

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL PARENT NEWSLETTER

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## Piedmont Middle School

It is hard to believe that we already completed week five of our 2018-19 school year. As I walk through the classrooms on a daily basis, I see students collaborating and fully engaged in rigorous and relevant learning. Today we held elections for students to vote for their classmates who are running for ASB Student Leadership and School Site Council. Results from today's election will be announced next week.

This year will be the first year for Piedmont to have two elected students on our School Site Council, which helps develop and approve our school-wide plan. We are also looking for three parents or guardians to run for School Site Council (SSC). Our SSC will meet the second Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. If you are interested in running, please nominate yourself by calling our main office or by completing a 4-question online survey at: <https://goo.gl/wDEpCH>. We will vote on our nominees next week. Our first SSC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 10th.

Our Parent-Teacher-Association (PTA) will also meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Our PTA meetings are from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Our next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday, October 10th. If you have not yet joined our Piedmont PTA, please show your support for our collaborative work with parents and teachers by contacting our main office or by signing up online at: <https://goo.gl/hSmNSD>.

Beginning this past week, the cost of our student lunches increased from \$3.00 to \$3.25. Please insure that your child brings or purchases a lunch every day. It is important that students keep hydrated and eat during lunchtime. In order to minimize the time your child spends in the lunch line, prepayment for meals is suggested. Prepayment for meals can be made online at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). If your child qualified for free or reduced lunch in 2017-18, you will need to complete a 2018-19 free and reduced meal application to see if your child will continue to qualify. Applications are available at our main office, the Student Nutrition Services office, and on the district website.

This Monday, September 24th, we will have picture day retakes for students who were absent on the first day of school and for those who had their picture taken but need to have them retaken. Students who would like to have their pictures retaken need to bring in their original picture packets on Monday.

We will have tryouts during the entire week of October 1st for students interested in joining girls basketball. Students in grades 6 and 7 will tryout from 2:45 to 4:00 PM. Students in grade 8 will tryout from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. The girls basketball season will run during October and November. Boys basketball will begin in December.

Go Lancers!

Daniel Chaja, Principal

### Calendar

- **Monday, September 24th**  
- Picture Retakes
- **Wednesday, October 10th**  
- SSC Meeting 3:30 PM in Main Office  
- PTA Meeting 5:00 PM in Room 4