



Panther

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Dear Parents:

With the arrival of the New Year, there are two staffing changes that I would like to announce. Mrs. Graham, one of our Early Childhood Educators completed her work assignment here at the end of December. Mrs. Graham will be continuing her career at Ayr Public School. Also leaving our staff is Miss Rank, one of our Kindergarten Educational Assistants. Miss Rank has accepted a position on the Occasional Teachers' Roster. We wish thank Mrs. Graham and Miss Rank for their service to the students of Pioneer Park and wish them all the best as they move to their new positions. We are pleased to welcome back Mrs. Yau to our FDK program. Mrs. Yau has returned from her maternity leave and will be working with Mrs. Herriott and Mrs. Sargent in B5. We also wish to welcome Miss Kains to our staff. She will be working as an Educational Assistant replacing Miss Rank supporting Kindergarten students.

Many students receive a wide variety of new possessions over the Christmas season which may include personal electronic devices. Students who bring these and any other items of personal value to the 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.

Our school parking lot continues to be a concern. Once again I am requesting that parents find alternative places to park. Parking in the school parking lot for the purpose of picking up and dropping off students places those students at risk as there is moving traffic present during these times. Please help keep our children safe. 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. 15, 22, 29, Feb 5, 12, 19, 26	Panther Hockey—5:15 pm Sportsworld Arena
Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23	Learn to Skate 6:15 pm Sportsworld Arena
Jan. 15, 29, Feb 12, 26	Subway Sub Lunch Days
Jan. 30	Professional Development Day—NO SCHOOL
Jan. 20	School Council Meeting—7 pm Library
Jan. 8, 22, Feb 5, 19, Mar 5	Pizza Days
Feb. 20	Term 1 Report Cards come home
Feb. 2, 4 & 5	Kindergarten Registration—please call to make an appointment for JK or NEW SK students
Feb. 14	Valentines Day—Wear RED and PINK
Feb. 16	Family Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL
Feb. 17	School Council Meeting—7pm Library
Feb. 27	Learn to Ski—Grades 4, 5, 6—more info coming soon!!
Mar. 14 to 22	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 push 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 our School information
ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!

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Panther Paws



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The Pioneer Park students have been demonstrating some superb, fantastic behaviours and are then recognized with a Panther Paw. The Panther Paw program began in September to recognize students making good choices or demonstrating their caring or respect towards others. Each week students are recognized and once a month, 4 primary and 4 junior students are drawn to be the Panther of the Month and given a small treat for their great work. Their picture is also displayed on the bulletin board for the month.



Our Caveman Celebration took place in the library last week. Classes earn a celebration by keeping the shelves neat, using inside voices, pushing in their chairs etc. when in the library. If they do this they get a gem in their gem jar and when the jar is full we have a celebration. The theme of this celebration was 'caveman'. The celebration consists of games, free form drawing, books to read, and this time we had caveman X's & O's, and a "fire" to sit around for reading or chatting. Keep up the great work Panthers!

GIVING TREE

Thank you to our school family for donating hats, scarves, mitts and socks to our Giving Tree. Many of our students will be toasty and warm because of your contributions! We will continue to distribute items to students in need



Tins or Toonies

This year's annual food drive brought in \$170.00 in toonies and over 400 non-perishable food items. We would like to congratulate A2, A1, and B4 for collecting the most donations. These classes will be decorating Mr. Ruehle, Mr. Kitamura and Ms. Mitchell as Snowmen in the new year.

Thank you to our school community for your generosity.



Kindergarten Registration FEBRUARY For Children born in 2010 & 2011



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:

Mon. Feb. 2 10 am-2 pm

Tues. Feb. 4 10 am-2 pm

Thurs. Feb. 5 7:30 am-1 pm



REGISTRATION PACKAGES/FORMS available ONLINE as of January 5, 2015 at www.pio.wrdsb.ca



From the Library

New and Exciting for the New Year! The WRDSB has set up a "Google Apps" account for students and staff. This is a website within the WRDSB where staff and students can share information and students/staff are able to comment or edit the documents.

Students who have registered in the Silver Birch program will have access to Google Apps.

The User ID and password are the same as the ones students use at school.

This program will encourage students to talk about the Silver Birch books, and the reading program. Students will be able to comment on a Silver Birch book that they have read, and other students can view the comments, and add their own comments.

More information will be coming home about the Silver Birch Reading Program in January 2015.

If you have any questions or concerns please see or call

Mrs K. Fohring 519-570-8115 X 9744

LOG IN INFORMATION:

<https://accounts.google.com>

UserID: PAL_username@googleapps.wrdsb.ca

REMINDER

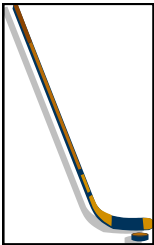
Attendance line phone number

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



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

CJ S LILLY K TED H

CAMERON D ZAC W ELENA B

BEN Z BROOKE R



Please continue to collect:

Campbell's Soup Labels

Goldfish Cracker UPCs

KoolAid Jammer packaging



Creative Playground

Our Creative Playground is now closed for the season.