



# Trending Now @ PGS



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**IMPORTANT LINKS:** PGS Website: <http://www.avon.k12.ct.us/pine-grove-elementary>

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**From the Principal:** We have all been "painfully" aware lately that it is cold and flu season. Here at PGS we are taking proactive steps to help keep our school environment as healthy as possible. Our custodians have been busy sanitizing surfaces each evening and keeping our soap and hand sanitizer dispensers well stocked. Our staff have been giving students reminders to wash up frequently and to be sure to cover up if they do have to cough or sneeze. Our best defense is a good offense, so we ask for your help keeping colds and viruses out of PGS. Keeping your child home when he or she is actively sick and/or has a fever is best. Reviewing good habits with your child regarding proper hand washing, how to use hand sanitizer, and the best way to cover up coughs and sneezes is also helpful (we encourage coughing and sneezing into your elbow vs hands.) Stay healthy! - Mr. G

Here is how we teach hand washing at PGS. Feel free to use our example to review with your child at home.

**Proper way to Wash Hands** - Copy of sign posted in PGS student bathrooms



**Kindergarten Registration** will be at The Board of Education Office, 34 Simsbury Road February 26 and March 2. To schedule an appointment go to the Avon website [www.k12.ct.us](http://www.k12.ct.us). Tell your friends who have preschoolers [Registration Scheduling Link](#)

This week PGS conducted our first SRT drill. Please see the [letter from Mr. G](#) explaining about it.

♥ **Feb. 14, 2020 Valentine's Day**  
Consider making a donation and dress up for Valentine's Day instead of purchasing cards & candy. All proceeds will be used to help fund the PGS "Be Kind" mural. Don't worry if you have already purchased Valentine's, you can still dress up and make a donation to support this great cause! Show your love for PGS by dressing up and donating on Valentine's Day! ♥

## PGS Minute

### February 2020



- 10-13 School Store (schedule & price sheet below)
- ♥ 14 Dress Up Fundraiser
- ♥ 14 Valentine's Day Lunch & Concert
- 13, 20, 27 Enrichment Clusters Gr. 2, 3, & 4
- 10-21 Box Top Contest
- 17&18 **No School - President's recess**
- 25 Board of Education Meeting @ AHS 7:00pm
- 21 Bingo Night Fundraiser 6:00 pm
- 21 Gr. 2-4 Yearbook Cover due! [Click for Info](#)
- 24&28 Hartford Stage Gr. 2
- 26 Community Council Meets



**HELP WANTED:** Mrs. Maniatis' Gr. 2 Passport Club is enthusiastically learning about the United States and countries of the world. They are collecting postcards from all over the globe. **HOW CAN YOU HELP?** Send us a postcard spread the word to family and friends who live both near and far to send one too. We are so excited to learn about cultures and places around the world. 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.** Students will research locations and add postcards to a Postcard Project Display which will be visible to the whole school.

**BINGO Friday, February 21 is FULL.** A second night has been scheduled for February 28th. Don't miss out. Send in your registration. This is a fundraiser to raise funds for a kindness tree mural to beautify our community and create a visual reminder of the 'be kind' message. For registration form for 2-28-2020 click on the bingo card to the right.



**The Winter Box Tops contest is February 10-21.** Send Box Tops into school during this time. The grade level that collects the most tops will earn popsicles. Proceeds go to the PGS/ PTO.

**School Store Schedule: February 10th-13th, 8:30-8:50 [School Store Schedule and Price List](#)**

Click [News & Announcements](#) to see communications on the PGS website that have been sent home.