







# Pioneer Weekly Bulletin






Dec. 5- Dec. 11



**Pioneer Elementary School**  
**8810 14th Ave., Hanford, CA 93230 (559) 584-8831**

Tuesday December 5	Wednesday December 6	Thursday December 7	Friday December 8	Monday December 11
<i>Banana Muffin</i>	<i>Cinnamon Bun</i>	<i>Cherry Frudal</i>	<i>Honey Bun</i>	<i>Cereal, Banana</i>
Misc. Breakfast Items, Sausage, Green Beans, Blueberries	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Veggies, Roll, Apple	Chicken Sandwich, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Strawberries	Cheese Breadsticks, Pasta Sauce, Salad, Carrots, Orange	Pork Tostada, Cheese, Refried Beans, Corn, Fruit Cup
	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6pm District Board Room	 <b>SPELLING BEE!</b> 1st-5th Grades	Coffee with the Counselor 7:30am 	<b>5th Grade to Burris Park Field Trip</b> 

**This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu is subject to change without notice.**

Upcoming Events, News, Meetings	SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS	School Information & Resources
<p><b>PEPTC NEWS</b>  <b>FROM the PEPTC</b>            Use the QR Code to access the PTC Social Media Pages and Spirit Wear Order Form for Online., and to sign up for Volunteering.</p>  <p><b>NEXT PEPTC MEETING</b>            Tuesday, January 9th            6pm in School Library</p> <p><b>SCHOOL BOARD MEETING</b>            Wednesday, December 13th            District Board Room, 6pm</p>  <p><b>Student Council Canned Food Drive</b>            November 27th-December 8th</p>  <p><b>HOLIDAY STORE</b>            December 4th-8th            Flyers and Class Schedule were sent home.</p> 	<p><b>OFFICE NOTICE</b></p> <p>Please make sure that all of your parent and emergency contacts are up to date. If they are not, you will not receive important emails, text messages, and automated calls from the school or district. We use these communication outlets often to get school and emergency information out. If your contact information needs to be updated please contact the school office at 559-584-8831, extension 1401 or 1402. Finally, we want to remind everyone that the parking lot is not a drop off and pick up area. It is not safe. We again ask everyone not to park to the left of the exit gate as it is a blindspot. We also ask that you not park to the left of the entry gate to the parking lot. That is a turn in lane. Finally, <b>please remind your child(ren) to check the Lost and Found if they are missing anything. All items not collected by Winter Break will be donated.</b> Thank you!</p> <p><b>PES OFFICE TEAM</b></p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE</b>            Office Hours: 7:45am to 4:00pm  <b>Parent/Student Handbook</b>  <b>Follow this Link:</b>  <b>2023-2024 PES Student-Parent Handbook</b>  <i>This is a digital link sent via email. Handbook can be found on our school website.</i></p> 	<p><b>Absences:</b> Please report absences daily by calling the attendance hotline at 584-8831; press 2 to leave a message to let us know the reason for the absence. You can also email the office and send a doctor's note (<a href="mailto:floresa@puesd.net">floresa@puesd.net</a> or <a href="mailto:fonsecam@puesd.net">fonsecam@puesd.net</a>) <b>If a notification is not received from the parent within three days of an absence, the absence will be considered unexcused (AR 5113).</b> Absences exceeding 3 consecutive days requires a doctor's note or the absences will be unexcused. <b>After 6 days in total, a doctor's note will be required every time a child is absent or it will be unexcused.</b></p> <p><b>Lost and Found:</b> Please make sure that your child's belongings are labeled. Feel free to check our lost and found located in the cafeteria when you are on campus.</p> <p><b>Dress Code:</b> Please make sure that your child is dressed according to district policy. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for further information and online on the bulletin posted.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If you are experiencing Homelessness and need access to local resources, please contact the school at 5509-584-8831, ext. 1401 or 1402</p> <p><b>Administration</b>            Mrs. Cronk, Principal <a href="mailto:cronks@puesd.net">cronks@puesd.net</a>            Mrs. Davis, Assist. Principal  <a href="mailto:daviss@puesd.net">daviss@puesd.net</a></p>

