in the Civil War who dressed up as men and fought in the war?

Yes, women fighting in the war proves their capability of meeting men halfway as far as equality is concerned. However, the question is why women couldn't just fight as women. Why did they have to dress up like men?

The overall goal when it comes to equality is not about knocking down your own group, but it's to stand together with other groups and bring unity.

Now you might be thinking, "Where are the people who will fight for women's equality? Well these people go by the title "feminist."

A feminist is a person who advocates for women's equality, and they're very good at what they do. However, feminists can be seen as controversial because society doesn't always agree on their perspective of things.

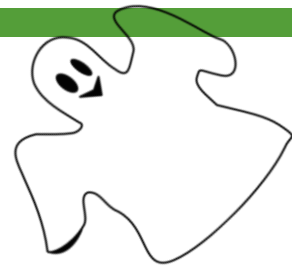
Believe it or not, there are actually men who participate in feminist activities, making it an act for all people and not just females. Since there is so much diversity with the people who go by this title, this may inspire others to join the unity.

More men and women should stand as feminists to ensure complete equality is initiated between both genders. According to U.S Magazine, celebrities Will Smith & John Legend are feminist and stated that "all men should be feminists." In addition to this Legend stated, "If men cared about women's rights, the world would be a better place."

This means that the world would be a better place if women were empowered instead of put down so much. Whether some people realize it or not, "it becomes kind of a moral issue about who you are and how you view the women in your life" (Ruffalo, U.S Magazine).



Will Smith and John Legend call themselves feminist



From 1848 when feminism originated, the perspective of what a feminist actually has changed. I agree with the quote, "If there is a book you want to write, but it hasn't been written yet you must be the one to write it" (Toni Morrison). This quote symbolizes feminism because feminists are tearing out the pages of society and have written their own pages and chapters.

This is why feminism is such a powerful and uplifting movement. It gives those a voice and allows them to write some of their pages until they can finally write their own "book" on how to be more confident and fearless.

Just recently, women in Saudi Arabia were finally allowed to drive. If it wasn't for the Saudi Arabian princess who strived for women's rights, they would have never received the chance to drive, be part of an election, vote, and actually get the chance to win an election.

This is what I mean by feminist ripping out society's pages and making their own stories. This is what we call impacting to make a change in our society and giving some of the power back to women.

If everyone stood up against unfairness, the world would be a better place. The next time you see a girl being treated unequally stand up and speak out against it! Feminists unite!





Pine Hill Middle Sports



Two, Four, Six, Eight Who Do We Appreciate! The Pine Hill Cheerleaders, That's Who!

By Kyndell Brown and Samia Evans

Imagine... the football game is about to start and the cheerleaders are getting ready to cheer the football players and their fans on! The chant "bring the boys out, bring the boys out" fills the air. The sound of their cheering makes the crowd go bonkers! The excitement spreads as the cheering stirs feelings of pride and devotion to all things green and gold and define what it is to be a "Pine Hill Panther."

Pine Hill cheerleaders are the pulse of this electrifying excitement. The question then arises, exactly how do these young ladies take on the pressure of leading the players and their fans into victory?

In order to find out, The Panther's Eye asked our very own cheerleaders what makes cheerleaders so important to our school's spirit and pride. This is what they had to say:

"Cheerleaders bring people together because if you think about it we are all really on the same team: Team Green and Gold!"

"Being a cheerleader is a lot more than just doing steps and shouting out cheers. It is about how to bring joy, school spirit, and excitement to students, faculty, and fans. Cheerleading also inspires students, reminding them that they are important and that we are all part of one big Pine Hill family. That we all belong. Cheerleaders bring people together because if you think about it we are all really on the same team: Team Green and Gold! Cheering also reminds students of the great times they have here at school and that school is a positive place to be."

Some of our cheerleaders also mentioned thinking of themselves as being ambassadors to Pine Hill when they are visiting other schools during games. The cheerleaders strive to represent our school in a positive way. They work very hard to get ready and practice a lot so that our school is represented well and that everyone feels proud of being a Panther.

Cheerleaders are leaders off and on the field. They know that as athletes they are role models for discipline, hard work, dedication, and good decision making. The Panther's Eye sees your efforts ladies! It is our turn to cheer you on!

We encourage you to continue to do a great job, while working hard at to continue the gold standard you have achieved. We appreciate you keeping us in high spirits, excited, and entertained. You are a big part of the Pine Hill Middle School Family!



Pine Hill Cheerleaders



Arts & Entertainment



Trending Now Report: This or That

by Jystice Santiago



Here are the top 10 best-selling games over the past 12 months ending in March 2018:

- Call of Duty: WWII.
- NBA 2K18.
- Destiny 2^
- Madden NFL 18.
- Super Mario Odyssey*
- Star Wars: Battlefront II 2017^
- Grand Theft Auto V.
- Mario Kart 8*

Which One is Your Favorite?



