



# PIONEER PRESS

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1:30 Dismissal Every Wednesday for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues, Sept. 20: Spaghetti Dinner RSVP due to the office

Wed, Sept. 21: General PTA meeting, 6:45pm MPR

Thurs, Sept. 22: Picture day

Tues, Sept 27: Auction mtg, 8:30am, 5712 Cowell Blvd  
All interested are welcome

Tues, Sept 27: Family Spaghetti Feed, 6:30-8pm, MPR  
For additional information, please see online calendar at:

[www.pioneerelementarypta.com](http://www.pioneerelementarypta.com)

## GO WILD FOR INNISBROOK!

Our Innisbrook fundraiser is in full swing! Your child should have brought home the sales catalog in their backpack last week. The kids seem excited about our FREE raffles and prizes and we are happy to be a part of it (no participation necessary to enter the raffle). **OUR SALE RUNS THOUGH SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>.** Follow the EZ steps to enter your orders online. Please make checks payable to PIONEER ELEMENTARY! If you have trouble with the Innisbrook website please call Innisbrook's Customer Service at 1-877-525-5608. Don't forget the class with the best participation (one for primary grades and one for secondary grades) wins a banana split party! Even if your child orders just one item it helps his/her class with the participation award. Please help us reach our goal this year of \$10,000 in profits. Remember 50% of all sales go to our school.

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Robben (756-8270 or [robbenfamily@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robbenfamily@sbcglobal.net)) OR Joanne Brennan (753-8981 or [jolaw67@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jolaw67@sbcglobal.net))!

## ANNUAL FAMILY SPAGHETTI FEED

The PTA is hosting its 3rd Annual Family Spaghetti Feed to wrap up the Membership Drive. Please join us for a free spaghetti dinner in the MPR on **Tues., Sept 27th** between **6:30 and 8:00pm**. RSVP forms were sent home with children last week & are due to the office this **Tues, Sept 20**. Hope to see you there! Questions? Need an RSVP form? E-mail [joycohan1@gmail.com](mailto:joycohan1@gmail.com)

## PICTURE DAY

Mark your calendar! Picture Day is **THIS Thursday, September 22nd**. If you need a picture form, extras are available in the office. Visit [Lifetouch.com](http://Lifetouch.com) for clothing suggestions, online payment details and more.

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

### **Pioneer Traffic Safety...Safe kids are Happy Kids!**

Dear Pioneer Community,  
Moving your children into the school and out of the school safely is our number one goal at Pioneer. Over the years a safe route to school has been developed with the Davis Police to insure that the traffic flow into school is smooth and affords adequate space for bicycles to move in and out of the school safely.

We continue to need your help:

- 1> The White painted curve in front of the school is for drop off, not for parking. When everyone uses it for drop off in the morning, rather than parking and leaving their car, traffic moves smoothly.
- 2> Do not park in the zones marked by the city before school 7:45-8:45 and after school 1:30-3:30. These zones can produce a real ticket from our local police, not just the friendly Pioneer reminders.
- 3> Children should never be let off to dash between cars to get to the curb or cross where there is no crosswalk.
- 4> All drivers must stop for the cross walks when children are present. Please look both ways. Do not park in a crosswalk.
- 5> Please drive up Cowell not Hamel when arriving to school. This really does keep the traffic in a safe flow.
- 6> And finally, do remember there are no left hand turns from Hamel into our drop off lane in the morning.

Thank you to everyone who follows our safe rules and to those that are going to start following them after you read this. Kids Safety is our number one objective.

**Deborah Brayton, Pioneer Principal**

## BIKE SAFETY NOTICE

Please be advised that the crossing guard is only allowed to stop traffic and escort bicycle riders across the street if they are **walking their bicycles**. They cannot be riding their bicycle when the crossing guard is stopping traffic. Please ask your children to get off their bicycles and walk them across the crosswalk when they are crossing. Thank you!

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](mailto:kdwdjohnson@sbcglobal.net)

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### The Davis Children's Chorale

Sing? Me? YES! Does your child like to sing? Come be a part of Davis's premier children's choir, where you can: discover your voice, learn to sing well, find your do-re-mi's, make new friends and have fun. We are currently accepting new members – boys and girls from 3rd to 9<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join and experience the joy of singing. Please contact Mica Gaard at (530) 574-5026 or [mgaard@gmail.com](mailto:mgaard@gmail.com) for more information or visit us on the web at [www.vapinc.org/dcchor.php](http://www.vapinc.org/dcchor.php)

### eSCRIP and Nugget Scrip

For those of you who shop at Safeway, please register your **Safeway Club Card** at [eScrip.com](http://eScrip.com) and indicate Pioneer Elementary School as your school to support. Each time you swipe your club card, Pioneer will receive a percentage of your grocery receipts. There is no charge to join this program.