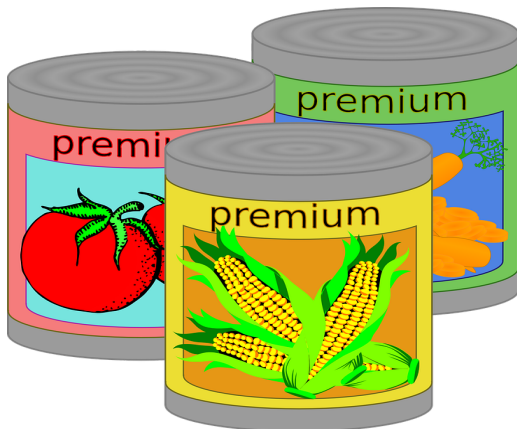


# **PIONEER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S 2023 CANNED FOOD DRIVE**



**November 27th –  
December 8th**

*All canned and nonperishable food items  
are welcomed!*



*Let's all join together to help  
families in our community!*

**Sponsored by Pioneer Elementary Student Council**





# A December to Remember at Pioneer Elementary

Monday 12/4

Merry & Bright  
Wear lighted wardrobe (tinsel, glitter, garland, necklace)

Tuesday 12/5



Mad About Plaid:  
Wear your favorite plaid/flannel shirt!

Wednesday 12/6



Stay Cozy!  
Wear Holiday socks

Thursday 12/7



Sleigh All Day!  
Wear your Nicest Holiday Outfit!

Friday 12/1

Happy Holidays!



Wear Red and Green

Friday 12/8



Sweater Day!  
Wear your favorite Festive Sweater!

Monday 12/11



Holiday Headwear  
Wear your favorite Holiday Headwear

Tuesday 12/12



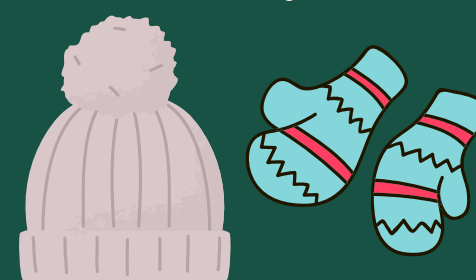
Moving this Season!  
Wear your athleisure wear!

Wednesday 12/13



Wear your favorite holiday shirt!

Thursday 12/14



Baby, It's Cold Outside!  
Wear Warm Comfy Clothes

Friday 12/15

**PAJAMA PARTY**

Wear pajamas and favorite stuffed animal!

2023-2024

# TK/Kindergarten Winter Music Program



**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**TIME:** Be at school no later than **5:50pm!** Performance is at 6:00pm. It should last about 30 minutes.

**WHERE:** Meet your child's teacher at the **CAFETERIA!!!**  
Performance will be in the Cafeteria.

**DRESS:** Children should be dressed in **PAJAMAS!**

✓ **PLEASE: NO** robes, jackets, slippers, scarves, or holiday hats!!! It can be distracting and **WARM** on stage.  
Regular shoes are safer on the risers.

**IMPORTANT:** Make sure your child has used the restroom **BEFORE** 5:50pm!

**BRING:** Family members and a camera!

We hope you enjoy your children! They have been working so hard to prepare this for you!



www.123cartoon.com

The TK and Kindergarten Teams

Mrs. Ruth

Mrs. Thigpin

Mrs. McCullough

Mrs. Pichurko

Mrs. Shandrew

# Mrs. Uribe

! school counselor !



**Please scan  
the QR code to  
visit the  
counseling site!**







# LIBRARY REMINDERS

Your child's books will be due weekly, unless their library day lands on a holiday, in which case they will be due the following week.