Most Popular and Downloaded PC Games



2018

Rank	Game Title	Publisher
1	League of Legends	Riot Games
2	Fortnite	Epic Games
3	Hearthstone: Heroes of Warcraft	Blizzard Entertainment

PC games have exploded in popularity! These are the top 3 PC games out right now. Scan the QR code below and vote for your favorite! The Panther's Eye will do an in focus on the one students like best. Hint: if you have an Iphone all you have to do is open up your camera and act like you are going to take a picture of the QR and it will scan it for you. Or go to this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JBTY6GT>



In the Movies

Crazy Rich Asians is big in the theaters now! It is breaking all kinds of box office records. This is good because it is the FIRST movie to feature an ALL Asian cast! First it was The Black Panther making strides, and now this movie! It sure is nice to have more people of different colors and backgrounds to represent more people!



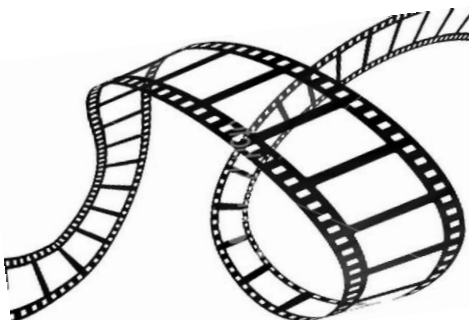
In Music



The top 5 hits trending:

1. In My Feelings by Drake
2. Girls Like You by Maroon 5 featuring Cardi B
3. I Like It by Cardi B
4. Fefe by 6ix9ine
5. Better Now by Post Malone

Hit Maker Drake Does it Again!





Dear Abby Advice Column

Note: Some details and names have been omitted or changed in order to protect the identity of the students writing in. The heart of the problem remains the same so the person can get an answer to their problem.

The Problem:

Dear Abby, HELP! I am so upset because my daddy wants to marry his horrible girlfriend! I am angry with him because I told him how terrible she is and he still wants to marry her! I can't believe he would do this to me. I feel betrayed. How could he pick her over me! What can I do? I told him how I feel but he still wants to marry her. Please help before I end up with a wicked stepmother!

Abby's Answer:

I feel as if you should go back and speak to your dad about your concerns about his girlfriend. Express your concerns in a very mature way. No yelling and screaming, just a meeting of the minds to iron out issues. I know you want to see your dad happy, but you want to be satisfied as well.

Ask yourself, have you really given dad's girlfriend a fair chance? Maybe you and she can have a girl's day and you should plan the day out. Try to get to know her. Put aside power issues about who should have the right to control what and just give her an opportunity to get to know you.

Go get your hair and nails done and some lunch and make dad pay for it, LOL!!! That way you and her can talk and get to know each other a little better, and then you can voice your issues or concerns with her as well. Be careful not to become argumentative or disrespectful.

Say what you have to say without pointing fingers or accusing her and watch how her behavior towards you changes.

Remember daddy has enough love in his heart for both of you! Give her a chance. You never know, you might really come to like her and that will bring you and your dad closer than ever. There is enough hate in the world as it is. We don't need any more so produce love!!

The Problem:

Dear Abby, I have a crush on a girl in my class and I need help. We are good friends but I just love everything about her! I love the way she is so nice to everyone. I love how nice she is to me. I love how pretty she is. I love the way she dresses and smells. I got it bad! I want to take a leap of faith and tell her how I feel. But, I am afraid that if I tell her how I feel and she does not feel the same it will mess up our friendship and that would really mess me up! So how do handle this? Please help!

The Answer:

Friendships are important, and you have to know the boundaries of your friendship. If you like her, express how you feel and let her determine the next step. No matter what, don't let this opportunity pass and allow someone else the chance to slide in what could be your spot. If you are true friends, you will remain friends even

after this. No matter how it ends, good or bad.

The good thing about you two being friends is the fact that she knows how great you are already so she knows what she is getting.

I believe that you two will be great together as friends or in relationship. Stay positive and when you win her heart treat her like a queen. Respect and cherish her, that's what all good men do and then you will keep her!

Do you have a problem or a situation that you could use some good advice on? Then consider taking your problem to The Panther's Eye Dear Abby! Abby is wise and kind and wants to help you! Write today and get an answer in the next issue of The Panther's Eye!

Dear Abby Drop Box



Announcements



Young Writer's Writing Contest

Are you good with words, creative, with an amazing imagination, or ability to tell a good story? Calling all would be authors, poets, video game and Manga story writers, or would be television script writers! If you have a story to tell The Panther's Eye wants to listen! The Panther's Eye is hosting a young writers contest! The winner will be given a front page feature in the student paper with their writing piece displayed in both the print and online versions of our paper for all to see! If you are interested turn in your entry by October 15th to Mrs. Majors in the 7th grade hall.



Congratulations to 7A's Blue Diamonds for Winning the 1st King of the Hill Battle!



