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# The Pioneer Press

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## From Your Student Council

Student Council is a group of fifth grade students. They meet every Wednesday during their morning recess, to plan the upcoming events.

Every morning the students take turns delivering the announcements for the day over the intercom. Some of the events that they have planned are: Popcorn Fridays, Movie Nights, and their most recent project, The Canned Food Drive. We are proud to announce the students of Pioneer brought in almost 3,000 cans!

The next event is a movie night. It will be held in the Pioneer cafeteria on Friday, January 30. Popcorn and water will be available for 50 cents. Student council hopes to plan many more exciting events throughout the year. See you at Movie Night.

## See *Wall-e* at Movie Night on January 30th

Hope you don't have any plans on Friday, January 30, because Pioneer has some plans for you! Movie Night! Come watch *Wall-e* the number one voted movie at our school. The movie will start at approximately 6:30 PM in the Pioneer cafeteria. Popcorn and water will be available for 50 cents. Hope to see you there!

## Keep the Box Tops Coming

Remember to keep clipping and sending in Box Tops. Pioneer has earned \$455 since the start of the school year with Box Tops so please keep them coming. Either drop them off in the office or send them in an envelope or baggie with your child to school. Send them in often so they can be mailed in before their expiration date. Sign up to support our school at the Box Tops website ([www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com)). You'll get updates on our school's Box Tops earnings, money-saving coupons, recipes, chances to win Bonus Box Tops for our school, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Box Tops Coordinator Lori Collet at [taylorcollet@comcast.net](mailto:taylorcollet@comcast.net).

## Sleeping Beauty Coming in March; Seeking Pioneer Kids

Third, fourth and fifth graders can sign up now for the PTA sponsored Capital Playhouse Students on Stage production of Sleeping Beauty. Rehearsals begin February 23 and take place at Pioneer every day after school from 3:30-5:30. The performances are March 20 and 21 at the OHS Performing Arts Center. Registration forms available in the office. Mandatory parent meeting Thursday, February 19 at 6:30 at Pioneer. For questions, call Heather Francks (570-1873 or [hfrancks@hotmail.com](mailto:hfrancks@hotmail.com)), Tessa Efland (704-3122 or [efland@comcast.net](mailto:efland@comcast.net)), or Janie Davis (956-9102 or [davisolympia@comcast.net](mailto:davisolympia@comcast.net)).

## Pioneer Science Fair Coming in March

Pioneer's Science Fair will be held in the Pioneer gym on Tuesday, March 31 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Start thinking about your science project now to make a poster display for the Science Fair! The Science Fair is open to all Pioneer students in grades K-5 and is sponsored by the PTA. More information will be sent home in February. Contact Denise Laflamme at 352-4735 or [denise.laflamme@comcast.net](mailto:denise.laflamme@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

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

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

## **Directory Design Winner Chantal!**

Congratulations to Chantal Riggs, the third grader who won the directory cover design contest. Her artwork is featured on this year's school directories.

## **Madison Elementary Donation A Big Hit**

This year our PTA adopted Madison Elementary School, which houses many children who are homeless or experience poverty. Since our school is so fortunate, it made sense to donate some of our bounty to a school in need. This year, we were able to donate \$2,000 to Madison. The money went directly to each teacher at Madison Elementary. As a result, the teacher accounts at Madison increased from having \$35 for the year to \$185! The teachers came to thank our PTA at our October meeting. They brought in snacks for the nearly 40 PTA members in attendance and also presented their thanks with a special poster you may have seen hanging in our lobby. The money we donated has been used for art supplies, recess equipment, kindergarten manipulatives, a DVD player, and so much more. Thanks to each family at Pioneer for helping us help others!

**Get Camo-pink Stocking Caps with Pioneer's Logo for just \$10!**  
**Call Erin McDonnell at 357-3915 or get an order form from the front bulletin board.**

## **Art Night a Huge Success!**

Special thanks to Pioneer teachers Mimi Williams (third grade) and Jan Cereghino (fourth grade) for creating and hosting the most amazing Family Art Night at Pioneer. The attendance was so successful that it was hard to get a parking spot -- well over 100 people took part in the event. Masterpieces were created all over the gym and participants had the opportunity to work on two collaborative murals that will be displayed at the Olympia School District Office. A special thanks to the parent volunteers who worked the event: Carrie Cortes-Monroy, Lori Nesmith, Shanna Muirhead, Karen Hougan, Patti Francis, Jeanne Tranum, Sue Harris, Jama Williams, Carmelle Minor Callow, Sunny Hougan, Rob McGuigan, and many others who stayed to clean up.

## **Spring Art Night Needs Your Help**

If you would like to work as a team to coordinate a Spring Art Night, please consider joining our committee! Together we'll brainstorm and execute a wonderful event featuring several art mediums and loads of creative fun! Contact Carrie Cortes-Monroy at [ccortes-monroy@msn.com](mailto:ccortes-monroy@msn.com).

## **Thank You Gift Card Donators**

Pioneer PTA would like to thank all of you who donated to the gift card drive this holiday season. All together we raised \$550 in gift cards which will go directly to families in our school district experiencing homelessness. We have such fantastic, caring and generous families at Pioneer Elementary. Thank You! Families Helping Families, THANK YOU!

## **Upcoming Events & Dates**

1/27	Site Council mtg. @ 5:00 PM
1/27	PTA mtg. @ 6:15 PM
1/30	Passport Check Day
2/19	2nd Grade Compassion Assembly @ TBD
2/23	4th & 5th Junior Programs "From the Mixed Up Files..." @ 12:30 PM
2/24	Site Council mtg. @ 5:00 PM
2/24	PTA mtg. @ 6:15 PM
2/27	Pacific Science Center on Wheels Day (more info. to come)
2/27	Passport Check Day
3/4	Honesty Assembly (Fourth Grade) @ 2:45 PM
3/5	K-3 Junior Programs "Anansi the Spider" @ 12:30 PM
3/16	K-3 Junior Programs "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" @ 12:30 PM
3/27	Passport Check Day
3/28	PTA Auction @ OHS
3/31	Science Fair 6-8 PM
4/29-5/1	5th Grade gone to Cispus-Outdoor School
5/13	4th & 5th Junior Programs "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" @ 12:30 PM