Please keep all food, drinks, and pets away from library books! Make sure your child closes their water bottle tightly when storing in their backpack. Water bottle spills were the #1 cause of book damage last year!

Charges for lost or damaged books must be paid before your child will be allowed to check out new books. Unpaid fines carry over to the following school year and into middle school. **Please pay at the front office, not the library!**

If you have a question about a charge or missing books, the best way to contact me is through email ([atkinsonj@puesd.net](mailto:atkinsonj@puesd.net)). Phone calls disturb my classes and an email will give me time to search for the info. you need. I check my email often, so this is the best method of contact. Thanks for your understanding!

Sincerely, Miss A. - Pioneer Librarian



# PIONEER

## *Elementary School District*

### **Band and Colorguard**

## **Pioneer and Frontier Elementary Band Families!**

### **You're Invited!**

to join us online for the latest on  
your school and district music  
programs!



Scan and Visit us Online!



You'll find:  
**Fundraisers**  
**Band Handbook**  
**Calendar of Events**

# PIONEER ELEMENTARY

## PARENT TEACHER CLUB

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Hanford, CA 93230  
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peptc@yahoo.com

*Co-Presidents*  
**Melissa Cole**  
**Candace Nelson**

*Co-Vice Presidents*  
**Christy Balderama**  
**Andrea McLaughlin**



*Co-Secretaries*  
**Courtney Smith**  
**Christine Batista**

*Co-Treasurers*  
**Amanda Ruch**  
**Ashlee Alender**

### VOLUNTEER

Please review the calendar of events for this school year! If any events interest you to volunteer, follow the link to sign up via the QR Code. Please note: all event dates subject to change at any time.

SCAN ME  
TO  
SIGN-UP!



## 23/24 PIONEER ELEMENTARY PTC EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

### 2023

#### AUGUST

8/16 First day of School  
8/30 Back to School Night  
Spirit wear Drive (Year Round)

#### SEPTEMBER

9/1 Coffee with the Counselor  
9/1 Fall School Pictures  
9/6 Grandparent's Day  
9/21 Panther Store (1st & 2nd Grade)  
9/29 Panther Pride Rally #1  
TBD Fall Catalog Fundraiser

#### OCTOBER

10/6 Coffee with the Counselor  
10/7 Fall Festival  
10/20 Parent Conferences  
10/27 TK/Kinder Pumpkin Patch (On Campus)  
10/27 Panther Store (1st & 2nd Grade)  
10/27 Panther Pride Rally #2  
10/31 Halloween Class Parties/ Parade

#### NOVEMBER

11/3 Coffee with the Counselor  
11/15 Family Point Night  
11/17 Panther Pride Rally #3  
11/17 Panther Store (1st & 2nd Grade)  
11/27- 12/17 See's Candy Fundraiser

#### DECEMBER

12/1 Coffee with the Counselor  
12/4 12/8 Holiday Shop  
12/12 Kinder Winter Program  
12/14 Santa Visit & Cookies

### 2024

#### JANUARY

1/12 Coffee with the Counselor  
1/26 Panther Pride Rally #4  
1/26 Panther Store (1st & 2nd Grade)

#### FEBRUARY

2/2 Coffee with the Counselor  
2/14 Valentine's Day Class Parties  
2/23 Panther Pride Rally #5  
2/23 Panther Store (1st & 2nd Grade)

#### MARCH

3/1 Read Across America  
3/8 Spring School Pictures  
3/15 ShamWalk Run  
3/22 Panther Pride Rally #6  
3/22 Panther Store (1st & 2nd Grade)

#### APRIL

4/15- 4/17 Book Fair  
4/17 Open House  
4/26 Panther Store (1st & 2nd Grade)  
TBD Night with Parents

