



PIONEER PRESS

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1:30 Dismissal Every Wednesday for 1st-6th grades



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, Oct 17 1st-6th grade Bravo training 7:00-9:00-MPR

Tues Oct 18: Kindergarten Bravo Training, 9-10:30am, MPR

Fri Oct 21: Last day for DOUBLE Box Tops

Sun Oct 23: Fall Festival, 11am-2:30pm

Oct. 24-28: Red Ribbon Week

Thurs. Nov 3: Picture Retake day

Nov 14-18: Conference week-dismissal for Grades 1-6 @ 1:30pm

Nov 14-18: Book fair week

EVERY FRIDAY: SPIRIT DAY-remember to wear school colors

For additional information, please see online calendar at:

www.pioneerelementarypta.com

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Fall is Here, at Pioneer!

Dear Parents of Pioneer,

As we roll into our fall days where the sun comes up later every morning we all need to remember to start scheduling ourselves to get up on time so as not to find ourselves racing into school or work. A great drop off time is between 8:15 and 8:25. That will give your child the opportunity to play a little and organize themselves to get into their classrooms when their class lines up on the playground when the bell rings.

I appreciate all the effort each of you make to insure our morning drop off is safe for all students.

Do remember to keep your speed down, to not make u turns, and not drop off your child where they have to cross randomly across the parking lot or street. Please help us teach them the correct way to cross the crosswalk which means walking, not running.

The fall brings us one of the most fabulous PTA events of the year for kids: The Fall Festival. Please don't miss this fabulous event that has games, prizes, face-painting (by yours truly) pumpkins, food and just an old fashioned good time when you pass through the Pioneer Haunted Fun House in the Library.

The staff and I as well as the PTA members will see you there! Come join in the fun!

Innisbrook Fundraiser

Our Innisbrook sale was a success! Because of the generous support of parents, teachers and staff, we raised about **\$9,500** for our school. We were just \$500 short of our goal.

We had great school-wide participation this year, just over 42%! Two classes earned banana split parties for having the highest number of students participate in the sale. For the K-3 contest, **Ms. Caridi's 3rd grade** class won the party with 68% participation in this sale. It was a tight race however, as Mrs. Batha's class had 67% participation in the sale. For the upper grades, **Mr. Fingerman's 4th class** won with 57% participation. It too was a tight race as Ms. Pesmark's class had 55% participation in the sale.

Perhaps our favorite part of this "fun" fundraiser was our raffles. Each morning ALL students were invited to participate in our raffle (even if they were not selling Innisbrook). Your children were enthusiastic, helpful and polite. It made getting to school early each morning a joy!

Products will arrive in late October and will go home with your student. If anyone has a couple free hours during the daytime and would like to be "on call" to help us deliver products to the classrooms later this month, please contact Kimberly Robben at 756-8270 or robbenfamily@sbcglobal.net.

To help us improve our fall fundraiser, please complete the two to three minute survey available at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WBWXGW6>. You can also find the link to the survey at our Pioneer PTA website, www.pioneerelementarypta.com. It will be available through November 1st.

Thank you for helping make Pioneer the wonderful school community it is.

Kimberly Robben, Joanne Brennan and Amanda Walsh

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is fast approaching. It will be the week of October 24 - 28th. The theme of the week is not limited to "Say No To Drugs", but will also focus on making good choices.

There will be contests and prizes, and special guest presentations. We hope your child will participate in the week's events. Please keep an eye out for a red flyer coming home on October 21st in your child's backpack that will explain the fun

School Picture Retake Day

Don't fret over bad school pictures! Picture retake day will be on **Thursday, November 3rd**. Order forms will be in the office soon. Please don't forget to send back the original picture package with your child to school on retake day. Retakes will not be taken without the first package(s) being submitted.

The Pioneer Press is published twice monthly during the school year by the Pioneer PTA. The bi-weekly deadline to submit articles is Tuesday at 2:30 PM.

Submit articles to Denise Johnson at kdwdjohnson@sbcglobal.net

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THANK YOU PTA MEMBERS!!!

A big thank you to the **296** people that joined the PTA this year! Our membership drive is officially over, but you can still join! Membership forms will be located in the office in the yellow membership box for the rest of the year! We can still make it past 300 members this year! Your membership in the Pioneer PTA will strengthen our ability to provide the best learning environment for all our children.

Congratulations to Mrs. Batha's and Mrs. Sodergrens's class for tying for most PTA memberships in the primary grades and Mrs. West's class in the intermediate grades. All three classes will win a pizza party!

The Pioneer PTA provides the perfect setting for parents, teachers, principal and staff to get connected to our kids through programs like Bravo and awesome activities like the upcoming Fall Festival. It is not too late to get connected! You can find our membership form at

<http://www.pioneerelementarypta.com/Forms.html>.

