



Panther

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February 2015—this important newsletter is distributed to the oldest and only child. It can also be found on our website.

Dear Parents:

The beginning of February marks the end of the Term 1. Throughout the first term, I have had the opportunity to visit many classrooms and am very pleased with the level of engagement of our students and the quality of the lessons that have been prepared by the staff. On Friday, February 20, 2015, students will be receiving their Term 1 Reports. Although there are no formal interviews scheduled, should you have a question or concern about your child’s achievement, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher to discuss this matter. We want to work collaboratively with you to ensure that your child meets their full potential.

Although this winter has not been as severe as the one we experienced last year, please remind your child of the importance of dressing appropriately for winter weather conditions. Although we do keep children inside during periods of extremely cold weather, we do see children making unwise choices when outdoor activities are permitted. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

During the week of February 2, Kindergarten registration begins. If you need to register a student for kindergarten next year please contact the school to set up an appointment. Please also forward this information to any family that you know of who also has a student who may be eligible for kindergarten. More information is contained on the inside of this newsletter.

Last May, our School Council conducted a Bag2School fundraiser that was very well supported by our school community. We have again signed up to hold this event this May. You can help by collecting items of clothing, bedding, towels, curtains, shoes, purses, belts, etc. that you no longer require and donate them to the school. The Bag2School organization pays us \$200 per tonne and makes the items available to developing countries. Please consider supporting our Council with this initiative.

In closing, I would like to thank parents for their support throughout the first term and I look forward to a very productive and successful Term 2.

Glenn Kitamura
Principal

Dates to Remember

Feb. 2, 4, 5	Kindergarten Registration—please call to make an appointment for JK or NEW SK students
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23	Panther Learn To Skate—6:15 pm Sportsworld Arena
Feb. 5, 19, Mar. 5	Pizza Days from Pizza Pizza—order online at lunchboxorders.com
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26	Panther Hockey—5:15 pm Sportsworld Arena
Feb. 6	Panthers Hockey Trip to Kitchener Auditorium
Feb. 12, 26	Subway Sub Days—order online at lunchboxorders.com
Feb. 13	Valentines Day—Wear RED and PINK Spirit Day
Feb. 16	Family Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL
Feb. 17	School Council Meeting—7pm Library
Feb. 20	Term 1 Report Cards come home
Feb. 24	Dance-a-thon Kick Off Assembly
Feb. 27	Learn to Ski/Snowboard Trip—Grades 4, 5, 6
Mar. 16 to 20	MARCH BREAK—NO SCHOOL
Mar. 23	BACK TO SCHOOL

SEVERE ALLERGIES: Just a reminder that we are a scent-free facility, so please do not enter the school if you are wearing any scented items. Also we do not permit peanuts, nuts or nut products. Our school board policy also does not permit any WOW butter or peanut butter-like substitutes. Thank you for your cooperation.



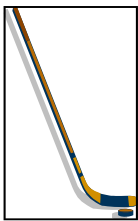
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CHECK OUT THE NEWSLETTER
ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!
<http://pio.wrdsb.on.ca>



CAUGHT READING

Caught reading AND
using one of our new
Chromebooks!
Thank you
School Council!!

Our latest project : Get caught reading and
your photo may appear in our next newsletter!
Pick up a book and get busy reading.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PANTHER HOCKEY HARD HAT

WORKER WINNERS!!!

Logan L.

Jayden F.

Anniya S.



Upcoming Events

February 6th—Ice time/Tour with the Rangers

March 7th—Marlies ice time and watch the game-return your permission forms asap

March 25th—Pasta

Dinner and Silent

Auction— Save the

*Learn To
Skate
Crew*

date & more info





Kindergarten Registration FEBRUARY 2, 4 & 5 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

Please bring the following documents: Proof of Birth – Birth Certificate, Immunization Records, Proof of your Address

Appointment times available at Pioneer Park PS:

Feb. 2 – 10 am to 2 pm

Feb. 4 – 10 am to 2 pm

Feb. 5 – 7:30 am to 1 pm

REGISTRATION PACKAGES/FORMS
available ONLINE at www.pio.wrdsb.ca

Please download your forms, print, complete them and bring them with you to your appointment or you may return them via mail or fax (519-748-6576) with the understanding that proof of birth and address documents will still need to be presented in person for photocopying purposes.

Printed info packages and forms are available for those without computer/printer access. Please pick up from main office prior to your appt.

Immunization information may be submitted online to
Waterloo Region Public Health
<https://e-immunization.regionofwaterloo.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



FROM THE LIBRARY

The Silver Birch Reading Program is up and running! We have 32 Express readers, 28 Fiction readers and 22 Non Fiction readers. All of these students will be reading recently published books by Canadian authors. Students that read at least 5 in their category will be able to vote for their favorite book. Voting day will be in mid April. You can help by encouraging your child to read and then return the Silver Birch books promptly.

New this year

All students have a Google Drive account set up through the WRDSB. Students will be able to comment on the Silver Birch books they have read on Google Drive. Each student has a Google Drive account with a User Name and Password. Students can make a comment on the books they have read but I ask that there are no "spoilers". A spoiler is something that spoils the book for the next reader -so no spoilers please! An example of a spoiler would be telling the ending of the book.

The Blue Spruce Reading program is up and running as well! The reading has already started for our JK to Grade 3 students. You could ask them if they had a Blue Spruce story today and if so what was it about?

The Silver Birch and Blue Spruce Nominees, a brief description of each book, plus lots of other information about these programs is available at www.accessola.com

Happy Reading!

Mrs. K. Fohring

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.