



Dear Parents:

June has arrived! We are now entering the final month of school and there are many events, field trips, and celebrations that will be taking place over the next month. Now, more than ever it is important for parents to ensure their calendars are up to date by checking their child’s planner on a regular basis. Although we have many events listed on our “Dates to Remember” section, many items may be added after the release of this edition of Panther Press.

Looking forward to next year, parents who are looking for daycare are reminded that Pioneer Park offers the Extended Day Program for students in JK to Grade 2. This program provides outstanding child care before and after school. In partnership with the YMCA, we offer the Youth Development Program for students in Grades 3 to 6. At this point in time, this program operates after school only as there is not sufficient demand for before school care for students of this age. You can find more information about our child care options by visiting the Board’s website at www.wrdsb.ca.

I would like to thank our Pioneer Park Community for supporting our “Open Closet” Clothing exchange and our Bag2School Fundraiser. As a result, we were able to divert .62 tonnes of clothing from the landfill, find new homes for gently used clothing, and raised \$93.00 for our School Council. We anticipate continued support for our Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser on June 5, 2015 in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

In closing, on behalf of the staff of Pioneer Park, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our community for their support during the past year and I look forward to working with you again next year.

Glenn A. Kitamura
Principal

Dates to Remember

June 1, 2, 3	CANCELLED—Grade 6 EQAO testing
June 1, 8, 15, 22	Menchies Mondays—order your frozen treats online @lunchboxorders.com
June 4, 18	Subway Sub Days—order online @lunchboxorders.com
June 5	JUMP ROPE FOR HEART—please help us raise \$\$ for The Heart & Stroke Society
June 11	Dominos Pizza Day—order online @lunchboxorders.com
June 12	Animal Spirit Day—Dress up like an animal
June 12	Library Books due—earn a treat by returning all your books on time!
June 15	Junior Track Meet at Jacob Hespeler SS
June 17	Panther Hockey Hall of Fame Trip
June 22	Grade 6 Graduation—2:15pm
June 22	Term 2 Report Cards come home
June 23	Talent Show –schedule to be determined-please ask your child if they are performing
June 23	Volunteer Lunch for our Adult Volunteers/Student —invitation only
June 24	PLAY DAY—please wear unscented sunscreen, runners, a hat and bring a water bottle
June 25	Last Day for Breakfast Club & LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
June 26	Professional Activity Day—NO SCHOOL—summer holidays begin
Sept. 8	WELCOME Back to School—see our website for BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING LIST

It's not too early to think about BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING

We want to make sure that you do not purchase unnecessary items, so we have compiled a list of suggested supplies. Please see our website for more details...



Every Monday in June is Menchie's Monday!
You can choose Chocolate Vanilla Swirl
Frozen Yogurt or Frozen Sorbet
Then choose your topping – Rainbow Sprinkle
OR Chocolate Chips
Sorbet Flavour for June 1 & 8 is Green Apple
and for June 15 & 22 it's Cherry!

Please order online at lunchboxorders.com

Learning Advantage Summer Activity Book

We are making available a summer activity workbook called "Learning Advantage" at the beginning of June. "Learning Advantage" is a fully coloured 192 page, activity book designed to reinforce and maintain Kindergarten to Grade 7 students' academic learning skills over the summer months. There is one 192 paged activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7. All books are aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations. In addition to the summer the books can be used all year long from September to the following June. All books have parent information pages, evaluation forms; follow up activities and a family focus. The cost of each book is \$20.00. An order form and information sheet with more details about the "Learning Advantage" program will be sent home to all parents in June.

NEW!

September Start Up Package of Information
Our Board Policy has changed and in an effort to be more resource conscientious, there will be no paper packages provided to our families on the first day of school. You will still receive a data verification form that must be reviewed, note any changes required and return to school. A blue "Notification and Permission for the Use of Student Personal Information" will also require a signature and return. All other information will be available online at our school website. Please ensure you review this information as soon as possible. Our Parent/Guardian Handbook will also be available on our website. Monthly newsletters will continue to be sent home with the Oldest and Only child(ren). A copy will be available on the website.



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

STSWR - Website Student Login

Transportation details for the 2015 - 2016 school year will be available on Monday August 24, 2015.

Parents can login and view your child's transportation details by going to www.stswr.ca and following these easy steps:

Click on "Student Login"

Click on "Student Login" again (near the bottom of the page)

Enter your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN)

This can be found on your child's report card

Numbers only, no space, no dash

Enter your child's birth date dd/mm/yyyy

Enter your child's street number house number only

Select the school your child is attending from the drop down menu

Please note: any address changes need to be done through your school. If you are moving this summer or change caregiver arrangements for the fall, you should communicate the change of address to your child's school before the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

You can also visit www.stswr.ca to see bus delays and cancellations, subscribe to receive e-mail notifications for late buses and closures and follow us on Twitter.

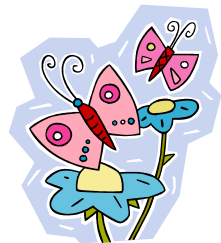
Butterfly Garden

Thank you TD Canada Trust for your generous and ongoing support! We are in the process of completing a garden refresh, mulching and we've installed a new seating area to create an outdoor classroom to be enjoyed by all.

Just a reminder to our community. Our butterfly garden was created for our families and students to enjoy and learn about the butterfly life cycle. We ask that you do not allow your children to run through the garden before/after school hours and to walk your dog through the grassy or path areas only.

Please pick up after your pet.

We also invite families to enjoy this space over the summer months and if you enjoy weeding, please feel free to do so. If you see any unusual or suspicious activity, please call the Regional Police, non-emergency number at 519-653-7700.





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

It is very important that you call the attendance line if your child is going to be absent or late. The Waterloo Region District School Board has a Safe Arrival program to ensure the safety of your child. This success of this program relies on a partnership with the school.

Library News



All library books must be returned to the library on Friday June 12, 2015 in order to get your ZERO day treat—a milkshake during the week of June 15.

Keep looking for our LOST books. We have found a number of books already. Keep up the good work!!

MOVING???

We are already planning our classes for next year, so if you are planning a move over the next few months, please contact the school as soon as possible.

This will ensure a smooth transition for your child at their new school.

If you are aware of a family moving into our area, please ask them to call Pioneer Park PS at 519-748-0142



CHECK OUT ALL OUR LATEST INFO
ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!

<http://pio.wrdsb.ca>



In keeping with our ECO school initiative we are making an effort to reduce the amount of paper we consume, so most of our communication will be done through our school website. Please check it regularly.



The BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING LIST is now online!!