Dear Parents:

The coming of December has brought one staffing change to Pioneer Park. Miss Amanda Bakker, who was filling in for Mrs. Tierney has left our school. I wish to thank Miss Bakker for her work at Pioneer Park and wish her all the best in her future teaching endeavors. In her place, it is a pleasure to welcome Miss Melissa Schrader to the staff here at Pioneer Park. Miss Schrader will be teaching French to C2, C3, A5, A6 as well as delivering the Early Intervention Program. Welcome Miss Schrader.

Last week, Panther Hockey was honoured to receive a grant of $25,000 from the Royal Bank of Canada’s “Play Hockey” initiative. The money received will be used to purchase equipment and ice time for Mr. Sanderson’s hockey program. Congratulations to Mr. Sanderson on receiving this grant and for his leadership and dedication providing this excellent program for students.

Our Annual Holiday Concert will take place on Friday, December 14 starting at 1:45 p.m. in our gym. Please mark this date on your calendar. For those parents who are unable to be with us on Friday afternoon, you are more than welcome to attend our Dress Rehearsal on Thursday, December 13th at the same time. Our students look forward to seeing you!

Finally, as we enter the Holiday Season, on behalf of the staff and students of Pioneer Park, I would like to extend our wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and for a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year.

Glenn A. Kitamura
Principal

### Dates to Remember

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PIONEER PARK HOLIDAY CONCERT

Friday, December 14 at 1:45 pm

Come out and see all our very talented Panthers!!!

We will also have a dress rehearsal on Thursday, December 13 at 1:45 pm. You are welcome to join us in the Gym, however due to limited space, there may be standing room only.

We ask that you arrive only 10 minutes prior and please wait outside on the tarmac by the gym. If we have inclement weather, you may wait in the main foyer by the front door.

We are also asking for a donation to the food bank as your admission ‘ticket’.

Please refrain from wearing fragrances.

Please consider walking to our school from your home as there is no visitor parking available in our school parking lot. Street parking is available.

Please note, there is a no-parking zone in front of the school.

Congratulations to our Panther Hockey Hard Hat Worker Winners!!!

David J.  Trey F.  Eddie P.
Ella K.  Charlie A.  Ethan S.
REMINDER THAT ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE

Please use the Front Door or the “A” door (parking lot end of school) to enter our school.

If you are signing in your child as ‘LATE’, please say your goodbyes in the office and let your child go to their classroom on their own (JK/SK exception).

If you are dropping off their snowpants, projects, lunches, forgotten items, etc. or meeting with a teacher, please sign in, take a visitor’s badge before proceeding down the hallway.

When leaving the building, please use only the Front Door or the “A” door. Please do not walk through the school.

When picking up your child at the end of the day, please arrange for an outside meeting spot. Please do not enter the school. **These procedures are to ensure the safety of our students.**

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**Christmas Miracle Food Hamper Project Dec 1-13**

*Tins or Toonies*

Pioneer Park is participating in a Food Hamper collection this holiday season. Many of our families are recipients of these hampers. Please donate either a non-perishable food item or a toonie and your child will be able to place a sticker on the christmas tree.

Please support our Panther community

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**Creative Playground**

*Our Creative Playground is now closed for the season.*

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**Over the holidays, please continue to collect:**

- Zehrs receipts
- Campbell’s Soup Labels
- Goldfish Cracker UPCs
- KoolAid Jammer packaging

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**PARKING LOT**

Please remember that our parking lot is for staff parking only as our lot only has enough spaces to accommodate the requirements needed for staff. Parents are asked not to use the parking lot to drop-off or pick-up students. Please use the available parking on Upper Canada Drive for this purpose. In the near future, you will notice new “Staff Parking Only” signs. Please also remind children that they should not use the parking lot as a pathway to gain access to the school property. There is a sidewalk that makes its way from Upper Canada Drive to “A” door. This is a much safer route for students. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
REMINDER

Attendance line phone number
519-570-8115 X 3632
Report all absences and lates to this number.
Please take the time to update this number in your home phone directory
or cell phone directory.

From the Library

Great news!! The Ontario Library Association programs, Blue Spruce and Silver Birch will be starting in the new year!!
Registration for Silver Birch Express (Gr 3 & 4) and Silver Birch Fiction & Non-Fiction (Gr 5 & 6) will be during the first week in January. There is no registration required for the Blue Spruce Program as the homeroom teachers will participate with their students during January & February.

Winter Clothing Drive

The Students in classroom A1 have decided to help out the Salvation Army with the cold clothing drive.

For this drive we will be collecting coats, snow pants, hats, mittens/gloves, and sleeping bags for all ages.

There will be a box outside the main office for you to drop off your donations. You may make your donation from December 10th to the 14th.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful initiative!!