



Dear Parents:

The beginning of February brings Term 1 to an end. Throughout this term, our students have experienced many interesting and exciting learning opportunities. During my visits to classrooms, I have been extremely impressed by the level of student engagement and the efforts of our staff to support student learning. On Monday, February 10, parents will receive their child's Term 1 Report Card. Although there are no formal interviews scheduled at this time, parents who have questions regarding their child's achievement on this report card are asked to contact their child's teacher. In this way we can continue to work together to help each student reach their full potential.

This winter has been an extremely cold one where we have experienced many consecutive days of sub-zero temperatures. During these times, we do our best to keep our students safe from the elements by implementing early entry and indoor nutrition breaks. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for these conditions and remind your children of the importance of wearing all of their winter gear when they are going outside. At times, we have noticed that some of our students make inappropriate choices because they underestimate the weather conditions. You can also help by ensuring that students do not arrive at school before 8:50 a.m. This is the time when supervision begins and the time of our early entry on extreme weather days. Students who arrive prior to this time will be unsupervised or in the event of sub-zero temperatures, will have to wait outside until our early entry begins.

Last year, our School Council ran a Bag2School Fundraiser which was extremely successful. Plans are now under way to do this again this spring. You can help by collecting items of clothing that you no longer need and donate them to the school. The Bag2School organization pays us \$200 per tonne for these items and makes them available to developing countries around the world. Please consider helping our School Council with this initiative. More information will be coming home at a later date.

In closing, I wish to thank parents for their support during the first term and I look forward to a successful Term 2 for our students.

If at any time you have concerns about your child's progress, do not hesitate to call.

Glenn Kitamura

Principal

Dates to Remember

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| Feb. 3, 10, 24, Mar. 3,17, 24,31 | Panther Hockey—5pm Conestoga College Recreation Centre |
| Feb. 6, 20, Mar. 6 &20 | Pizza Days |
| Feb. 10 | Term 1 Report Cards come home |
| Feb. 11, 12, 13 | Kindergarten Registration—please call to make an appointment for JK or NEW SK students |
| Feb. 13 | Panthers Hockey Trip to Kitchener Auditorium 8:45am to 12:30 pm |
| Feb. 14 | Valentines Day—Wear RED and PINK |
| Feb. 17 | Family Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL |
| Feb. 18 | Dance-a-thon Kick Off Assembly |
| Feb. 18 | School Council Meeting—7pm Library |
| Feb. 25 | Learn to Ski/Snowboard Trip—Grades 4, 5, 6 |
| Mar. 5 | Crazy Tie Day |
| Mar. 7 to 16 | MARCH BREAK—NO SCHOOL |
| Mar. 17 | BACK TO SCHOOL—Green Day |

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>**



KW Symphony Visit

The primary students were very fortunate to have a musician from the KW Symphony visit on Wednesday, January 10th. Angela Daly shared her violin with the students as well as her knowledge and love of Music. The primary students then travelled to the Centre in the Square on Tuesday January 21 for a performance, Music Tells a Story. We were able to watch Angela play along with the KWS. Below are some comments and quotes from our students about the concert.

Joshua- *"It was awesome! I liked how there were so many instruments."*

Brooke, Lyric, Tyler, Hailey- *"The Hall of the Mountain King was my favourite song."*

Sara- *"It was amazing how they worked together to create one song."*

Victoria- *"It was very exciting to see the instruments."*

Amelia- *"I learned that there can be music and stories with and without singing."*

Rebecca- *"The music was beautiful!"*

Dayton- *"I thought that the Beethoven song was the best!"*

Charlee and Serenity- *"I really enjoyed watching the play and listening to the storytelling. It was really funny."*

Armaan- *"I liked watching the bow on the violin."*

Josh- *"I liked seeing the instruments in real life!"*

Grace- *"I learned that Music doesn't sound good, it also can tell a tale or a story."*

Brittany- *"I liked listening and watching them play the Nutcracker song."*

Joe- *"I liked when the violins played."*

Tessa- *"I really liked how some songs were very quiet and some were very loud."*

Joyanna- *"I enjoyed watching the conductor."*

Billy- *"I liked watching the trombone."*





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:

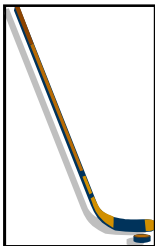
Feb. 11 - 2pm to 6pm, Feb. 12- 10am to 2pm, Feb. 13 - 1pm to 4pm first come, first serve

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



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PANTHER
HOCKEY HARD HAT
WORKER WINNERS!!!**



Brittany M. Tim F.
Charlie A. Ella K.

Upcoming Events

February 9th—Two Panther Players get to spend the day with the Leafs—Emma T. and Charlie A.

February 13th—Ice time/Tour with the Rangers and a pizza lunch for attendees when we get back-send in your permission forms asap

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

The Silver Birch Reading Program is up and running! We have 41 Express readers, 30 Fiction readers, and 27 Non Fiction readers. All of these students will be reading recently published books by Canadian authors. Voting day will be in mid April. You can help by encouraging your child to read and then return the Silver Birch books promptly.

On the Pioneer Park school website there are tracking sheets for the Silver Birch programs (Express, Fiction and Non-Fiction). You can save these to your computer at home or you can print them at home. On the Pioneer Park website: pio.wrdsb.on.ca on the sidebar you will see "library", click on that and you will find the downloadable/printable tracking sheets for Silver Birch. You will also find other information about the library.

The Blue Spruce is also up and running for our JK to Grade 2 students. There is no registration for this program and the reading starts in the classroom or the library at any time between January and April. The official voting day is April 23, 2014.

More information on both of these programs can be obtained at www.accessola.com

Happy Reading!

Mrs K. Fohring

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!



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.