

PIA NewSplash!

June 2021

Pine Island Families,

It is JUNE and we are just a few months from the opening of Pine Island Academy. I know our students and staff are "FINISHING STRONG" and are looking forward to our new adventure together as Dolphins! **We have many updates included in the June Newsletter including staffing updates, PE uniform information/how to order, and facility updates.** Please make sure you take time to read carefully.

First, we have almost completed hiring our "Fin"tastic Staff. We will announce the Pine Island team as soon as we finalize the last few positions. I cannot wait for you to meet this fantastic group of individuals who will rally around our students and each other to create an environment full of love and excitement. You will know immediately why they were chosen to be a Pine Island Dolphin.

I have spent the last few weeks with a group of middle school students. I asked them four (4) questions:

What makes a school great?

What makes a student want to come to school every day and do their very best?

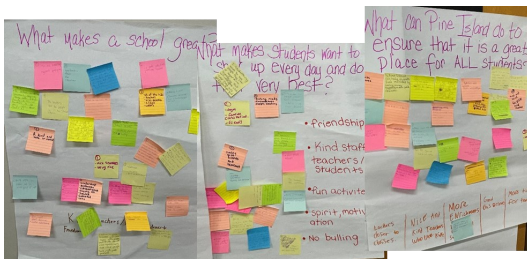
What can we do to make sure Pine Island is a great place for ALL students?

What have you heard your peers/other say that make them nervous about transitioning to Pine Island?

Students worked individually first to note their own thinking, then worked collaboratively in 4 groups to sort the post it notes into big ideas. Overwhelming, the theme that emerged from all four questions was evident to the students.

They want a school where all the adults in the building are caring, loving, fun, and compassionate. Every response in each of the questions used words such as caring, nice, understanding, and compassionate. And what I can promise you and what I did promise our students was that we have hired adults with those exact qualities. These are a few snapshots of our work together.

A HUGE thank you to our students for providing such beautiful feedback to ensure student voices MATTER!



Summer Reading Challenge (K – 7) – On June 14, I will send the Pine Island Summer Reading Challenge. I am so excited to share the experience that Mrs. Masitti, our Media Specialist, has created for students and staff. Stay tuned for this exciting opportunity.

Finally, this is the most recent ariel picture of Pine Island Academy. The school looks amazing. Stay tuned for information regarding facilities progress, meet and greets, and other school updates at the end of June.

OPENING AUGUST 2021

PINE ISLAND ACADEMY



Pine Island Families, it won't be long until we will be together! Until then, I hope you have a wonderful summer that is filled with love, excitement, and memories that will last a lifetime. WE ARE PINE ISLAND...Home of the Dolphins! Fins UP!

Amanda Riedl, Principal

Registration



New Student Registration is now open for the 2021 -2022 School Year. Please visit our [Registration Page](#) and see the [SJCSD New Student Registration 2021-2022 Flyer](#). If you have any questions, please contact Christie.Ball@stjohns.k12.fl.us, 904-547-4306 for questions on Elementary student registration and Sandra.Hood@stjohns.k12.fl.us, 904-547-4315 for questions on Middle School student registration.

PE Uniforms



Middle School students taking Physical Education are required to dress out each day in a PE Uniform. Uniforms are now available to pre-purchase at

<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/PIA-MS-PE-Uniform>

Uniforms will be distributed the first week of school. Although these will be the required PE uniform, they are available for purchase by anyone at Pine Island.

K-5 School Supply Lists for 21-22 SY



Pine Island Academy has partnered with 1st Day School Supplies to help parents and teachers get the exact supplies needed for rising Kindergarten through 5th grade (Middle School kits not available*). Place your order by **July 1st!** School Supply Kits will be delivered directly to your home over the summer. Pine Island Academy will not be offering middle school kits for purchase via 1st Day School Supplies. The middle school lists were not finalized prior to the deadline with our vendor. Our principal, Ms. Riedl, will release the 6th & 7th grade supply lists as soon as they are finalized! Thank you for your understanding.

<https://1stday.sale/1178819>

Returning Student Verification



All families should have received an email from the district to verify returning students. Please make sure that you take time to update this information as it will ensure that we have the most updated numbers for PIA moving forward. This is extremely important in ensuring we are staffed for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Thank you!

Website



Please continue to visit the [PIA Website](#) for updates including our [Athletics webpage](#) for the most recent information on SJMSAA information.