

BAND MARCHES IN THE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE



The Pike Road School Patriot Marching Band marched in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in Washington, DC! The group, made up of more than 100 students, spent a couple of days sightseeing before the big parade day! The band performed “Stars and Stripes Forever” and “Main Street America”, keeping with the patriotic theme and proudly representing Pike Road Schools and their community. Band Director Patrick Darby says he is proud his students were able to showcase their talents in this parade.



CAREERS ON WHEELS

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PRES recently hosted its annual Careers on Wheels Day, inviting community members whose jobs involve vehicles to share their work with students. From fire trucks and police cruisers to power company bucket trucks, news vans, and even a dog-washing vehicle, students were thrilled to explore a wide variety of careers on display. Each station offered hands-on learning as students met with professionals to learn how each vehicle helps them do their job.



CONGRATULATIONS PRES CNP!

Pike Road Elementary
School's Child
Nutrition Program
received a **100** on
their Health
Inspection today!

Perfect Score!

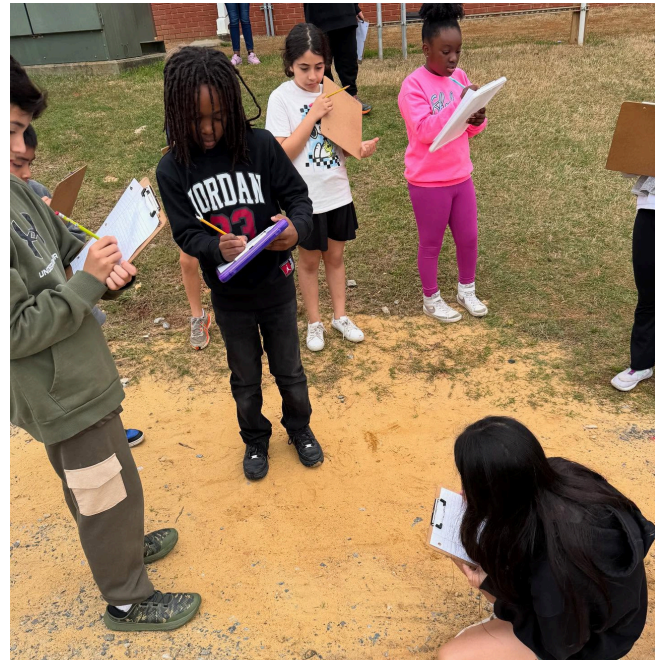
Pike Road School		Pike Road Board of Education	
Date of Learning: Pike Road, AL 36064		Inspector: [Signature]	
MO	DAY	YEAR	INSPECTED
04	12	2024	11/10/25
YES	NO	YES	NO
5	3	3	3
WATER, PLUMBING, AND WASTE 24* Grease trap, lid, secured? YES ☒ NO ☐ 25* Sewage disposal system approved? YES ☒ NO ☐ 26* Cross connection, back siphonage Backflow? 27 Water system backflow prevention? YES ☒ NO ☐ 28 Plumbing, fixtures, and materials. Outdoor/indoor storage 29 Refuse, recyclables, and materials. Outdoor/indoor storage 30 Physical facilities 31 Food storage, handling, and distribution 32 Food control methods approved, used. Pest control devices 33 Sanitation, cleaning, and maintenance 34 Lighting, ventilation, and air conditioning 35 Plumbing, fixtures, and materials 36 Poisonous or toxic materials			



DIGGING AROUND IN SCIENCE

Students at Pike Road Intermediate School recently got their hands dirty—literally—as they explored the fascinating world of soil! To kick off their investigation, learners took a walk around campus to observe the different types of soil found in their environment and discussed how each one might have landed in its particular spot. Back in the classroom, the exploration continued with soil samples from the AMSTI kits. Students examined the dry samples, then added water to see how each component reacted. They were fascinated to observe that pebbles and sand sank quickly, clay mixed with the water, and humus floated to the top.

After leaving the samples over the weekend, learners returned to find something exciting—the soil had separated into clear, distinct layers! This hands-on experience helped students understand that soil is made up of a variety of materials, and each one behaves differently depending on its properties. It was a fun and memorable way to see science in action!



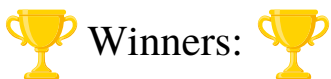
ACAP POPSCICLE PARTY

Pike Road Jr. High awarded everyone who had perfect attendance during ACAP testing with a popsicle party outside. Students enjoyed their treat while socializing outside with their friends!



MAMMAL MADNESS

It was bracket season in Mrs. Reid's class, but instead of basketball, students went wild with Mammal Madness! This annual spring project challenges students to research and predict which animal will reign supreme in a science-based showdown judged by experts from The University of Arizona, the National Center for Science Education, and the National Association of Biology Teachers. The competition wasn't just for current students—anyone in grades 8–12, family members, and faculty & staff were all invited to participate, with winners crowned in each group. After weeks of fierce matchups and classroom excitement, this year's champion was none other than the majestic Polar Bear!



