

PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RULES OF LIFE

The Pinewood Elementary School community believes that by demonstrating respect and responsibility, we can create a safe and friendly environment that promotes life-long learning, and celebrates the uniqueness of all individuals. We believe that all students have the right to learn. Students are encouraged to choose behaviour that contributes to a positive school atmosphere.

The development of a sense of self-discipline in each of our students is an important aspect of our discipline policy.

As educators we recognize the primary role of parents as the first and best teachers of their children. We also recognize the partnership that needs to exist between home and school if students are to benefit fully from their education. In order for any policy to be effective, it is necessary that the school have the parents' support.

Members of the Pinewood Elementary School community have the following Rights and Responsibilities:

A. We have the right to be safe. We have the responsibility to give others their right to feel safe as well.

- *Members of the school community must observe the rules of safety to ensure their safety and that of others. These rules apply to the classroom, schoolyard, hallway, lunchrooms, bus, street and field trips.*
- *Potentially dangerous objects must be kept at home (i.e. matches, lighters, laser pointers, knives etc.)*

Violence Prevention in our School:

We don't allow violence in any form. Our school and Board are governed by the Safe Schools Policy. We intend to foster and maintain a safe environment for students, staff and the community. If necessary, we will implement effective measures to deal with violence.

IN OUR SCHOOL WE DO NOT ACCEPT:

- ***CAUSING INJURY TO ANY PERSON***
- ***USING WORDS OR BODY LANGUAGE TO THREATEN OR INTIMIDATE OTHERS***
- ***POSSESSING OR USING ANY KIND OF WEAPON***
- ***USING ANY OBJECT TO THREATEN OR INTIMIDATE ANOTHER PERSON***
- ***PLAY-FIGHTING***

B. We have the right to be respected and to be treated with dignity. We have the responsibility to treat others the same way.

- Members of the school community will behave in a courteous and respectful manner. Insubordination, inappropriate language and rudeness will not be accepted.
- Members of the school community will respect the rights of fellow members. Behaviour that could cause emotional and physical harm will not be accepted. (i.e. fighting, bullying, name-calling, yelling at someone, swearing, insults and teasing).
- All members of the school community will respect the privacy and property of others. We are all responsible for taking care of books, materials and personal belongings.
- All members of the school community will keep our learning environment clean.

LIBRARY

As a student I have the responsibility to...

- enter calmly to exchange my books and be quiet during my library period.
- return all library books on time.
- be accountable for the books I borrow.
- never attempt to repair a library book.
- have my books registered before leaving the library.

BUS SAFETY

As a student I have the responsibility to...

- be punctual and wait calmly at my bus stop on the curb.
- get on and off the bus in an orderly manner.
- stay seated throughout the whole ride.
- speak quietly.
- not eat or drink on the bus.
- not throw things on the bus.
- keep the bus clean.
- RESPECT THE BUS DRIVER.

DRESS CODE

- All members of the school community will dress in a neat, clean and appropriate fashion.
- Students must respect the dress code as approved by the Governing Board:
 - White or navy top (short or long sleeves)
 - Navy blue bottom (no blue jeans)
 - Red cardigan (optional)

Physical Education:

- Athletic navy shorts
- Short-sleeved WHITE or NAVY T-shirt
- Athletic running shoes
- ALL students are required to tie their hair back.

AWARDS

Deserving students shall be nominated every month/term to receive the respect medal/pin and a certificate, based on the criteria announced beforehand. These students shall have the honour of attending a pizza party with the principal at the end of the term.

One student in each class shall be selected for the "Student of the Term" award for academic achievements. These students shall be announced at the Award Assembly held every term. At the end of the year, one student per class shall be selected for the "Student of the Year" award. These students will also attend a pizza party at the end of the term.

All students shall also have the opportunity of accumulating "Good Deed tickets" through exemplary behaviour, improvements, good deeds and so on. These tickets can be placed in the good deeds box for a draw at the end of each term at a general assembly.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS...

While our goal is for all of us to practise self-discipline and show respect for others and for property, occasionally we may forget and may cause harm to ourselves and to others. It is therefore important that we all understand that *there will be consequences for unacceptable behaviour*.

The school staff and/or administration may exercise a range of options with anyone contravening these rules, board policy or the law, such as;

- Verbal reminders of our beliefs and values
- Written reminders of our beliefs and values
- Peer support to learn and practise behaviours
- Adult support to learn and practise behaviours
 - ... Teacher/student
 - ... Daycare/lunch monitor/student
 - ... Principal/student
 - ... Adult/adult
- Parent support to learn and practise behaviours
- Special work assignment to learn and practise behaviours
- Removal of privileges
- Reflection time in the Reflection Room

MERIT POINTS

Consistent misbehaviour or serious offenses:

Every student starts off the year with 5 merit points for the whole year. Points may be removed by the administration depending on the offense. Any point(s) removal may lead to the following:

- Reflection time in the Reflection Room
- Special work assignment to learn and practise behaviours
- Removal from school – student must return to school with parent(s)
- Involvement of other services
- 0 points = removal from school & special behaviour intervention plan established with the collaboration of the parents, staff and student.

** The administration reserves the right to exercise any of the above options prior to any loss of points.*

Students who have maintained their 5 merit points will be recognized. Lost merit points can be earned back following a period of time of improved behaviour.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

The safety of everyone in the school requires careful control of visitors. Individuals on school property not having anything to do with the functioning of the school will be asked to leave. All visitors to the school, including parents, must use the main entrance and report to the administration immediately upon entering the building, and receive an "authorization pass" to circulate in the building if applicable.

PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - RULES OF LIFE CONTRACT OF AGREEMENT

STUDENT

I, _____, student at Pinewood Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year, recognize my right to learn, feel safe and be respected. Likewise, I also recognize my responsibility to learn, to permit others to feel safe, to treat others with respect and to do my part in keeping our school environment clean.

I understand my rights. I will meet my responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Student Signature: _____

PARENT

As a parent at Pinewood Elementary School, I agree to support my child in exercising his/her rights and responsibilities as outlined in these Rules of Life. In recognition of my primary role as my child's educator, and my essential role in supporting the school to help my child in exercising these rights and responsibilities, I sign below:

Parent Signature _____