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Dear Pinecrest Elementary School Families,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we open the 2020-2021 school year “Soaring!” Our mission remains to maximize the learning of every student, ensuring we motivate them to develop the grit and perseverance needed to strive for their own personal best while promoting social/emotional growth through our District’s Values Matter Program.

Pinecrest Elementary has been an “A” school since the inception of the State of Florida’s school grading system—we have maintained a grade of “A” for twenty-one consecutive years. This distinction is not something we take for granted. Our staff is committed to high expectations for all students, providing an academically challenging program while offering a loving, nurturing environment that develops students’ social and emotional needs as well. Our school promotes the Values Matter program through monthly Parrot Club recognitions, the Do the Right Thing program, and No Place for Hate activities. High expectations includes maintaining safety for all through sanitation and the promotion of hand washing and social distancing, especially during this time of the pandemic.

In addition, because of our strong community partnerships and parental involvement, our school continues to be recognized with the esteemed Five Star School Award and received the S.T.E.A.M. Gold Designation consecutively. We have also received the Golden Apple School Award, as well as numerous awards through Dream in Green, Fairchild Challenge, SECME Math and Science competitions, District Social Science competitions, and VEX IQ Robotics.

It is this combination of exceptional staff, phenomenal students, and supportive parents and community that makes Pinecrest Elementary School the elite neighborhood school that it is. Thank you for entrusting your children to us. We look forward to working together with you to ensure the best elementary educational experience available.

Sincerely,

Lynn Zaldua