Winners:

C7 First Place: Robert Johnson

C7 2nd Place: Finn Peeples

C7 3rd Place: Collier Barnett

Alumni: Sami Rice

Faculty: Mr. Thurman

Family: Hallford Family



CTE SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



ALAIISA PADRON

Alaisa is honored for her outstanding dedication as a fourth-year health science student. Her commitment to excellence in her studies and passion for helping others are evident through her active involvement in HOSA Future Health Professionals. Alaisa plans to serve in the United States Army and pursue a nursing degree, showcasing her ambition and leadership qualities. We congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition while looking forward to her future achievements.

PATRIOT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our March PotM Winners! These learners are nominated by teachers for demonstrating good character, participation and involvement, improvement and effort, leadership qualities, and overall academic commitment! We are so proud of these learners and lead learners!! Thank you, Pike Road Publix, for sponsoring this month's lunch! We appreciate you!



SHOW CHOIR SPRING SEASON

The Pike Road High School show choir, Prestige, hit the road for the Biloxi Gulf Coast Classic in Mississippi, and they didn't just perform, they shined!

With a high-energy set featuring songs like American Road Medley, Long Train Runnin', Anywhere, and Free Ride, the group took the audience on a musical road trip to remember.



ZAYLON JOHNSON PERFORMING AND RECEIVING HIS AWARD



Prestige brought home the coveted Lighthouse Award. This is given to the group that best embodies the spirit of competition — voted on by the students of the host school. Freshman Zaylon Johnson was named the Overall Best Performer of all competing groups, as chosen by the judges!

All of the show choirs and choirs were invited to open the season for the Montgomery Biscuits. Our students sang the National Anthem before the game began and even had two students throw out the first pitch.

Prestige will join Panache and Premiere show choirs for the Spring Showcase on April 22.



HONORING MILITARY CHILDREN

In recognition of the Month of the Military Child, the Pike Road High School Student to Student (S2S) club hosted a heartfelt breakfast celebration to honor the strength and resilience of military-connected students. Military children often experience unique challenges—frequent moves, changing schools, and long stretches without a deployed parent. Yet despite the uncertainty, they show remarkable adaptability and courage. As a whole, our military children have called nearly every corner of the country, and even the world, home. To show appreciation, the S2S club welcomed



military children and their families to a special breakfast held in the GW cafeteria. The event was made even more meaningful with the presence of Mayor Gordon Stone, Councilman Chris Dunn, and PRS School Board Member Jennifer Gibbs, who joined in celebrating these students.



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Juniors and seniors stepped into the spotlight at this year's prom, themed The Golden Age of Hollywood. Held at Arrowhead Country Club, the evening rolled out the red carpet—literally—for a night of fun, music, and celebration. After the senior leadout, Mrs. Maness crowned Mason Hussey as Prom King and Kayla Crenshaw as Prom Queen.



JR. HIGH SNEAKER BALL

The high schoolers weren't the only ones dancing that weekend. Pike Road Jr. High SCA hosted its first Sadie Hawkins Sneaker Ball! Students spent the night dancing to the music and enjoying the photo ops!



SOFTBALL PLAYERS RECOGNIZE TEACHERS



Pike Road School softball players recently took time to recognize the teachers who have supported them throughout the school year. During a home game, players invited a teacher of their choice to join them on the field for a special “Teacher Recognition” moment. It was a simple but meaningful way for the athletes to show appreciation for the encouragement and support they’ve received both on and off the field.



CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS



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NATIONAL WRESTLING CHAMPION



Two-time Wrestling State Champion Cody Kirk won the 2025 182lb National Championship! His victories over wrestlers from North Carolina, New York, Virginia, Maryland, Rhode Island, and West Virginia earned him All-American status and showcased the growth of Alabama wrestling on the national stage. Upon graduation, Cody plans to wrestle for Davidson College in North Carolina while pursuing a degree in biology/pre-med.



2025 TOP ATHLETE

PRHS senior Malik Humphrey was invited to the Mobile Meet of Champions this

month. He competed in the Long Jump and the Triple Jump placing 2nd overall and 1st place for our state!



LONG & TRIPLE JUMP
2025 AL TOP ATHLETE

Lady Patriots BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Varsity Basketball Tryouts:

Current 8th - 11th graders

Monday, April 21 - 3:30 - 4:45

Tuesday, April 22 - 3:30 - 4:45

Wednesday, April 23 - 3:30 - 4:45

MS & JV Basketball Tryouts:

Current 6th - 8th graders

Monday, April 21 - 4:45 - 6:45

Tuesday, April 22 - 4:45 - 6:45

Wednesday, April 23 - 4:45 - 6:45

Thursday, April 24 - 4:45 - 6:45

Must have an updated physical.
If you have any questions or concerns contact
Barry Fencher: 334-590-0352 or
barry.fencher@pikeroadschools.org



How are social media and smart phones impacting our students' mental health?