#### MAY

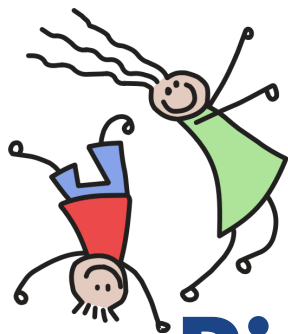
5/6- 5/10 Staff Appreciation Week  
5/23 Field Day  
5/24 Panther Store (1st & 2nd Grade)  
5/28 TK/ Kinder End of Year Award  
5/29 1st Grade End of Year Awards  
5/30 2nd & 3rd Grade End of Year Awards  
5/31 4th & 5th Grade End of Year Awards

#### JUNE

6/ 5 5th Grade Luau  
6/6 TK/Kinder Water Day  
6/6 Talent Show  
6/7 Last Day of School/ Slideshow



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Pioneer Union Elementary School District</b>  *This institution is an equal opportunity provider. *Menu is subject to change without notice!	<b>Breakfast      Lunch</b>  Assorted Fruit      Assorted Veggies & Fruit Juice                  Milk Milk                    Milk			<b>Concha Fruit Cup</b> <b>1</b>  Pizza Salad Mix Fresh Carrots Orange
<b>Cereal Banana</b> <b>4</b>  Chili Dog French Fries Corn Banana	<b>Muffin - Banana Raisins</b> <b>5</b>  Misc. Breakfast Items Sausage Green Beans Blueberries	<b>Cinnamon Bun Apple</b> <b>6</b>  Meatloaf Patty Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll Apple	<b>Cherry Frudal Cranberries</b> <b>7</b>  Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Cooked Broccoli Strawberries	<b>Honey Bun Fruit Cup</b> <b>8</b>  Cheese Breadsticks Pasta Sauce Salad Mix Fresh Carrots Orange
<b>Cereal Banana</b> <b>11</b>  Pork Tostada Shredded Cheese Refried Beans Corn Fruit Cup	<b>Benefit Bar - Oatmeal Raisin Raisins</b> <b>12</b>  Grilled Cheese Sandwich French Fries Green Beans Orange	<b>Buttermilk Twin Bar Apple</b> <b>13</b>  Chili Shredded Cheese Mixed Vegetables Cornmeal Muffin Apple	<b>Mini Bagel - Cinnamon Cranberries</b> <b>14</b>  Warm Turkey, Ham, & Cheese Slider Potato Wedges Cooked Broccoli Mixed Fruit	<b>Donut Fruit Cup</b> <b>15</b>  Pizza Salad Mix Fresh Carrots Raisins Christmas Cookie
<b>Christmas Break!</b>  <b>No School!!!</b>	<b>Christmas Break!</b>  <b>No School!!!</b>	<b>Christmas Break!</b>  <b>No School!!!</b>	<b>Christmas Break!</b>  <b>No School!!!</b>	<b>Christmas Break!</b>  <b>No School!!!</b>
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# PASE



## Pioneer After School Enrichment

**What is PASE? PASE is a FREE after school program for *qualifying* families for students in grades TK-6.**

**How do I know if my child qualifies? Complete the online Qualification Form *AND* the Free and Reduced Meal (FRM) Application. If you qualify for FRM status, you qualify for the FREE after school program!**

**To start the qualification process, please complete the form at the following link or QRC.**

**<https://forms.gle/yIVQig57u1DS3g4P8>**



### QUESTIONS?

Contact Leticia Santa Cruz [leticia.santacruz@kingscoe.org](mailto:leticia.santacruz@kingscoe.org) OR Sheri Powers [sheri.powers@kingscoe.org](mailto:sheri.powers@kingscoe.org)





## Student Birthdays



In an effort to encourage our students to develop a healthy lifestyle and protect students with food allergies from accidental exposure, and the changes in the **federal nutritional requirements**, **we will not allow food treats (including candy and juice)** for birthday snacks. Parents are still encouraged to celebrate student birthdays by offering an alternative to food treats such as providing an item for all students in the class with pencils, erasers, crayons, etc. Another fun idea is to donate a hardback book to the library in honor of your student. Please contact your child's teacher or school office in advance with a description of the birthday goodies. Parents will need prior approval before sending items to school. ***If food treats are brought to school, they will be returned since they are not allowed at school. Balloons, flower deliveries, etc. are not permitted for students.*** They will be refused if brought on campus, as it is a distraction to the learning environment.



