



PIONEER PRESS

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues. Nov 29: Family Math Night, 6:30-7:30, MPR
Wed. Nov 30: General PTA meeting, **8:30AM**, MPR
Wed. Nov 30: PTA Parent Education Seminar, **8:30AM**, MPR
Dec 12-16: 6th Grade Walker Creek trip
Dec 19-Jan 2: NO SCHOOL, Winter Break
Jan. 16: NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King
Thurs. Jan. 26: Science Night, 6-8pm, MPR
EVERY FRIDAY: SPIRIT DAY-remember to wear school colors
 For additional information. please see online calendar at:

THANK YOU BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS

On behalf of the entire book fair committee, we would like to thank the following volunteers for giving up a portion of their week to Pioneer's Fall book fair: Jennifer Barth, Michelle Bushnell, Heather Rauch, Annie Hertz, Amy Brugger, Kathleen Lee, Steve Korinke, Jen Ermoian, Laura Meinert, Paula McIlraith, Joyce Lee, Dianne Kavrell, Sandy Pellegrini, Rebecca Keller, Amanda Walsh, Jen Christopoulos, Krystal Roa, Jen Allen, Nancy Ostrom, Semra Fanucchi, Maria Ungermann, Cheryl Boeger, Jodi Liederman, Joanne Brennan, and Tamra Coveau. A VERY special thank you goes out to our resident decorations expert Denise Johnson. Thank you as well to Mrs. Brazil and Ms. Liornes for graciously letting us into your library and helping out with the book fair!
 Our Fall book fair was a success because of all of you! Hope to see you in March for our Spring fair....

Christy Solorio, Tracey Soeth, Nadia Battistoni and Debra Brayton
 Pioneer Book Fair Chairs

Making Healthy Choices Contest

Congratulations to the four winners of the Champions of the Chewniverse Making Healthy Choices Contest!
Portia Coveau, a 2nd grader submitted one of the winning entries, a really fantastic story about Fit-Miss teaching Selzomor about the importance of exercise. **Ashleigh Hahn**, a 3rd grader created an awesome "Get Active!" poster. **Caroline Korinke**, a 4th Grader, did an amazing drawing of Fizz Fuzz defeating Mo'Sweetor. **Zoe Poppenga**, a 4th grader that did a fantastic of Fit-Miss defeating Selzomor. Health-E-Man & The Champions of the Chewniverse would like to thank Building Healthy Communities, the Kaiser Foundation, ARI, Inc. and Krishna Abrams the Red Ribbon Week Coordinator, for providing the prizes.

YEARBOOK SALES START MID DECEMBER

Orders for the 2011-2012 yearbook start **mid-December**. Don't miss out! Yearbooks sell out every year...Pre-order yours! Watch for fliers to come home with your children.

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

An Important Community Goal

Here at Pioneer School we have a very diverse community of students and families. The Pioneer staff works hard to support children in making good decisions in relationship to play and acceptance of all of our differences. We want them to understand that everyone has something to contribute and also to accept their own differences and similarities.

How can we support this goal as a school community?

As adults we can:

1. Demonstrate daily an attitude of respect for others, while monitoring our own attitudes.
2. Kids are always listening. We all need to be aware of how we talk about others, about our attitudes towards others.
3. Keep in mind the powerful effect the media and popular culture have on shaping ideas and behaviors.
4. We should help all our children to feel good about themselves. Kids with strong self-esteem are likely to treat others with respect too.
5. Value the uniqueness of each member of your family. Most importantly we need to teach that tolerance does not mean accepting unacceptable behavior. It means that everyone needs to be treated with respect-and should treat others with respect as well. As a school community we share this goal together.

Deborah Brayton, Principal

PTA meeting and PARENT EDUCATION SEMINAR, WED NOV 30th

PTA Welcomes everyone to join us after drop on Nov. 30th at 8:30am in the MPR.

Find out what's happening on our campus and hear from our Guest speaker Leslie Silver Ph.D. on the topic of:

"Being the Best Parent You can Be by taking care of YOU first"

Dr. Leslie Silver will talk about how to manage adult stress

Many Thanks for the DELICIOUS Food during Conference Week

The Pioneer Staff would like to thank Jen Barth for coordinating and providing the teachers and staff with delicious lunches and treats throughout conference week. Thank you to Paula McIlraith, Amanda Walsh and Michelle Bushnell for helping Jen with set up and clean up. Thank you so much to all the Pioneer families who made all the fabulous food we enjoyed all week. It was a real treat!
 The Pioneer Staff

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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Deborah Brayton, Principal....Betsy Hyder , PTA President....Monique Dossa, School Site Chair..... Nadia Battistoni, Editor

Holiday Rosemary Wreaths

Fresh wreaths will be made by our students the week of December 5th. The rosemary used is grown in the school gardens and K-3 students will be working with parents to create these fragrant holiday wreaths. Help out the garden program and purchase your fresh rosemary holiday wreath today! These wreaths sold out last year, so place your orders early.