Blue Diamonds

"We Shine Bright Like Diamonds"



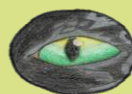
Congratulations to 7B's the Black Squad for winning the 1st King of the Hill Battle!



Congratulations to 6th Grader Chloe Meadows for Having the Most Dojo Points in the School and Winning Arianna Digg's Prize Winning T-shirt Design!



Do you know of someone or something that deserves recognition? Share with The Panther's Eye today! Let the school and the community know about that special someone or something! The community deserves to know about all the great things happening here at Pine Hill!





Student Council Hosts Amazing Spirit Week!

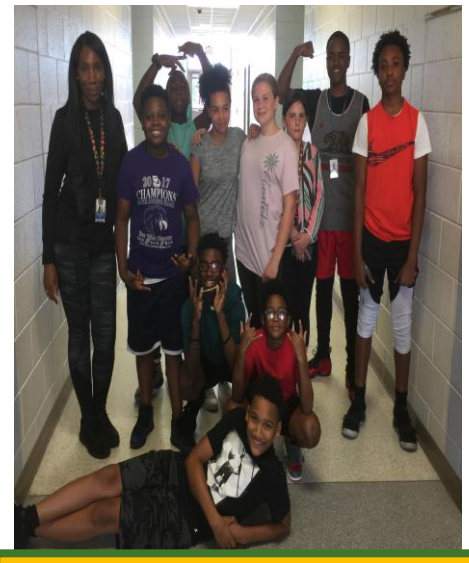
Thanks to our Amazing Student Council Our School Enjoyed an Awesome Spirit Week Full of Fun and Silliness! Yup, Student Council Made Us Feel Proud to be Panthers! Just Take a Look!



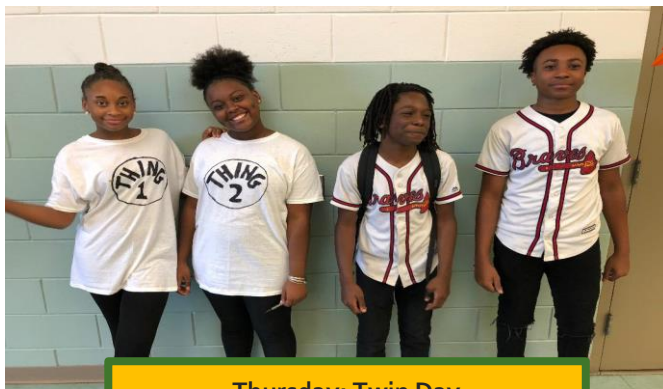
Monday: Green or Spirit Shirt Day



Tuesday: Wear All Black



Wednesday: Work Out Gear



Thursday: Twin Day



Friday: Nerd vs. Jock



Math Challenge!

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{burger} \times \text{burger} \times \text{burger} &= \text{taco} \\
 \text{pizza} \times \text{pizza} \times \text{pizza} &= 27 \\
 \text{pizza} \times \text{burger} \times \text{pizza} &= 18 \\
 \text{taco} + \text{taco} + \text{taco} &= ?
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Be the first to figure this Math Challenge out and you will be crowned the new Math Whiz and be featured in the next Panther's Eye!

Reigning PHMS Math Whiz



Will you be the next Math Whiz?

8th Grader Mary Morris was the last and currently reigning PHMS Math Whiz

Panther Fun!

Can You Spot All 12 Differences?

- 1. The Great Leaf Hunt Challenge: How many leaves are featured in this issue?
- 2. Brain Teaser Challenge: A man was born in 1955, how is it today is his 18th birthday?



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How Well Do You Know Your School?

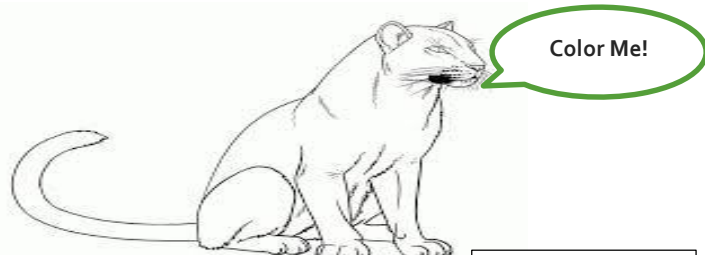
- 1. Who is the artist that painted the panther in our gym?
- 2. Where is the location of the sitting panther statue?
- 3. Where in the school can you find a copy of the first Issue of The Panther's Eye?
- 4. Where are all the school's sports pictures kept?
- 5. How many panthers are painted in the school?
- 6. Can you name at least 4 teachers that have been here since the school first opened?

*****The first student to get all six correct will be crowned the most spirited Panther and put in the next edition of The Panther's Eye*****



ACORN
APPLE
FALL
JACKET

LEAF
PUMPKIN
RAKE
SCHOOL



Answers:

1. Leaves Challenge: 85 fall leaves
2. Brain teaser: He was born in room 1955 of the hospital

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