



PIONEER PRESS

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. Jan 9: Site Council Meeting, 3:30-5:00
Tues. Jan 10: Climate Committee meeting, 3:30, Library
Wed. Jan 11: Site Council Advisory, 7-8pm, East Conference Room, DJUSD office building
Mon. Jan. 16: NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King
Thurs. Jan 26: Science Night, 6-8pm, MPR
Wed. Feb 8: Academic Talent Search (ATS) qualifying exam, 2:00pm, location TBD
EVERY FRIDAY: SPIRIT DAY-remember to wear school colors
For additional information, please see online calendar at:
www.pioneerelementarypta.com

RECIPES STILL NEEDED FOR PIONEER COOKBOOK!

Do you have a family favorite recipe, a delectable dessert, an amazing appetizer or a surefire kid pleaser? Recipes are still being collected to add to the Pioneer Cookbook that will be sold at this year's auction. The cookbook will also feature artwork by winners of an upcoming student art contest.

Please take the time to add one or a few family favorite recipes to share with other Pioneer families! **Deadline is January 15th!** Any questions please contact Jen Schmidt at Jen.schmidt3@yahoo.com.

Website: www.typensave.com

1. Click on login
2. Contributor: Your name
3. Group Login: pioneer
4. Password: nc2ej

NEW PIONEER AUCTION WEBSITE

The Pioneer auction has gone "green" and gold this year! Check out our new website and ONLINE donation page at: <https://pioneer.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/Home/tabid/337256/Default.aspx> or you can find the link on the Pioneer PTA Website: www.pioneerelementarypta.com

It is so easy to enter your donation to the auction using this site! You will get your tax receipt immediately and save paper! **The actual donation can then be dropped off to the Pioneer office at your convenience (but no later than March 15)!** Contact Evelyn Hahn at 297-6297 or Joanne Brennan at 753-8981 with questions or to arrange receipt of your donation! Thanks for supporting our school!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

P.O.P.! Parents on the Playground!

The Climate Committee and I have been in the process of organizing a new program for our school. The next Climate Committee meeting is on **Tuesday, January 10 at 3:30** in the Library. We extend our invitation to all of you that are interested in supporting student success at school to join the Climate Committee.

P.O.P. stands for Parents on the Playground. Due to the narrowing budget our lunch playground supervision has gone from 5 to 3 supervisors. To widen our support for students on the playground during their lunch time recesses we have been introducing some parent supported activities. We have had organized kickball teams, a Wednesday Yoga Class, and a Monday Chess Club supported by teacher Mr. Stevenson and are moving towards a special jump rope program working with the Heart Association. But maybe you would like to play four square, help organize hopscotch or chalk games, or tetherball or ??? It is limitless.

The intent of P.O.P is to support the students by having more visible adults on the playground during lunch time. The program is also set up to offer students a wider variety of activities to engage in.

I encourage parents to get involved. If you are interested in volunteering your time you can contact me here in my office, attend the meeting or contact Climate Committee Coordinator parent Julie Cross.

Perhaps you have a talent to share or would like to be on the playground just to be there for support of students. We would love your involvement.

Deborah Brayton, Principal

HELP NEEDED WITH PIONEER PRESS COPYING AND E-NEWS

Your help is needed in keeping everyone connected on the Pioneer campus. Do you have a half an hour every other Monday to photocopy the Pioneer Press? No experience necessary!

ALSO-The E-News editor is temporarily unable to type and is seeking a replacement. Are you comfortable cutting and pasting articles into an email and have an hour every other week? Training and support provided! If you are interested in helping in either of these areas, please contact Denise Johnson at kdwdjohnson@sbcglobal.net or 759-2405.

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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**\$100,000 for DAVIS JOINT
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Due to the beautiful Holiday house decorating abilities of the Powell family and based on the amazing number of votes for the **DECK THE HOUSE** contest on **PATCH.com**, the Powell house in Davis, CA won the contest!!! Winnings from this contest are given to the local school district. DJUSD will receive the \$100,000 grand prize. Congratulations to the Powell family and thank you!

INTERESTED IN DAVINCI JUNIOR HIGH?

Da Vinci Junior High will present an 8th grade presentation on the evening of **Wednesday, 1/18/12 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm** in the Da Vinci portables on the Emerson campus. If parents and students are interested about Da Vinci Junior High this would be a great opportunity to see Project Based Learning in action. The presentation will be an 8th grade American Studies project titled Monumental in which students create Monuments and exhibits for one of the first seven presidents. Exhibits will be tangible, multimedia, and interactive.

