

Dear Pine Ridge Families,

It is with saddened hearts that we've had to cancel two of our favorite PTO events this school year due to the COVID-19 virus and the direction of the national, state, and local health departments and officials. Our annual school **Carnival** was scheduled for March 14 and our **Auction** was planned for May 1. Both of these events are large fundraisers for our school and PTO.

While we are happy to refund those of you who purchased tickets for Carnival or Auction, we strongly encourage you to consider your ticket purchase as a donation to the Pine Ridge PTO. These events are important fundraisers for Pine Ridge and without these funds, our PTO won't be able to support many of the initiatives that we've supported in previous years. The PTO funds cover many important school initiatives such as field trips, staff development, classroom libraries, technology (including IXL and online learning subscriptions!), Cultural Arts events, and many other innovative special grants and classroom projects. **Should you decide to consider your ticket payment as a donation, you do not need to do anything. Should you want a refund, please email us at pineridgeschoolpto@gmail.com by Friday, April 3. In your request, please include your child's name and teacher so we can match your ticket purchase to your family.** If you choose to consider your ticket purchase a donation, please visit the "Helpful Links" tab on the PTO website to download a donation form for your tax purposes. The Pine Ridge PTO is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3).

Finally, we are excited that our 2020 Auction is not completely cancelled but we are moving to an online auction format. Watch your email for more information. There are some great items that we can't wait to offer up for your bidding! Everyone is invited- no ticket required!

Your Pine Ridge PTO