



PINEYWOODS COMMUNITY  
ACADEMY

February 4, 2021  
RE: 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Breaks & Makeup days

Dear Parent/Guardian & Staff,

**First the Good News.** We are almost to the exciting part of the school year. Our first break in the second semester is just a week away. The instructional calendar incorporated winter break (February 15-19) and spring break (April 12-16) to address two significant events for students.

Winter break, 6 weeks after we return from Christmas, typically has the highest number of flu cases. This break provides an opportunity to clean the entire building.

Spring break, 6 weeks later, follows immediately after state assessment days. Prior to that change in calendar, students would have spring break and then return to be pushed and prepped for the state assessment.

These two breaks, strategically placed, provide strong teaching and learning for 6 weeks, take a week break, return for 6 weeks ending with state assessments, take a week break, return for 6 weeks, out for summer break.

Now with COVID looming, PCA will be able to deep clean the buildings every 6 weeks.

**Now the bad news.** Remember when Hurricane Laura was headed our way and we closed August 27<sup>th</sup> and the wonderful snow day January 11<sup>th</sup>? We must make those days up on March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We are currently monitoring the weather for next week as it is forecast that Lufkin has a 50% chance of snow again. If, for any reason PCA must close school for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, students will be remote for that day. Our teachers are prepared and ready to engage in a remote setting. We did not transition to remote learning in August as we anticipated the loss of electricity nor in January because sometimes kids just need to play in the snow.

Please monitor KTRE news, KYKS 105.1 FM, and the PCA website for updated information.

Respectfully,  
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