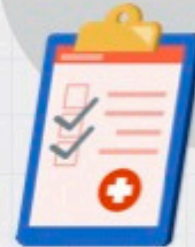


Major depression rates among teens ages 12-17 has increased significantly since 2010 based on a self-report symptom checklist.

Girls experience major depression at a higher rate than boys.

The rate of major depression in girls increased 145% from 2010-2020 while the rate of major depression in boys has increased 161%.

From 2010-2020, in adolescents 10-14 years old the rate of Emergency Room visits for nonfatal self-harm have increased 188% in girls and 48% in boys.



What are the impacts of social media on youth mental health?



Anxiety & Depression Symptoms

Adolescents who spend more than three hours a day on social media **face double the risks of anxiety and depression symptoms.**

Average daily use as of the summer of 2023 was 4.8 hours.

Social Media & Addiction

When you eat a food you like, you get a hit of **dopamine**, which is why you then want the second bite even more than the first.

This happens to children with video games and social media, and it happens by design.

The creators of these apps use every trick in the psychologists' toolkit to hook users as deeply as slot machines hook gamblers.



Life Satisfaction

Adolescent social media use is **predictive of a subsequent decrease in life satisfaction** for certain developmental stages including girls (11-13 years old) and boys (14-15 years old).



Foundational Harms of a Phone-Based Childhood

- Social Deprivation
- Sleep Deprivation
- Attention Fragmentation
- Addiction



What can we do to benefit our youth and their mental health?

- Phone-free schools
- More independence, free play and responsibility in the real world
- No smart phones before high school
- No social media before 16

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS



PRS HOSTING ROUND ONE VS. GULF SHORES

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 4:00 & 7:00
*SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 12:00
*IF NECESSARY

PRS Returning Student Enrollment is NOW OPEN

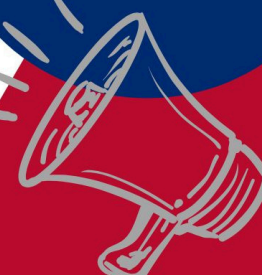


2025-2026 Year

What do you need?

- Verification of Residency
 - Provide one of the following
 - Deed
 - Current Tax Card
 - Current Mortgage Statement
 - All pages of a current signed lease with all children listed as occupants
 - Lease must be valid on the first day of school
 - Provide one of the following:
 - Power Bill
 - Gas Bill
 - Water Bill
 - Must be a digital copy of the bill
 - Disconnect Notice must be accompanied by proof of payment
- Custody Papers
 - *If applicable

Parents will receive an email with a link to their child's unique enrollment page on April 7. *This email will **only** be sent to the first contact listed for the child. If you do not receive the email, please check with the child's other custodial parent.



Get ready for the Crawfish Boil!

13TH ANNUAL



CRAWFISH BOIL

CENTURY CHURCH

MAY 3, 2025 | 10AM - 6PM




We want to see YOU and your family at the 13th Annual C Spire Pike Road Patriot Crawfish Boil on May 3rd!

Come enjoy more than 7,000 pounds of spicy crawfish, live music & family-friendly fun!

The Crawfish Boil proudly supports Pike Road Schools' Arts & Athletics!

Saturday, May 3

Century Church, Marler Road

10 AM - 6 PM

Get tickets: <https://prpatriotfund.com/>

Show your Patriot Pride with a new Pike Road Schools Debit card from Alabama ONE credit union.



Visit your new Pike Road Alabama ONE branch to get your debit card for only \$15. 100% of the proceeds benefit Pike Road High School

Did You Know?

Did you know you can purchase a "Helping Schools" tag and \$20 will be given to the school of your choice? You can purchase your tag at the website below:

www.revenue.alabama.gov/license-plates/





Pike Road School
Show Choir
Spirit Nights



MONDAY, 4/28: MELLOW MUSHROOM 4-9

TUESDAY, 5/13: SAN MARCOS 5-9:30

TUESDAY 5/20: THE MARKET AT
JOHN HALL 5-8

TUESDAY 6/10: SOL 5-9



SAVE THE DATES!
TO-GO ORDERS COUNT



- April 18: Professional Development (No School)
- April 21: BOE Meeting
- May 3: Crawfish Boil
- May 22: Graduation
- May 23: Last Day of School- Half Day for Students



PIKE ROAD JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW
APRIL 17, 2025 5:30- 7:00 PM
GW CAMPUS, 2ND FLOOR



KOREAN END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE
MAY 2, 2025 6:00 PM
SAINT JAMES CHURCH