



# 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:

Greetings and happy Friday to everyone in our school community. As a father, husband (of a teacher), and principal it is impossible to not spend time this week reading and thinking about the school shooting at Saugus High school. Whenever tragedy strikes in a school and to children, We cannot help but ask ourselves why? The answers never come easy and sometimes, they simply do not come at all. It can create a helpless feeling for parents and teachers alike. In schools, tragedy prompts us to review our practices, tighten up our daily routines, and brainstorm ways we can do better. As a parent, I believe it is an opportunity to talk to our children about kindness, inclusion, and acceptance. Here at PGS, we talk about these traits a great deal. We know that children, and adults, who feel connected to their communities, are far less likely to have negative experiences within them. Parents can help by modeling these practices and talking openly with their children about them. A simple place to start is by asking, "Who is someone in your class, on your bus, or in your school that needs a friend or your kindness?" Enjoying school and being generally happy is just as important to us here at PGS as being successful academically. Your encouragement at home can go a long way towards achieving that goal. As always, part of being safe is being part of a community that is vigilant. If you ever see or hear of anything that is concerning, please let me know. We are better together! - Mr. G

## PGS Minute

### November

19 Last Day for [Community Council Turkey Trot](#)  
Non-Perishable Food Collection continues

15 Last Day for the PTO 3rd Annual Online Auction **Link to Auction**

### 18 Book Fair preview

19 BOE Mtg. Avon High School 7:00 PM

19 Book Fair hours 8:00-8:45 & 3:30-5:30

20 Report Cards available on PowerSchool 8:00AM

20 Book Fair hours 8:00-8:45 & 3:30-4:30

21-22 Early Dismissal 11:50 AM - Parent Conferences

21 Book Fair hours 11:30-7:30

22 Book Fair hours 11:30-4:00

27-29 Thanksgiving Break - **NO SCHOOL**

### December

5 Superintendent Community Chat at Avon Public Library 3:00-4:00

**23-Jan. 1 Winter Recess NO SCHOOL**

**Turkey Trot** - Community Council is collecting canned good for families in Need. This is an Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. **Last day Next Tuesday!** Place your donation of non-perishable Food items In the blue bins at school lobby.



[Click picture for more info.](#)

## Tips for viewing Report Card Available 8:00 AM 11/20/19.

Go to the PGS Website and Click on the PowerSchool Rocket Icon to log in. Enter personal login and password. - *Don't remember your login or password, click Forgot Username and Password.* A login and password will be mailed to the email address used when the account was set up. If you are still having trouble, contact the office. Once you are in click on report card from the navigation menu on the left. If you have multiple children in multiple schools, you may select another child by clicking on their name in tab of the blue navigation bar at the top. FYI, Report cards from last June are not available due to technical issues.

How do I view my child's report card?

**Shout Out:** Thank you to the PTO for their work. [A special thanks to parents who volunteered to be A Parent Liaison for PGS families.](#) Be sure to check the PTO website often to stay informed. <https://www.pgspto.com/>



**Crayola ColorCycle Program:** Community Council will again be collecting All brands of Markers for a recycling Project - boxes are available in all grade level hallways to collect used markers. Check out the website @ <https://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>