Fun Festivities at the annual Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is coming up soon! Save the date: **Sunday, Oct. 23 from 11:00am-2:30**. It has always been such a fun and inclusive family event and this year will be no different. There will be an amazing bake sale and yummy food available from local vendors including Taqueria Guadalajara, Wok of Flame, Jamba Juice, pizza and more.

All of your favorite games will be there, but this year, we have added a few new and exciting things. We will have a Speed Pitch booth to clock your throwing arm, a basketball Hoop Shot game to challenge your buddy, a Wii kiosk to have a "dance off" with your friends and at 1:00pm the UCD Band-Uh band will be playing on campus!

Face painting, tie-dye, balloon clown, fun house and KidzArt projects will all be part of the fun. Don't forget to support the Garden program by bidding on the classroom scarecrows. Clean out your clutter and find new "treasures" at our Rummage sale too. Come early to get your hot chocolate, wristbands to play (\$5-1 child, \$7- 2 children, \$10-3 or more) and of course.....Your PUMPKINS!!!!

Hope to see EVERYONE there!

Trick or Treat for UNICEF

UNICEF ambassadors from Ms. Lindberg's class will be visiting each classroom to encourage students to help other children around the world by participating in Trick or Treat for UNICEF. Every Pioneer student who would like to participate must turn in a permission slip to their teacher so the ambassadors can prepare the trick or treat box for them. Extra permission slips will be available on the office or from Ms. Lindberg in H-45. Boxes will be available to the students from 10/25 to 10/31. Let's make this our best ever year and support children around the world!

Thank you,
Ms. Lindberg's class

YOPLAIT YOGURT BOX TOPS FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Pioneer Student, Sophia Wold is collecting pink Yoplait yogurt lids as a Girl Scout service project to benefit the Susan G. Komen cancer research fund. Please leave pink Yoplait yogurt lids in the box provided outside the Pioneer Office. Yoplait will donate 10 cents (up to \$2 million) to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® for each pink lid redeemed by December 31, 2011.

A NOTE FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

Dear Pioneer Families –

Just a quick shout-out to all of you. October is a fun month with lots of activities on our campus. I hope you were able to attend the Movie Night October 14th hosted by the Pioneer Student Council and sponsored by PTA. If you missed it, there will be more throughout the year. **THANK YOU STUDENT COUNCIL!**

Also, I hope you are gearing up to attend **the Pioneer Fall Festival on October 23rd**. This is a community event held annually on our campus for the enjoyment of the whole family. It is not a fundraiser. There are many new and GREAT activities planned for that day and I know it will be a fun day for all. So come on out!!

Finally, thank you to those who attended the General Membership meeting on September 21st. The Pioneer 101 panel of parents, students, teachers and staff was most enjoyable and informative! Also, the membership approved a budget for this year and we are off and running! Investments in academic enrichment, academic support, facilities/equipment, supplies and more have begun!

Thank you to those who took the time to come to the meeting and review it. It's the longest meeting of the year..... I promise!

I can't sign off without reminding each of you to encourage your student(s) to participate in **Spirit Fridays**. Connecting to our school in a unified way pays dividends on campus!! It creates a positive energy and attitude in all of us that is expressed in mutual support, fun and respect of all our student/adult stakeholders. Parents/Guardians.... wear your green/gold on Fridays too!! The new shirts and spirit sleeves will arrive very soon!!

Until next month,
Betsy Hyder, Pioneer PTA President

ELECTRONIC Box Tops Now on line

If you have a Safeway Club card, you can now easily earn tons of extra electronic Box Tops for Pioneer. Here's how:

Visit <http://2ways2earn.com> and click on the "register now" tab then fill in the required fields. (Please note that you'll need to have your Safeway Club Card handy to complete this process.) As soon as you're done, you'll automatically earn five bonus Box Tops just for signing up! After you've registered, click on the "eBoxTops tab" to activate a variety of promotional offers. (Five deals are currently available, including one that generates 15 eBox Tops every time you purchase four General Mills cereals in a single shopping trip between now and December 15!) Click on the "refer a friend" button and invite family members, friends, neighbors and coworkers to join the program ... you'll earn five bonus Box Tops for each new registrant you successfully refer!

Please be sure to turn in all the Box Tops you've collected since last spring by the Oct. 21 deadline. Every completed entry form received by that date will earn **DOUBLE BOX TOPS BUCKS** that can be spent like cash in our Box Tops Shop next spring. And don't forget that **EVERY** entry turned in over the course of the school year **WILL COUNT** as a raffle ticket for our huge grand prize drawing next May.

Plenty of extra blank collection sheets are always available in the school office and completed forms may be deposited any time in the drop box just outside the office door.

FALL FESTIVAL Rummage sale!

Please bring your rummage sale donations to the MPR stage anytime **on Friday, October 21st**. Books, toys, children clothing, etc. are all welcome. Thank you so much for supporting Pioneer!