If you shop at **Nugget Market**, please consider using the **Nugget Scrip Card**. Their program is separate from eScrip but works in a similar way. Just pick up a Nugget Scrip card in the front office and go to [nuggetmarket.com](http://nuggetmarket.com) to register your card. Select Pioneer as your supporting school. Every time you shop at any Nugget, swipe your card & Nugget will donate a percentage of your purchase to Pioneer. There is no cost to use these programs and they are important fundraisers for our school. We earn thousands of dollars each year through these programs. If you have any questions or if you need help registering your cards online, call or email me.

- Patty Spring, coordinator - eScrip and Nugget Scrip  
email: [p-spring@pacbell.net](mailto:p-spring@pacbell.net) cell: 530-902-2416

### KICKBALL LEAGUE FOR KIDS DURING LUNCH

Attn: Parent Volunteers are needed this year for a Kickball competition during lunchtime hours. Sixth Grade Teacher Scott Daugherty has volunteered his time to start a kickball League with 3 divisions: 1st grade/ 2nd grade, 3rd grade/ 4th grade and 5th grade/6th grade. All games will be played during the three lunch recesses. We need parent volunteers to make this work. No experience necessary. Parents will pitch (a simple roll of the ball) and umpire. We would like to have two parents per lunch to work three games (11:45-1:15). Please consider your time for this endeavor. More Parent involvement at lunchtime only improves our children's elementary experience. Come out for some fun in the sun while out of the office or home. Consider volunteering once a week, twice a week, or once a month. Any time would be a great help to your school. If you can't volunteer for all three lunches; come out for half of it. We need your help to make this successful. Please contact Steve Korinke at [jfksck@pacbell.net](mailto:jfksck@pacbell.net) if interested.

### Girl Scout Information Night

All parents and girls in K-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us for one of these meetings to learn more about joining Girl Scouts

Thurs, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm-Girl Scout Cabin, 2850 Temple Dr  
Wed, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm- Davis Library, Blanchard Room 315 East 14<sup>th</sup> St

**Contact:** Janice (530) 601-0088 or [jlwaddell@me.com](mailto:jlwaddell@me.com) for more information.

### A Message from Betsy Hyder, PTA President

Dear Pioneer community-  
WOW!! Another new school year is off and running. I love it and all the activity it brings.

Thank you for the support that you have already pledged in your child's classroom, for the fall festival, doing committee work, returning a spaghetti dinner rsvp, collecting boxtops, wearing green and gold and the numerous other ways you have engaged in the new year. There are not many places with the spirit of volunteerism exhibited like it is @ Pioneer! September and October are active months on campus. There are so many wonderful volunteer opportunities! *First*, our membership drive continues throughout September. If you haven't yet joined PTA, please print the membership and volunteer form on <http://pioneerelementarypta.com>, attach a check and put it in your child's backpack or drop it off in the office. We would LOVE 100% participation on PTA! Teachers.... that means you TOO! Join now. Our *second* largest fundraiser kicks off in September. Funds earned by selling Innisbrook wrapping, gifts and sundries are a **MAJOR** part of bringing academic enrichment programs and state-of-the art equipment to Pioneer. Please put your full support behind selling Innisbrook this year to support our school.

*Third*, our first **PTA general membership meeting** will be held this month. It is an opportunity for you to learn of the PTA sponsored programs available to your children this year. The budget for the year will be presented and voted on. Voting on the budget is the biggest responsibility of the membership in addition to fundraising. Please come and participate on **September 21st at 6:45pm** in the MPR...If you have a kindergarten student, come as soon as you can. September is going to be exciting! Join us in the Pioneer energy. It gives back to you more than your single investment. Make your desire to get connected known! Any parent/teacher with a green bracelet can answer your questions. Fill out a volunteer form from our website, turn it into the front office and get connected!

GO PRAIRIE DOGS and see you on the 21st!

*Betsy Hyder, PTA President*

### AUCTION PLANNING MEETING

It's that time of year again -time to start the planning process for Pioneer's annual auction. If you are interested in helping plan this year's auction, please attend our first planning meeting at **5712 Cowell Blvd** on Tues, **Sept. 27th** at 8:30am. If you can't attend the meeting, but want to be involved, please contact Evelyn Hahn at [evelyn\\_hahn@pacbell.net](mailto:evelyn_hahn@pacbell.net)

### Fall Festival is October 23rd!!!

Save the date of **Sunday, October 23rd**, for a day of good fun and good food! The day will be filled with carnival games, a haunted house, clown, rummage sale, fun prizes and much, much more! You will be able to tie-dye your own shirt, have your face painted and bid on the garden class' scarecrows. Delicious food from many vendors will be on hand for lunch, and don't forget to top it off with some yummy goodies from the bake sale! Plenty of pumpkins will be available for purchase as well. So come join us from **11:00am-2:30pm**. Volunteers are still needed-please contact Sally McGowan ([clanmcgowan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clanmcgowan@sbcglobal.net)) or Heather Rauch ([rauchen98@gmail.com](mailto:rauchen98@gmail.com))