



“Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible”



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## Pioneer Library News!

We had a school wide reading event on Wednesday, March 5. Our Read-Around-the-School event was inspired from the Timberland Library's Read-Around-the-House promotion. It had us traveling to the far ends of the building as children walked to the opposite pod, pairing up with another class, and listened to a Dr. Seuss story in honor of Theodor Seuss Geisel's March 2nd birthday. This was a great way to celebrate Seuss, tour of the opposite pods, and meet with other kids and teachers. We ended the day with DEAR (Drop Everything And Read).

Good news for AR testing! Here is the quickest website for checking to see if a book has an AR Quiz. Go to [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) and type in the title of the book. It will display a picture of the cover, much like amazon.com. Remember, when searching for books, the most important criteria is your child's reading level. Help your child select books at their level—especially important for beginning readers in the lower pod. In our upper pod, we have many kids reading at or above grade level. Keep in mind that books written at your child's grade level are also written at their emotional level. Competent readers will go through books at a steady to rapid pace, talk about them with you or their friends (perhaps incessantly), and pass their AR comprehension tests.

Thank you to parents and community members who purchased library books and other items at our auction. This is a huge boost to replacing classical literature in our library, not to mention student morale. Pioneer kids love to check out the new books and their librarian loves them too.

Happy Reading ~ Annette McQueen, Librarian

## NO Cell Phones in the Drop-Off and Pick-Up Lines, Please!

Please help us keep all the children safe by not talking on your cell phone when you are in the drop-off and pick-up line. We have a lot of students that walk, ride bikes or are transported by parents and it is very important to us that everyone is paying attention. Thank you for your understanding.

## MAP Testing in March

During the month of March, grades 4 and 5 will be taking the MAP test. This test is administered on the computer and is the district's standardized assessment. It assesses the areas of math and reading. Please check with your child's teacher if you have any planned absences to see if there is a conflict.

## Are You Interested in Serving on the Districts Diversity Committee?

This year the Olympia School District has assembled a committee that will be addressing the issue of diversity. The district is making an effort to have representation from every school. If you are a Pioneer parent and are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Chris Woods at Pioneer.

## Register for 2008-2009 Kindergarten in March

Do you have a little one going into kindergarten next year? If so, it is time to register. Registration packets will be available for pick up during the week of March 24-28. We will begin collecting registrations on March 31. Please call or stop by if you have any questions.

**Arrival Time After 8:50 am ~ School Hours 9:00 am to 3:22 pm**

<http://pioneer.osd.wednet.edu/>

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## Pioneer PTA 2008-2009 Board Positions OPEN



Parents and guardians, now is the time to start filling positions for next year's PTA board. Below are the positions that we are in great need of filling. Each position can be filled with one or more persons, who can serve one or more terms. ("President" can only serve 2 years!) The term starts with the new school year. (Sept 2008).

If there is a position you're interested in, please contact Meg Goehle (ngoehle@comcast.net or 360.352.3308). If you have any questions about duties related to these positions, just give Meg a call.

President

Treasurer

Family Events:

Fall Harvest

Jingle Bell Bash

Beach Party

Volunteer Coordinator

Hospitality

Passport Club

Talent Show

Publicity/Signs

Cartridge Recycling

Fun Run

Parliamentarian

There are also many volunteer positions available, without filling one of the above chair positions.

If you are interested in helping out a chairperson, please give us a call too!

**Thanks again for supporting our school, our teachers and your children.**

## K - 8 Health Education Instruction Material Preview

Over the past several months a broad-based committee of parents, community members and teachers have met to review K - 8 instructional materials for health education.

Prior to making recommendations for adoption, materials are being given significant consideration and will be available for additional parent/community review and comment on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the Knox Administrative Center Board Room from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For copies of the materials, or questions, contact Jeff Carpenter, Health, Fitness and Athletic Programs Coordinator at 360.596.8544 or email [jcarpent@osd.wednet.edu](mailto:jcarpent@osd.wednet.edu).

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>March 6</b>     | <b>Science Fair @ 6:30 p.m. in the gym</b>  |
| <b>March 7</b>     | <b>No School – Teacher In-Service Day</b>   |
| <b>March 12</b>    | <b>K-3 Grades Junior Programs<br/>"Lazer Vaudeville" @ 12:00 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>March 13</b>    | <b>4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert at OHS @ 7:00 p.m.</b>                             |
| <b>March 14</b>    | <b>Early Release Day – out @ 12:52 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>March 19</b>    | <b>K-3 Grades Junior Programs<br/>"James and the Giant Peach" @ 12:00 p.m.</b>                                    |
| <b>March 21</b>    | <b>PTA Assembly "Einstein Alive"<br/>K-2 @ 1:50-2:20 p.m &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30-3:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>March 28</b>    | <b>Passport Check Day</b>   |
| <b>March 24-28</b> | <b>Conference Week – out at 12:52 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>March 28</b>    | <b>School Play "Snow White Goes West" at OHS @ 6:30 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>March 29</b>    | <b>School Play "Snow White Goes West" at OHS @ 2:00 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>April 1</b>     | <b>Site Council Meeting in Library @ 5:00 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>April 1</b>     | <b>PTA Meeting in the Library @ 6:00 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>April 7-11</b>  | <b>No School – Spring Break</b>   |