



Dear Parents:

As we enter March, I would like to announce another staffing change at Pioneer Park. At the beginning of February, Mrs. McKeon, one of our Early Childhood Educators, resigned her position to pursue a career in teaching. Mrs. McKeon was successful in being appointed to the Occasional Teachers Roster with our Board. I wish to thank Mrs. McKeon for her work at Pioneer Park over the past two years and I wish her continued success in her role as an Occasional Teacher. Miss Rinzema, an extended day ECE working in B5 has now moved to the core day position that became available with Mrs. McKeon's resignation. I am pleased to announce that Ms. P. Brown has been hired as the new extended day ECE (afternoon shift). Ms. Brown will be working with Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Twomey and the students of B5. Welcome Ms. Brown.

At this time of year, principals begin the process of planning for the next school year. To help me with my planning, I am requesting your help. Although Kindergarten registration has come and gone, I do recognize that there may be kindergarten aged students within our community who have not yet registered. If you have a child who is age appropriate for kindergarten (born 2009 or 2010) please call the school to make arrangements to complete the registration process. Please pass this information along to any families that you know of who also have students of kindergarten age. Also, if you are planning to move out of our Pioneer Park area, I would appreciate knowing about this. By doing so, I can contact your child's new school so they can also plan appropriately.

This winter has been an extremely harsh one with many consecutive days of sub-zero temperatures. Although we permit early entry on those extremely cold days, we still find many children arriving as early as 8:30 a.m. Please help us keep our students safe by ensuring that they are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions and arrive at school when supervision begins at 8:50 a.m. In the event of extremely cold weather, this is the time when they will be permitted to enter the school.

As we continue our work in the second term, I would like to thank our parents for their support as we strive to provide a quality educational program for all students. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

G. A. Kitamura  
Principal

## Dates to Remember

Mar. 3, 17, 24, 31, Apr 7,14,21	Panther Hockey—5pm Conestoga College Recreation Centre
Mar. 5	Crazy Tie Day
Mar. 6 & 20	Pizza Days (Mar. 20 last date on this order)
Mar. 6	Dance-a-thon Fundraiser—Please sponsor generously
Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28	Girls only Panther Hockey
Mar. 7 to 16	MARCH BREAK—NO SCHOOL
Mar. 17	BACK TO SCHOOL—Green Day—Spirit Day—Wear GREEN
Mar. 18 & Apr. 15	School Council Meetings—7pm Library
Mar. 27	LAST Pizza Order for this year is DUE
Apr. 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29, June 12	Pizza Days
Apr. 10	Hockey Jersey Day—Wear your HOCKEY JERSEY
Apr. 17	Spring Photo Day/Sibling Photo Day—Wear your biggest SMILE
Apr. 18/21	EASTER Holidays—Good Friday/Easter Monday—No School
Apr. 23	PJ Day—Spirit Day—Wear your favourite PJs to 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>



## BAG2SCHOOL

Pioneer Park School council is pleased to announce that our school has organized another clothing collection with [Bag2School](#) to raise funds for the school on May 23, 2014.

These funds will be used to purchase a 'buddy bench'. The purpose of this bench is to provide a space for those students who are looking for a buddy to interact with while outside at nutrition break.

[Bag2School](#) provides **free fund raising** for schools, churches, and sports organizations and, since its inception in 2001, has helped raise over **\$20,000,000** in Canada, USA, Great Britain and Holland.

By getting involved with this clothing collection you have an opportunity to help raise funds for your school as well as **helping the environment** by diverting unwanted textiles away from land fill sites. In addition, it will help raise the students' awareness of the benefits of the 3 "R's"—Reuse, Recycle and Reduce.

Please donate any unwanted clothing - hats, belts, purses, footwear (tied in pairs please) - and soft/stuffed toys, bedding, drapes. If your donation bag is not big enough for all of your items, you can use any other type of bag(s) as well.



To help raise the maximum funds for your school, please ask your relatives, neighbours and friends to go through their closets too – a team effort makes all the difference!

**Start collecting your items for May 23 drop off!**

[Bag2School](#) will help you to raise funds by paying your school **\$200/ton**. Visit [www.bag2school.ca](http://www.bag2school.ca) for more information

# Kindergarten Registration continues



**For Children born in 2009 & 2010**

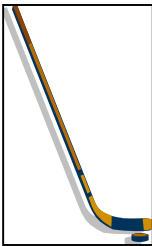


**Please call the school and arrange to pick up paperwork for registration at 519-748-0142**

*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**

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



Ben Z.  
Justin D.

Ethan V.  
Mason C.

Gary A.  
Owen W.



## **MARCH 6TH IS OUR DANCE-A-THON FUNDRAISING DAY!!**



Collect your pledges and bring them to school before Tuesday, March 4.  
Students are not encouraged to go door-to-door.

Students are invited to make on-line music requests prior to the big event. Visit [www.professorjamz.com](http://www.professorjamz.com) and click on the “**Kidz Lab**” and then select “**Pioneer Park**” from the list of schools to see cool kid-friendly videos and make music requests.

Each class will have an opportunity to dance in the gym over the course of the day.

Glow items (bracelets, sticks, etc) will be available for purchase at a cost of \$1 to \$3 per item.

**THANK YOU for SUPPORTING our fundraising efforts!!!**



### 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**



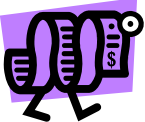
## WOW!!

### Ryan Laird was here!

Two Time Canadian Country Music  
Award Nominee

Ryan Laird came to  
Pioneer Park Public School on  
Thursday February 20, 2014.

Ryan Laird presented his anti-bullying message by talking to students about his bullying experience, how he came to write the song "Hey Ashley" and what you can do if you are bullied. There was time for Ryan and Scotty to sing songs like "I'm Your Man" and "Girl Crazy"...plus lots more! His friend Scotty as well as Ryan took time for some air guitar with Mr. Ruehle and Gabe. Ryan also talked about dreams with Michael and Holly and sang a song with Mrs. Guenther, Nyjah, Ryan and Hannah. A great time was had by all!



**Please continue to collect:**

Campbell's Soup Labels

Goldfish Cracker UPCs

KoolAid Jammer packaging

We no longer collect Zehrs Tapes