If you have any questions please contact Troy Reeves, DVJH Vice Principal or Christian Holst, DVJH History Teacher.

Academic Talent Search (ATS) Qualifying Exam

The Academic Talent Search (ATS) Qualifying Exam will be offered at Pioneer **on Wednesday, February 8th at 2:00**. Students who take this test automatically qualify for the ATS Summer Program at Sacramento State. Though there is no obligation to apply, taking the test gives students the opportunity to attend fast-paced, unique, and fun courses.

ATS is a non-profit program that offers 4th-9th grade students (grade level as of Jan. 1, 2012) exciting, interesting classes designed to accelerate learning in subject areas they enjoy.

Each summer, these students have the opportunity to challenge themselves in traditional and non-traditional subjects, meet new friends from other schools, and experience a collegiate environment.

The first step toward participating in ATS is taking the Qualifying Exam. The sign up form can be picked up in the school office. There is a \$15.00 processing fee the day of the test. There are fee waiver's available in the office if needed. Information about classes and sample test questions can be found on the ATS website at <http://edweb.csus.edu/projects/ats>

YEARBOOK SALES GOING STRONG

Pre-Orders for the 2011-2012 yearbooks are on sale NOW. Order forms are available in the office.

**PRICE: \$12 if you pre-order by FEBRUARY 1st
\$15 if you order after FEBRUARY 1st**

Yearbooks will be distributed the end of MAY 2012. Preorder yours today! Any questions, please contact Nadia Battistoni, at battdavis-atb@yahoo.com

Earn 20 FREE Box Tops at Safeway!

Don't miss your chance to earn easy and free money for Pioneer. Between now and January 19, simply **purchase ANY five Box Tops For Education products at Safeway using your Safeway Club Card and you'll receive a code on your receipt worth 20 bonus Box Tops**. Purchases must be made during a single visit, and Bonus Box Tops may be redeemed at 2Ways2Earn.com.

Speaking of which, there are lots of other opportunities to earn extra Box Tops at 2Ways2Earn.com. If you've not already registered your Safeway Club Card online, it's super simple:

Step 1: Visit <http://2ways2earn.com>

Step 2: Click on the "register now" tab.

Step 3: 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 **5 bonus Box Tops** just for signing up!

Step 4: Once you've registered, click on the "eBoxTops tab" to activate a variety of promotional offers. For example, if you purchase six cans of Progresso soups in a single purchase, you'll automatically earn **30 Box Tops!**

Step 5: Click on the "refer a friend" button and invite family members, friends, neighbors and coworkers to join the program ... you'll earn **5 bonus Box Tops** for each new registrant you successfully refer!

And don't worry: eBox Tops count toward your Pioneer collection totals. Just print out the confirmation e-mail once you've received it, and turn it in to the drop box in front of the school office. (Please make sure to write your child's name, grade and classroom teacher somewhere on the form!) Our next turn-in deadline is Friday, February 17. Each entry received by this date will earn one Box Tops Buck to spend at our Box Tops Shop this spring. Questions? Please e-mail Michelle McKim at damckims@pacbell.net.

FUN FILLED NIGHT OF SCIENCE !!!!

"Save the Date for the Pioneer PTA Science Night on January 26th! Mad Science will bring chemistry magic with a dazzling "Fire and Ice" show and share the "Wow!" of science with kids of all ages! Become a mad scientist for the night and test their optical illusions, make your own slippery slime, take on the magnet bridge challenge, and see how weird and amazing science can be! Time: 6pm-8pm, with the show starting promptly at 6:45pm. Place: Pioneer MPR. Have questions? Contact Miriam Martin, mimmartin@gmail.com. Science is fun!"

AUCTION DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE

The date and location of Pioneer's annual auction and dinner **HAS CHANGED!** *

Please mark your calendars for **MARCH 31st, 2012** at the **St. James School Multi-Purpose Room** (across the street from the VMC!)

We are again asking for donations from Pioneer families to help with this great fundraiser. We can use donations such as: gift cards, tickets to sporting events, hosted parties, vacation homes, services, and one-of-a-kind items.

If you have any questions or a donation, please contact: Evelyn Hahn (Event Chair) at evelyn_hahn@pacbell.net

Thank you for supporting our school.

*location was changed due to a large increase in rental costs at the VMC