

July 25, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

PUSD has a RIF Grant!

Pinon Unified School District has received a RIF (Reading is Fundamental) grant! Last spring an application was made for the grant and in early March, we were notified that we were awarded the grant. This is great news for our students! Funding comes 50% from the school and 50% from the government.

What does this mean for our students?

RIF is a government program established in 1966 primarily to provide books to children in struggling communities. We are a part of their flagship program which is called “Books for Ownership”. According to our grant, students will receive four free books throughout the course of the year that they can keep.

How will my student receive their free books?

The librarians from the three district schools have assembled their own committees and will be working with them to arrange four book distributions throughout the year. Each committee has planned a theme and activity to make the distribution days even more fun. On the appointed day, students will come to the library and choose one book. The librarians and their committees will create displays of a variety of books that students can choose from. The book they choose will be theirs to keep.

Can adults choose a book?

No, sorry. The books are only for students; this would be a violation of the terms of the grant.

How can parents help?

If parents would like to volunteer their help, they can contact the principal/librarian at their child’s school. Volunteers are needed to help make the displays of books and assist on the days of the distributions.

What are the distribution dates?

The distribution dates will be on or near the following dates: August 5, 2022, September 30, 2022, December 9, 2022 and March 2, 2023. It may take several days at each school site to cycle the students through to choose their books. Watch for letters or information on the school websites regarding the distributions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Omoth

PHS Librarian/RIF Chair