



Panther

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Dear Parents:

As we move into the month of May, I am hopeful that warmer spring weather will soon arrive. It is the time of year where many students make arrangements to play with their classmates after school. To ensure parents know where their children are, we are encouraging all students to go home immediately after school to check in with a parent or guardian, and then meet with their friends to play. By following this procedure, we can ensure the safety of our students.

Currently, principals are in the process of organizing their schools for the upcoming school year. If you know your family will be moving outside of the Pioneer Park School area, please let us know where you are moving. This will help us and your child's new school plan accordingly.

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!

The last two months of the school year always prove to be a very busy time for students and staff. It is important for parents to check their student's planner, the newsletter and our website for many important events that are taking place here at school.

Glenn A. Kitamura
 Principal

Dates to Remember

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| May 4 | Music Monday |
| May 6 | Kindergarten Information Session 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Library |
| May 7, 21, June 4, 18 | Subway Sub Days |
| May 14, 28, June 11, 25 | Dominos Pizza Days |
| May 15 | Formal Friday Spirit Days—wear your fancy clothes today |
| May 18 | VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL |
| May 19 | School Council Meeting at 7 pm in the Library |
| May 19, 20 | Humane Society Visits |
| May 20 | Junior Track and Field (RAIN DATE: May 21) |
| May 22 | BAG2School Clothing Drive—please send in your clothing donations |
| May 29 | PD DAY—NO SCHOOL |
| June 5 | JUMP ROPE/HOOPS FOR HEART FUNDRAISER FOR HEART AND STROKE |
| June 12 | Animal Spirit Day—Dress up like your favourite animal |
| June 12 | Library Books due—ZERO DAY |
| June 15 | Junior Track & Field Meet |
| June 22 | Grade 6 Graduation—2:15pm |
| June 22 | Term 2 Report Cards come home |
| June 26 | Professional Activity Day—NO SCHOOL—summer holidays begin |
| Sept. 8 | WELCOME Back to School |



GET IN THE HABIT NOW.
CHECK OUT THE NEWSLETTER
ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!
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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!



**Please bring your items
for drop off May 22 !**

[Bag2School](#) will help you to raise funds by paying your school **\$150/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 4, 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 11th Anniversary. Feel free to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools

School Climate Surveys

School climate surveys, cultural scans, or audits provide opportunities for collaboration and dialogue, and starting points for reflection on the existing culture within a school. The Safe, Caring and Inclusive School (SCIS) surveys offer a series of questions to help assess school culture/climate with regard to safe schools, character development, equity and inclusion, and variables that contribute to a healthy school environment.

A positive learning and teaching environment is essential if students are to succeed in school. Research shows that there is a direct link between students' success and the school environment in which learning takes place. Students are more motivated to do well and to realize their full potential in schools that have a positive school climate, where they feel safe and supported.

A Safe, Caring and Inclusive School 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 School 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. To get an accurate picture of the school culture, it is essential to gather data from students, since research about bullying suggests that adults in a school may not witness the majority of this student behaviour.

The Safe, Caring and Inclusive School surveys and report templates are intended to provide a general understanding of school climate. The results should assist in identifying the strengths and challenges of the school's climate and allow resources to be focused on areas that may need improvement.

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

There are five surveys available:

- one for students in grades 3 and 4
- one for students in grade 5
- one for students in grades 7, 9 and 11
- one for school staff





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



The Silver Birch Pioneer Park Favorites are:

Silver Birch Express: The Fly

Silver Birch Fiction: Striker

Silver Birch Non-Fiction: Cat Champions: Caring for our Feline Friends

The Blue Spruce Pioneer Park Favorite is:

The Highest Number in the World

The official Silver Birch and Blue Spruce winning titles will be announced in mid May....stay tuned!

Zero Day is Friday June 12, 2015. Zero Day is the day ALL library books are due back in the library. Students with all books returned on or before Friday June 12 will receive a small treat starting the week of June 15. Remember to your return your books on time!

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.

Pioneer Park P.S.



PANTHERS HOCKEY
EST. 2002

REMINDER: Please send back all Learn To Skate and Hockey equipment as soon as possible. Please wash the jersey and socks prior to returning them.

We also have an exciting trip coming up to the Hockey Hall of Fame on June 17. We are limited to 35 students so permission forms will be given to those students who have exhibited best overall attendance and behaviour while participating in Panther Hockey or Learn to Skate programs.

Please continue to collect:

Goldfish Cracker UPCs
Campbell's Soup Labels
KoolAid Jammer packaging

