



Dear Parents:

With the arrival of January, I wish to announce one staffing change. Mrs. Yau, one of our Extended Day Early Childhood Educators is off on a maternity leave. In her place, I would like to welcome Miss K. Rinzema to our Full Day Kindergarten Team. She will be working with Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Twomey in B5.

Many students receive a wide variety of new possessions during the Christmas season which may include personal electronic devices. Students who bring these and any other item of personal value to school are reminded that they do so at their own risk. Since these items are not required for curriculum purposes, they must be stored in knapsacks and are not to be accessed until the outside portion of the nutrition break.

As many of you are aware, Pioneer Park is currently under a boundary review. A final public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at J. W. Gerth Public School. All are invited to attend.

The school parking lot continues to be an area of great concern. Parents are reminded that due to space limitations, our parking lot is reserved for staff and is not to be used as an area to drop-off or pick up students. Appropriate signage has been posted. For those parents who absolutely must drive students to school, limited parking is available on Upper Canada Drive. Please be mindful of the “No Parking” and “No Stopping” signs that have been posted by the City of Kitchener. By-law officers regularly patrol this area and will issue tickets to cars illegally stopped or parked.

In closing, on behalf of the staff at Pioneer Park, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

Glenn A. Kitamura
 Principal

Dates to Remember

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27	Panther Hockey—5pm Conestoga College Recreation Centre
Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31	Session 2 of Learn to Skate 6 pm Conestoga College Rec Centre
Jan. 16	Pizza Orders Due—no late orders please
Jan. 17	Professional Development Day—NO SCHOOL
Jan. 21	School Council Meeting—7 pm Library
Feb. 6, 20, Mar. 6 & 20	Pizza Days
Feb. 10	Term 1 Report Cards come home
	Kindergarten Registration—please call to make an appointment for JK or NEW SK students
Feb. 14	Valentines Day—Wear RED and PINK
Feb. 17	Family Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL
Feb. 18	School Council Meeting—7pm Library
Feb. 25	Learn to Ski—Grades 4, 5, 6
Mar. 7 to 16	MARCH BREAK—NO SCHOOL

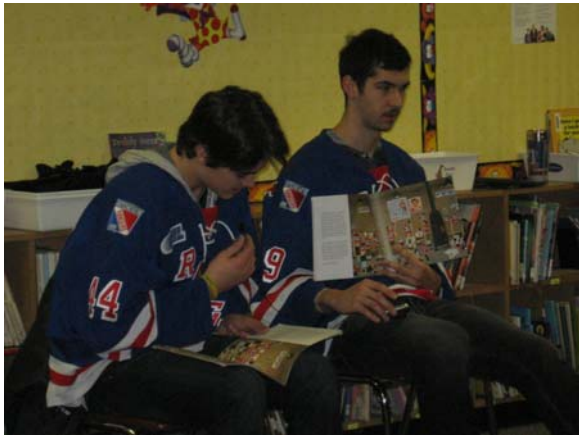
NOTE: It has come to our attention that some parents are having difficulty using our automated ATTENDANCE line, especially when using your cell phone. You must call 519-570-8115 X 3632 **and make sure you hit the # sign**. This should work, if not please call the school and report the issue. We need your input to improve our phone voicemail system. THANK YOU!!



**GET IN THE HABIT NOW.
CHECK OUT THE NEWSLETTER
ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!
<http://pio.wrdsb.on.ca>**



READING WITH THE RANGERS!!



On November 27th, the primary students of Pioneer Park had the privilege of welcoming the Kitchener Rangers to read to them. Frank Hora and Matthew Greenfield visited the school from the program, "Reading with the Rangers". Frank and Matthew had the students attention as they read "The Hockey Sweater" to the students. The students discovered that the Rangers ensure school is first and how they help each other on and off of the ice to be part of a team. Both P1 and A4 had the privilege of having their picture taken with the Rangers at the end of the program.



Canadian Tire Money Collection

A huge thank you to all the families who sent in donations of Canadian Tire Money. We collected \$162 and were able to purchase toys for 2 children for the Angel Tree and the balance went to the Tree of Hope. We are very fortunate to have such a giving school community. Thanks to the Canadian Tire store on Fairway for matching our collection.



Tins or Toonies

This year's annual food drive brought in over \$150.00 in toonies and over 650 non-perishable food items. We would like to congratulate A2, A3, and P4 for collecting the most donations. These classes did a wonderful job decorating Mrs. Fallis, Mr. Ruehle and Ms. Williams as Christmas Trees.

Thank you to our school community for your generosity.



Kindergarten Registration

FEBRUARY 11, 12 & 13

For Children born in 2009 & 2010



Please call the school to book an appointment to complete the registration at 519-748-0142

If you have a neighbour who might have children who need to register, please pass along this information.

IF your child is currently in JK at Pioneer Park, there is no need to re-register for SK

Appointment times available at Pioneer Park PS:

Feb. 11 - 2pm to 6pm, Feb. 12- 10am to 2pm, Feb. 13 - 1pm to 4pm first come, first serve

If you are unable to register during the above times, four central registration locations are: Saturday, Feb. 8—9am to noon—Education Centre-Cambridge Room

Tuesday, Feb. 11- 5pm to 8pm—Bluevale Collegiate

Wednesday, Feb. 12—5pm to 8pm—Forest Heights Collegiate

Thursday, Feb. 13—5pm to 8pm—Galt Collegiate



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.

PLEASE NOTE: you must press # after entering the ext number



From the Library

Great news!! The Ontario Library Association programs, Blue Spruce and Silver Birch will be starting in the new year!!

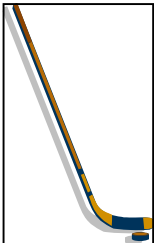
Registration for Silver Birch Express (Gr 3 & 4) and Silver Birch Fiction & Non-Fiction (Gr 5 & 6) will be during the first week in January. There is no registration required for the Blue Spruce Program as the homeroom teachers will participate with their students during January & February.

HEADPHONES!

All classes in our school spend time in the computer lab each week. It is important for all students to have their own pair of headphones to use in the computer lab. Headphones can be purchased at most dollar stores. If you have not already done so, please send a pair of headphones to school with your child. Thanks you!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PANTHER HOCKEY HARD HAT



WORKER WINNERS!!!

Ben Z.
Justin D.

Ethan V.
Mason C.

Gary A.
Owen W.



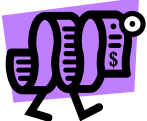
Please continue to collect:

Campbell's Soup Labels

Goldfish Cracker UPCs

KoolAid Jammer packaging

We no longer collect Zehrs Tapes



Creative Playground

Our Creative Playground is now closed for the season.