- \$5 for a 14" fresh rosemary wreath tied with raffia
- Orders accepted thru Friday 12/2
- Orders fulfilled on a first come, first serve basis
- Limit of 5 wreaths per family
- Wreaths will be sent home with your child during the week of December 5th

Order forms are available in the office.

Celebrate the Arts!

Street Smarts poster contest finalists and winners will be honored at a special award ceremony at the Davis Art Center on **December 9th**. The event will feature our own Davis mayor Joe Krovoza, and will kick off an art show including the work of more than 100 students who entered the elementary school traffic safety poster contest this year. All attendees who entered artwork (and are present at the ceremony) will receive a prize, and winning artists will be awarded gift certificates to Alphabet Moon, karate lessons, a brand new Wii system, and more!! If you can't make it to the ceremony, be sure to drop by the Davis Art Center --during their normal hours--before December 19th to see the show and learn more about traffic safety. Visit the Street Smarts website at cityofdavis.org/streetsmarts for more information.

Hope to see you there!

LOST AND FOUND

Please label all of your students' sweatshirts, coats and lunch boxes with your student's name. Every year we donate **many** bags of clothing and other items to charity. We are able to get the lost item back to your student if the item is labeled with a name. Thank you!

Pioneer Family Math Night is Coming!!

Pioneer Elementary School would like to invite you to a Family Math Night on **Tuesday, November 29, from 6:30-7:30** in the Pioneer MPR. This is a wonderful time for families to come together to learn math games that are a part of our mathematics curriculum and have some fun while doing math! There will be age appropriate games from K-6th grade. Students will help teach their parents! Come join in the fun of learning math in new ways!

Check Out A.C.C.E.S.S. After School @ the MPR

A fun, enriching, organized, safe and **affordable** after school program!

A.C.C.E.S.S. offers homework help, specialized enrichment clubs, UC Davis physical fitness program, reading and many more exciting choices for your child after school.

A.C.C.E.S.S. has all day CAMPS the first week of winter break! (December 19th-23rd).

Please stop by the Pioneer MPR after school to visit A.C.C.E.S.S. and experience the fun for yourself! Website: www.daviskidsklub.com E-mail: daviskidsklub@aol.com Call: (530) 220-4731.

NORI LINDBERG

Teacher Spotlight...6th GRADE Pioneer Teacher 10 Things You Don't Know About Me

1. My family has lived in the Davis area since before California became a state.
2. I am the third generation of my family to graduate from DHS and my daughter, Sarah, is the fourth generation.
3. I have gardened at the Davis community gardens on the same plot for 21 years. The Simmons family generously helps out in my garden.
4. I hiked Mount Whitney, Water Wheel Falls, three parts of the Tahoe Rim Trail and Half Dome all within three months.
5. Every year my husband and I make salsa on Labor Day. This year we canned over 100 quarts of salsa.
6. Every year I go abalone diving in Fort Bragg with my family. I do get my limit of three abalones each time.
7. I cannot think of anything I would not eat!! I love food and cooking.
8. I love to make a meal with foods that I have grown in my garden or caught in the sea.
9. I have four chickens that lay eggs, a crowdad that ate my other crowdad, and goldfish that has tripled its size in the past 4 months. I enjoy watching all of my pets, and only think about eating the eggs from the chickens.
10. I did the Warrior Dash this year with two of my cousins. Yes, I crawled over the walls, scaled the cargo net mountains, and swam through the mud pit.

CDC WINTER CAMP

Families who sign up for Winter Camp by **November 30th** will receive **\$25.00** off when they register for a week. The Camps focus will be Wacky Science, Sports, Art and SPA CDC. Please call 758-0611 for more information.

HOSPITALITY FUN

Did you happen to notice some happy teachers roaming around campus during conference week?? I dare say that they were happy with full little bellies filled with delectable treats from our Pioneer Families! If you don't know, tradition at Pioneer is that our PTA feeds the teachers, and entire staff, a beautiful lunch every day of conference week. This is our way of saying "thank you" to the teachers for their long hours and hard work! Our PTA could not achieve the beautiful lunches without the extraordinary support and generosity from our Pioneer community. More than 35 families baked, cooked, bought and generously donated their time and energy to help set up and clean up! Our community is amazing!! If you didn't have a chance to be involved this time but want to help in the future, contact Jen Barth at jbarth@teamvitek.com and you will be put on the list for spring conferences.

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.

BABY ITEM COLLECTION

Girl Scout Troop #2048 is collecting baby items from 11/14 to 12/2 to donate to Davis Crisis Nursery and Families First. A box will be in front of the office for your donations of baby blankets, clothes, toys or other infant items. Thank you!