

Pioneer Elementary School

From the Principal...

November 2014

Principal's Note - Canned Food Drive

Every year during the Thanksgiving season, we join forces with Olympia High School and the Thurston County Food Bank to work on a canned food drive. This year we have close to 30 eager student council members ready to lend their time (and recesses) to this effort. These service-minded students will tally and stack cans each day, make signs and gather cans from the classroom. You can help, too, with your generous donations to this worthy cause. We will send home flyers to promote the food drive. Every little bit helps feed hungry children in our town.

Thank you for sharing your children with us,

Randy Weeks



**Late Start -- Wednesday, November 5th and 19th
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

Annual Holiday Wreath Sale

Pioneer 5th graders are selling holiday wreaths. This is a fundraiser to support Outdoor Education for the Olympia School District. Wreaths are \$22, and orders are due Wednesday, November 5th. The wreaths will be delivered to school the week of November 24th.

PTA Trivia Night

Come to the 1st Annual Pioneer PTA Trivia Night on Saturday, Nov. 8 at The Brick on Trosper! Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 per couple, and include food and 1 raffle ticket. All proceeds will go to the Kids in Need Fund to help supplement the Principal Checkbook Fund from the OSDEF. Visit the Pioneer PTA website at www.pioneerpta.com for more detailed information.

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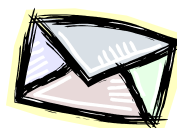
Managing Your District Phone Calls

Parents and guardians can manage which phone numbers receive calls and notifications from the school district. This can be done in Skyward Family Access in the Skylert section. Sign up for Family Access at <http://family.olympia.wa-k12.net>.

Tardies

Each morning there is a steady stream of tardy students in the Pioneer office. While some are just a few minutes late, others are arriving well after the bell rings at 8:30 am. When tardy students walk in after class begins, it interrupts instruction during an important time of the day. Please work with your children to have them to school on time! If traffic is an issue, please consider walking, riding bikes, carpooling, or sending your children on the bus.

Sending Money to School



If you are sending money to school, please be sure to send it in an envelope clearly marked with your student's first and last name, teacher's name, and amount (if cash). In addition, please indicate what the money is for (lunch account, field trip, etc).

Pioneer Events in November

Wednesday, Nov. 5	One Hour Late Start
Wednesday, Nov. 5	Watch Dog Kick-Off, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Thursday, Nov. 6	Veteran's Day Assembly, 10:15 – 11:00 am
Saturday, Nov. 8	PTA Trivia Night @ The Brick, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 11	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
Wednesday, Nov. 19	One Hour Late Start
Monday, Nov. 24	Pacific Science Center Assembly
Friday, Nov. 21	Fun Run (during recess)
Thursday, Nov. 27 & Friday, Nov. 28	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break