

Pioneer Press

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A Note from the Nurse

There are several students at Pioneer with **life threatening allergies** to certain foods, especially **peanuts**. If you are bringing shared items for parties or snacks, please check with your student's teacher regarding classroom allergies. **We encourage that all snacks and shared items be peanut free.** In the cafeteria, there are designated areas for those with allergies to sit safely away from other student's lunch items that may contain a peanut product. I realize this may be inconvenient for some families, but it is a very important safety issue for other families.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Cindi Walker, RN



Thank You to Our Parents!

Conference attendance was excellent once again this year. Teachers put in many additional hours in preparation for this valuable time to share and collaborate with parents. And thank you to all of the students who attended and participated in their conference!

Pioneer Book Fair

Mrs. McQueen is delighted to announce that the Pioneer Book Fair raised approximately \$2200 for our library! Thank you to the families who supported the Book Fair. We would also like to recognize the terrific Book Fair volunteers :

Denise Baggett and Erica Conrad, PTA Book Fair Co-Chairs: Beth Marchand; Kristi Rutledge; Emily Saunders; Chris Fardell; Jian Shen; Lisa Elliott; Jenny Graham; Wendy Nixon; Jeana Calliccoat; Meagan Darrow; Sarah Applegate; Julie Nannini; Megan Conklin; Katie Bridges; Nicole Tinnel; and Simon Conrad. THANK YOU all so very much!

Regular Attendance and Being Prompt to School is Important

Parents, please support your child's regular attendance and arrival time to school. School starts at 8:30 AM, and students may arrive as early as 8:15 AM to line up in the gym. If your student is going to be absent, please call the Pioneer office at 596-6500. You may also want to email your student's teacher, but that should be in addition to contacting the office.

Also, if you are sending a note to the office, please use a half or full sheet of paper. Notes on scraps of paper or post-its can easily be lost before they make it to the office!

Veteran's Day Assembly

Join us for a special Veteran's Day Assembly on **Tuesday, November 10th at 10:15 a.m.** The band and choir from Washington Middle School will perform. Please invite the military veterans or current military personnel in your family to attend our assembly!

No School

There is no school on **Wednesday, November 11th** to honor Veteran's Day and **Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th** for Thanksgiving Break.

Early Release Information

Teacher Collaboration: December 2, January 6, February 3, March 2, and May 4

Parent/Teacher Conferences: March 29-April 1

Elementary Grading: January 29 and June 3

Last Day of School: June 17 (unless there are make-up days)

Upcoming Events in November

November 10	Veteran's Day Assembly, 10:15 AM
November 11	NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day
November 16	Olympia School Board Meeting
November 17	PTA Board Meeting, 6:00 PM (Pioneer Library)
November 17	PTA General Meeting, 7:00 PM (Pioneer Library)
November 26 & 27	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

Track Stars!



We begin another track year with some new chips on the track. Thank you to the Baggett family for making that happen! We also have a new Track feature – the Track Star poster. Each month, the names of students receiving awards will be added to the poster. One of our Pioneer parents, Nikki Norquist, has stepped up to help with recess fun runs this year. Thank you!

It's great to see the participation of students in all grades. We have already run 1280 miles! These are the students who received awards in October:

Marathon Club

Maegan S. Zach K.
Isaac E. Sofia K.
Emma H. Audrey S.

50 Mile Ribbon

Quinn B.
Indiana C.

75 Mile Certificate & 100 Mile T-Shirt

Quinn B.