## Visiting Campus

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS, all visitors must report to the office to **check in with their driver's license**, which is run through our security database RAPTOR. Parents are welcome to have lunch with their child/children in a designated location (**no fast food**) or volunteer in classrooms (if coordinated with the teacher). If you are flagged within RAPTOR, you will not be allowed to enter campus during the school day. However, you are allowed to pick up/drop off your child within the office or outside the gates. When you are ready to leave, you will return your pass to the office and sign out.

**We do ask that other arrangements are made for your younger children and that they do not accompany you during your time on campus.**

**Regulation 5132: Dress And Grooming**

**Status: ADOPTED**

**Original Adopted Date:** 08/07/2019 | **Last Revised Date:** 02/08/2023 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 02/08/2023

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Board of Trustees policy and administrative regulations. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed.

Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

School officials may prohibit any apparel, accessory, hairstyle or cosmetic, etc., even if not specifically mentioned in this regulation, that:

1. Creates a safety concern
2. Draws undue attention to the wearer
3. Detracts from the learning process
4. Causes a disturbance
5. Is considered gang related

In addition, the following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals must have heel straps. Thongs or backless shoes or sandals are not acceptable. Military style boots, steel toes, cleats, slippers, shoes with rollers, and high heels are prohibited.
2. Clothing, jewelry and personal items (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
3. Headwear other than hats, caps and visors will not be allowed at school. Hats, caps and visors must be removed in the classrooms, offices or other school facilities. Knit caps and the hood of a sweatshirt may be worn outdoors if the ambient temperature is sixty degrees or lower.
4. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through fabric, halter tops, off-the-shoulder, and spaghetti straps are prohibited. Shorts, shirts and dresses, can be no shorter than the level where the student's closed fist strikes the thigh when standing with arms straight down and at their side with shoulders relaxed. Holes in clothing may not be above this measurement. Clothing that becomes revealing to the midriff, pubic area, buttocks, or chest when standing, sitting, or moving is prohibited.
5. Physical education clothing may not be worn in classes other than physical education.
6. Earrings must be small and worn in ears. Body piercings are limited to studs.

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)

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# Panther Pride Qualifications



3<sup>RD</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

## PANTHER PRIDE CRITERIA (TRIMESTER GUIDELINES):

- ❖ NO DISCIPLINE REFERRALS DURING CURRENT TRIMESTER
- ❖ **MUST HAVE ALL "CONSISTENTLY" MARKS AND/OR NO MORE THAN 2 "MOST OF THE TIME" ON THEIR WORK HABITS ON THE REPORT CARD FOR THE TRIMESTER IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**  
Accepts responsibility for own behavior, Follows Directions, Respects other's rights/feelings/property, Uses time effectively, and Completes and returns homework.
- ❖ NO MORE THAN 4 **CLIP CHART POINTS** (I.E. ENDING ON PINK OR PURPLE).
- ❖ ANY NEW STUDENT MUST HAVE BEEN ENROLLED BY THE **BEGINNING** DATE OF THE PROGRESS REPORTS.
- ❖ NO MORE THAN **2 COMBINED ATTENDANCE MARKS** DURING THE CURRENT TRIMESTER IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES (EXCUSED **OR** UNEXCUSED):
  - ABSENCES
  - TARDIES
  - EARLY SIGN-OUTS

*Please Note: Students on IEPs will be considered meeting the above criteria for Citizenship if they are making progress towards meeting their individual IEP goals.*

**BE PROUD, BE AWARE, BE WISE, BE SAFE**