

Pioneer Elementary School

From the Principal...

January 2015

Principal's Note

Happy New Year to all Pioneer families! I hope you all had a fun and relaxing winter break. While coming back was a shock to the system for students and staff, it is good to be back. As we rebuild routines and settle in to classes, we remember why Pioneer is such a wonderful place for kids - Our staff and families work together to make a safe and supportive environment for all. I believe at the heart of an effective school is effective communication. Of course this means more than a robo-call or a newsletter. It means a two-way communication that is open and honest.

I have a New Year's hope... I hope you will talk to me, or your teacher, when things come up for your child at school. Sometimes we can keep small problems small when we start early. We can also solve problems better together, but only when we know about them and communicate. We are lucky to have a community that values education, and I want to keep improving upon that. Communication is the key and a great place to start. Join with me in working to keep Pioneer a great place for kids to grow and learn.

*Thank you for sharing your children with us,
Randy Weeks*

Late Start -- Wednesday, January 21 School begins at 9:30 am



Half-day kindergarten schedule: AM class, 9:30 am – 11:40 am and PM class, 12:40 pm – 2:52 pm

Jeff Evans Assemblies and Magic Show

Jeff Evans will present **Mission: Possible** for Pioneer Elementary on **Wednesday, January 14**, sponsored by Pioneer PTA. **Mission: Possible** builds kids up from the inside out, showing them the power of a positive attitude and self-esteem. This assembly approaches the subject of bullying in a way that makes this potentially intimidating subject fun.

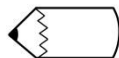
9:00 – 9:45 am	Mission: Possible assembly, grades 3-5
10:00 – 10:45 am	Mission: Possible assembly, grades K-2
7:00 – 7:45 pm	Family Night Magic Show – FREE!

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Lost & Found

Please check out the Lost & Found for any missing items. It is overflowing with coats, hats, and gloves! Items that are clearly labeled with a student's name will be returned to the student, and all other items will be donated on January 16, 2015.

Notes to the Office or Teacher



When you send notes to the office or your student's teacher, please make sure you **date and sign** the note. Also, please write notes on a half sheet of paper or larger. Notes could get lost if they are on small pieces of paper. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars for 5th Grade Outdoor School

Pioneer's 5th graders will be attending Outdoor School at the Cispus Environmental Center in Randle on April 29 – May 1, 2015. This will be a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday trip. Additional information will be sent home with 5th grade students in a few weeks.

Lights, Camera, Action... The Pioneer Talent Show!



Don't miss the Pioneer Talent Show on January 23 at 6:00 pm, featuring many of Pioneer's musicians, singers, dancers, gymnasts, and more! Event is co-chaired by Sarah Applegate and Jennifer Bowman. More information can be found on the Pioneer PTA website at pioneerpta.com.

Pioneer Events in January

Tuesday, Jan. 13	Vision & Hearing Screening, 8:45 am-2:45 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 14	Jeff Evans Assemblies Grades 3-5, 9:00 – 9:45 am Grades K-2, 10:00 – 10:45 am
Wednesday, Jan. 14	Jeff Evans Family Magic Show, 7:00 pm
Friday, Jan. 16	Recess Fun Run
Wednesday, Jan. 21	One-Hour Late Start Monthly Assembly @ 2:15 (Acceptance & MLK Jr.)