



### IMPORTANT LINKS

PGS Website: <http://www.avon.k12.ct.us/pine-grove-elementary> PGS PTO - <https://pgspto.com>  
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**From the Principal:** Today, PGS held our monthly town meeting. Our focus was on our One School One Book program. At the meeting students learned about the program and found out the title of the book we have chosen. Upon their return to class, each student in grades K-4 received a copy of the book along with a handout that fully explains the event and special activities that go along with this celebration. A link to my letter about the program can be found here: [LINK](#) We encourage every family to review the handout this weekend as it provides a clear outline for the program. This year's book's title is: [A Boy Called Bat](#) by Elana K. Arnold. It is a story of an unforgettable young boy whose mother (a veterinarian) brings home a baby skunk. He has one month to convince her they should keep the skunk as a pet. The committee selected the book because we appreciated how it tells the story of this third-grader on the autism spectrum, whose parents are divorced, with care and compassion. In this warmly told story, Bat's challenges are described in a way that young readers can understand. We hope it helps our students develop a stronger sense of empathy and acceptance. We hope you will enjoy it. More information on One School One Book can be found at [www.readtothem.org](http://www.readtothem.org). Of course, OSOB was not the only topic today. We also heard a song from Mrs. Carr's Kindergarten class that they presented with singing and in sign language. Our Student Council presented new recess equipment to the school. Finally, Mr. Moss's class reminded us "Why we Read." This annual, ongoing project collects the reasons we read from staff, students, and school community members. The list has grown very long through the years. We wish everyone all the best this weekend and we hope you enjoy reading together this month. - Mr. G

### PGS Minute

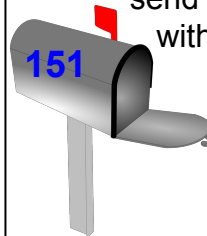


#### March 2020

- 2&9 Enrichment Clusters Gr. 2, 3, & 4
- 2 Grade 4 Field Trip to Puerto Vallarta
- 3 Joint PTO Meeting - Proposed School Budget  
AHS Community Room 7:00PM
- 6 DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) starts
- 9-13 School Store Returns
- 12 Parent Conferences - Early Dismissal  
**Dismissal at 11:50 AM**
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- 16 Enrichment Clusters Gr. 2, 3, & 4
- 17 BOE Mtg. 7:00PM AHS Community Room

### Thank you for the post cards!

They are coming in from around the country. **Keep them coming!** Mrs. Maniatis' Gr. 2 Passport Club has been busy researching and learning about cultures and places around the country and recording the different locations on the Postcard Project Display. **How can you help?** Simply send a postcard featuring your location with a fact or two about the location to:  
**Mrs. Maniatis' Passport Club**  
c/o Pine Grove School  
151 Scoville Road  
Avon, CT 06001



**Crayola ColorCycle Program:**  
**Send in and brand of broken Markers** for a recycling Project - boxes are available in all grade level hallways to collect used markers.

### Roadway Safety Poster Contest



sponsored by CT Training & Technical Assistance Center. Entries due March 13, 2020. Check the PGS Website under News & Announcements for more details.

**ORDER YOUR Yearbook**

Visit Konstella to Place your order For a yearbook!

Cost is \$20.00 if ordered by March 31st.

**Kindergarten Registration** March 2 by appointment at The Board of Education Office, 34 Simsbury Road. Avoid waiting, schedule an appointment on the Avon website [www.k12.ct.us](http://www.k12.ct.us). Share this information with friends who have preschoolers

[Registration Scheduling Link](#)