



“Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible”

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Movie Night This Friday Features Kung Fu Panda

Student Council has planned their first Movie Night for Friday, November 14. We will be showing Kung Fu Panda. It will be from 6:00-8:00 PM in the cafeteria. Bring your family and friends, blankets and pillows and join us for a fun filled evening at the movies. There is no cost for this event. You may purchase popcorn and bottles of water for 50 cents each.

5th Grade Outdoor School Cost Goes Up

As you may have heard, over the summer, the Olympia School Board voted to keep the Outdoor School Education Program at Cispus for the 2008-09 school year. However, they also approved an increase in the fee for Outdoor School to \$150. We understand that for many families, \$150 is quite a bit of money and wanted to notify you early so you can make plans in preparation for the spring.

The Pioneer Elementary 5th grade students will be going on April 29, 30 and May 1. Please let us know if the cost will be an issue for you because we want to make sure that all students get the opportunity to go.

Chess Club Forming; Chess Sets Needed

We are planning to start a Pioneer Chess Club for the 4th and 5th grades. In order to serve up to 30 or 40 kids, we require 15-20 chess sets. We are looking for complete sets (all the pieces!), and ideally some sort of bag or box to keep the set in. Please bring all sets to Mr. Shepard's 5th grade room.

The club will be open to all 4th and 5th graders, regardless of whether they've ever played chess. It will be an after school program run by Mr. Shepard, taking place on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The first day will be Wednesday, November 12th.

The club will continue as long as there is sufficient interest. If your student would like to join, please have them contact Pioneer 5th grade teacher Mr. Shepard.

Popcorn Anyone?

Starting Friday, November 14, the Student Council will be selling popcorn at lunch for 50 cents. It will be available every Friday in the lunchroom. Students may not use their lunch card to purchase popcorn. Please send exact change with students if possible.

No Cell Phone Use in the Pick Up and Drop Off Line . . . Please!

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

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

Exciting News from Our Library!

Our Scholastic Bookfair was a HUGE success. Everyone gets to take credit for the \$1500 worth of new books, which will be gracing our shelves in the weeks to come.

Our bookfair chairperson, Jean Trantum, deserves a congratulatory hug for the exceptional work of organizing the legion of volunteers, creation of the teacher wishlist, and logistics of set up. Also, thank you to the many parent volunteers for working the fair and the students for their enthusiasm. All of this contributed to the bookfair's success. This is truly a community event.

View our library from your home, including AR information.

Use this website (<http://library.osd.wednet.edu:8080>) and select Pioneer Elementary. You can view our catalog and even place a hold on a book if your child knows their username (lastname, first initial, second initial) and password (library number). Each book has AR

information right in our catalogue--reading levels, point values, and quiz numbers. Hopefully, this information will be interesting and useful. Please understand that all AR testing is still done at school. This website prefers Internet Explorer.

Another website provides AR information on any book from any place.

At <http://arbookfind.com/> there are hundreds of thousands of AR tests, which we have access to from our library for testing. This site will let you know if a book has an AR test, and all of the pertinent reading information. This site is independent of our library.

Happy Reading!
Annette McQueen
Pioneer Elementary Librarian



New Walking Program Needs Old Walkmen

Do you have a new or used portable cassette player and/or books on tape that you could donate to the new walking program at Pioneer?

We would like to offer students an opportunity to listen to a good book while logging miles and working toward personal mileage goals. Earlier this year, students helped "pave" our new walking

track (.20 mi) with mulch. In fact, many of Robyn Muzatko's kindergarten class have already logged 5 miles. We look forward to launching this program with a school-wide kick-off in November.

You may drop off your new or used portable cassette players and/or books on tape in the designated box in the school office.

If you're interested in further information about the program or would like to make a cash donation, please contact Pioneer's PTA Volunteer Coordinator Denise Pantelis at dpantelis@comcast.net.

Thank you for your support as we seek to promote healthy lifestyles at Pioneer.



Dance Dance Revolution, Jump Ropes, Hula Hoops, Wall Climbing, Basketball, Yoga & More!

For more information contact Chris Woods at: cwoods@osd.wednet.edu.

Pioneer's PTA Rocks!

Survey on PTA Results Yield Great Feedback!

Thanks to everyone who completed a survey regarding the PTA and what they would like it to prioritize. According to the survey, parents want the PTA to focus on:

- Healthy lifestyle options for kids
- Art enrichment activities
- Parenting resources.

As a result of the survey, your PTA presidents are working on bringing more of the top rated activities to Pioneer. We are hoping to get the Up and Moving early morning exercise program started again, and have offered funding to bring in yoga and hip hop instructors to this fun exercise extravaganza.

The PTA is also offering funding to help get a walking/running

program started for our track and we are assisting with funding for new basketball hoops.

The PTA also envisions an art night at Pioneer, where families and students can come create a masterpiece. Teachers Mimi Williams and Jan Cereghino are helping PTA host this night in November.

Finally, the PTA is working on bringing some educational programs to our school for Pioneer parents. Specifically, we have our eye on a PTA sponsored program about the WASL and hopefully a speaker to discuss a specific parenting issue. If you have any speaker recommendations or parenting topics you'd like to cover, please share them with us.

You can contact us, your PTA Co-Presidents Ryan Hall and Elizabeth Hughes, at ryanmelissahall@hotmail.com or elizafive@comcast.net, respectively.

Thanks so much!

We Need Your Photos!

The PTA is providing yearbooks to each student **FREE OF CHARGE** this year! And, we need your help getting photos of the students.

Please send photos taken of school events (no non-school events please) to Ryan Hall at ryanmelissahall@hotmail.com. Label photos with teacher name and event and students names -- if you know them. (For example, "Barber/Pioneer Farms/Kyle and Jason".)

Keep in mind the more photos you send in of your kids -- the better chance they will be featured in the yearbooks -- and the better our yearbooks will be!

Pioneer PTA Donates to Madison Elementary School

In September, the Pioneer PTA donated \$2,000 to Madison Elementary School. Although a small amount, it was a huge assistance for the teachers of that school. The money was divided equally between all Madison teachers and they used it for recess equipment, class room supplies, and more. At the October PTA meeting a teacher from Madison came and spoke about how helpful the donation was and the difference it made.

School Wish Lists on the PTA Website

Check out the PTA website, linked to Pioneer's website (<http://pioneer.osd.wednet.edu/>) for ideas on how to help our library and our landscaping. These lists provide great ideas for scout troops and families, looking for ways to volunteer and help our school on their own time.

Upcoming Events & Dates

11/10	5th Grade to OHS for Veterans Day Assembly in the AM
11/10	Art Night in the cafeteria/gym @ 6:00-7:30 PM
11/11	Veterans Day-No School
11/14	Movie Night 6-8 PM (Kung Fu Panda)
11/14	Report Cards go home
11/19	Get Up and Get Moving @ 8-8:50 AM
11/21	Passport Check Day
11/26	4th grade gone to Kennedy Creek 10:00 AM - NOON
11/27-28	Thanksgiving Break - No School
12/3	Generosity Assembly @ 2:45 PM
12/5	Early Release @ 12:52 PM - Collaboration Day
12/9	Vision and Hearing Screening for grades K-3 & 5th in the afternoon
12/19	Passport Check Day
12/22-1/2	Winter Vacation