



Panther

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Dear Parents:

As we roll into the month of May, we are hopeful that spring has finally arrived. At this time, I would like to welcome back Mrs. Stork to Pioneer Park. Mrs. Stork will be resuming her duties working with the students in P3. With Mrs. Stork's return, we would like to thank Mrs. Colquhoun for her work this year. I am very happy to report that Mrs. Colquhoun has secured a position at J.F. Carmichael School for the remainder of the school year. We wish her continued success as she moves to her new school.

During this time of year, principals are now in the process of organizing classrooms in preparation for September. If your family is moving out of the Pioneer Park community, please call the school as soon as possible to let us know where you will be moving. This will help us and your child's new school plan accordingly.

With the arrival of nicer weather, many students make plans to play with classmates after school. To ensure that parents know where their children are, we encourage all students to go home immediately after school, check in with a parent or guardian, and then meet up with friends to play. By encouraging your child to follow this procedure, we can ensure for the safety of our students.

The spring season brings an end to Panther Hockey for another year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Sanderson for his leadership in organizing this outstanding program. It really makes a difference for our students. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs. Weinert for all of her administrative assistance with the program. Finally, thanks to all of the volunteer coaches who help out at the rink at each outing. We couldn't run this program without you!

Glenn A. Kitamura
Principal

Dates to Remember

May 1, 15, 29, June 12	Pizza Days (June 12th last pizza day for the year)
May 9	Crazy Hat Spirit Day—Wear your craziest hat
May 9	JUMP ROPE/HOOPS FOR HEART FUNDRAISER FOR HEART AND STROKE
May 19	VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL
May 20	School Council Meeting
May 20, 21	Humane Society Visits
May 23	BAG2School Clothing Drive—please send in your clothing donations
June 13	Twin Spirit Day—Dress up like your twin
June 12	Library Books due
June 23	Grade 6 Graduation—2pm
June 23	Term 2 Report Cards come home
June 27	Professional Activity Day— NO SCHOOL —summer holidays begin
Sept. 2	WELCOME Back to School



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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!

Please bring your items for drop off May 23 !

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

MUSIC MONDAY

Pioneer Park students and staff will once again be participating in Music Monday this year to celebrate and to emphasize the importance of music education. On Monday May 5, we will fill the skies with music as the entire school will be outside (weather permitting) and singing a variety of songs. Please join us as we celebrate Music Mondays 10th Anniversary. Feel free to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools Survey-PARENTS/GUARDIANS

A Safe, Caring and Inclusive School (SCIS) is a place where all partners – students, staff, parents, and community members treat one-another fairly, with respect and kindness, and act in a socially responsible way towards all members of the school community. It is an inclusive community where diversity is affirmed within a framework of common values, and where all members participate in decision making and cooperate to promote the well-being of all. High expectations exist so that students are engaged academically, socially and intellectually. Studies emphasize the contribution of a positive learning environment to student success.

Before schools can build and/or strengthen a safe, caring and inclusive school culture, they need to get greater insight to the existing culture. Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools surveys will assist schools in understanding and describing the current school culture while identifying areas for improvement. It is important to ensure that representatives from all sectors of the school and its community participate in any type of survey or assessment.

The generally accepted factors that comprise school climate include: relationships between students, and between students and staff; teaching and learning environment; school safety and the physical school environment.

Three groups are being surveyed: students in grades 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 11, school staff and parents/guardians.

The SCIS Survey for **PARENTS/GUARDIANS** can be accessed through the Waterloo Region District School Board website at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCIS_ParentGuardian



or via a link posted on the school's website at pio.wrdsb.on.ca

Responses to the surveys are anonymous and confidential.

All Surveys will be open beginning on May 1, 2014 and will close on May 31, 2014.



THANK YOU to all the parents/guardians who call when their child is going to be late or absent. We truly appreciate it.

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#

Library News



Silver Birch Pioneer Park Favorites are:
 Silver Birch Express: When I Get Older: The Story Behind "Wavin' Flag"
 Silver Birch Fiction: Nobody's Dog
 Silver Birch Non Fiction: Robbers: True Stories Of The World's Most Notorious Thieves
 Blue Spruce Pioneer Park Favorite is: This Is Not My Hat

The official voting day for both programs is April 23. The official winners will be announced mid May 2014! Stay Tuned!

All library books need to be returned to the library on/by Friday June 13, 2014. Zero Day week begins Monday June 9 and ends Friday June 13 - students Zero Day will be their last library exchange that week OR Friday June 13.

MISSING BOOKS—We have an extensive missing inventory list...Please search your house to see if you have any Pioneer Park PS library books. These are books that may not have been signed out but may have inadvertently been picked up. When searching for a Pioneer Park school library book, please look for a barcode or a spine label. If you think you found one bring it to Mrs. Fohring - there are prizes for students who find one from our missing list!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PANTHER HOCKEY PLAYERS/LEARN TO SKATE PARTICIPANTS!!!

Thanks for an awesome season!
 Please return your equipment as soon as possible. Please wash your jerseys and socks and have your skates sharpened.

We look forward to playing at Sportsworld Arena next season. Thanks for your support!!

Please continue to collect:

Campbell's Soup Labels
 Goldfish Cracker UPCs KoolAid Jammer packaging

We no longer collect Zehrs Tapes—Zehrs has ended their receipt redemption program

