

Dear Parents:

March Break has come and gone and hopefully the warm weather will be upon us in the near future. As we enter the final part of the school year, it important for parents to monitor the performance of their students to ensure a successful conclusion of the year and for continued success in the year to come. Should you have any concerns at this time, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

During classroom visits, I am very pleased to see how many of our students are using technology to access curriculum. I am also very fortunate to have a School Council who has supported us financially to augment the technological resources that we have in our school. At our last School Council meeting, Council has generously allocated the proceeds of our Dance-a-thon fundraiser to purchase additional technology to support pupil learning. Thank you very much School Council for your support of our students!

As many of you are aware, our school parking lot has been a major concern. Last month, one of our School Council members volunteered to monitor the parking lot and has been directing those parents who attempt to park in the lot to alternative locations. Please support his efforts by refraining from parking in our school lot. The efforts of our parking attendant and your cooperation will help keep our children safe.

Spring is the time of year where principals start the process of organizing their schools for the upcoming school year. If you have, or are planning to move out of the Pioneer Park community, please let us know so I and your child's new school can plan appropriately. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Glenn A. Kitamura Principal

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D	ates to Remember
Apr. 3/6	EASTER Holidays—Good Friday/Easter Monday—No School
Apr. 9, 23, May 7, 21, June 4, 18	Subway Sub Days—order online @ lunchboxorders.com
Apr. 2, 16, 30, May 14, 28, June 11, 25	Dominos Pizza Days - order online @ lunchboxorders.com
Apr. 16	Spring Photo Day/Sibling Photo Day—Wear your biggest SMILE
Apr. 17	PD DAY—NO SCHOOL
Apr. 20	Swiss Chalet Special Lunch Day—order online @ lunchboxorders.com
Apr. 21	School Council Meeting—7 pm Library
Apr. 24	Character from a Book—Spirit Day—Dress up like your favourite book character
Apr. 28	BOOK SWAP—see page 4 for more details—SUPPORT a great recycling initiative
May 6	Kindergarten Information Night—4:30 to 6:30pm
May 15	Formal Friday Spirit Day—wear your fancy dress clothes
May 18	VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL
May 20	School Council Meeting—7 pm Library—Please join us as we plan for next year
May 19/20	Humane Society Visits
June 12	Animal Spirit Day—Dress up like your favourite animal
June 22	Grade 6 Graduation—time to be determined
June 26	Professional Activity Day—NO SCHOOL—summer holidays begin



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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 22, 2015.

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 22 drop off!

Bag2School will help you to raise funds by paying your school **\$150/ton**. Visit www.bag2school.ca for more information



PANTHER HOCKEY THANKS...

The Kitchener Southwest Optimist Club for their generous support and hard work on our very successful Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction Fundraiser! We raised over \$4,000 for our hockey program!! Special thanks to our donors:

The Silver Thistle

Pioneer Park Home Hardware

Pioneer Park Zehrs 17 Squared
Pioneer Park Pharmacy David Schilling
Pioneer Park Dairy Queen Sarah Schilling
Pioneer Park Tim Hortons People Corporation

P. Klassen Optician Done By Dawn Gift Baskets McDonald's At Last Weddings & Events

Play It Again Sports
Edelweiss Tavern
Harold Albrecht
Frenzi Hair & Skin
Waterloo Museum
Michael Harris
Marty Deacon

Ming's Dynasty Restaurant Jane Black
Freiburger Landscaping Pioneer Park Families

Ron Vander Beek—Chiropractor Pioneer Park Students & Staff



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



Recycle Your Read Book Swap is Tuesday April 28

Do you have books that your children are not reading anymore?

Do you have boxes of books taking up valuable space and don't know what to do with them?

Donate them to Pioneer Park Public School's Book Swap!

Students will receive a ticket for each book donation. They can swap the ticket for a book at the Book Swap.

Bring your book donations to the library from Monday March 30 to Monday April 27, 2015.

NEEDED: gently used childrens books, JK - Grade 6
NOT NEEDED: adult books, magazines, damaged books
Drop off your books to Mrs. Fohring in the library.
Any books not swapped at the end of the day will be donated to charity.

Please continue to collect:

Campbell's Soup Labels
Goldfish Cracker UPCs KoolAid Jammer packaging

