

PIONEER WEEKLY BULLETIN



Week of: 3/24/2025



A note from the Office Team:

MESSAGE FROM THE PEPTC

Use the QR Code to access the PTC Social Media Pages, and to sign up for Volunteering.



ATTENDANCE MESSAGE:

Absences: 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 to

pesattendance@puesd.net If a notification is not received from the

parent within three days of an absence, the absence will be considered unexcused (AR 5113). Absences exceeding 3 consecutive days requires a doctor's note or the absences will be unexcused. After 6 days in total, a doctor's note will be required every time a child is absent or it will be unexcused.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND NEED ACCESS TO LOCAL RESOURCES, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL AT 559-584-8831, EXT. 1401 OR 1402

New Student Registration Now Open for the 2025-26 School Year!!!

DOES YOUR CHILD QUALIFY FOR TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK)?

THE BIRTHDAY RANGE FOR TK IS EXPANDING AGAIN NEXT SCHOOL YEAR! IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 4 BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, THEN HE/SHE QUALIFIES TO ENROLL IN TK FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR!

IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 5 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, THEN HE/SHE WILL BE IN KINDERGARTEN.

YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT PUESD.NET. CLICK THE "ENROLLMENT" LINK IN THE TOP, RED OPTIONS BAR ABOVE. CONTACT FAWN LEMONS AT LEMONSL@PUESD.NET WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

Looking ahead this week :

MONDAY

- 5th Grade Revolutionary War Walkthrough

TUESDAY

- 5th Grade Revolutionary War Walkthrough

WEDNESDAY

- Early Release (1 hour early)
- Kindness Crew @ Lunch



THURSDAY

PIONEER SPRING PICTURE DAY



FRIDAY

DISTRICT STAFF PROFESSIONAL DAY- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS !!!



Upcoming events:



PUESD School Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 26th
6pm @ District Board Room

The Pioneer Elementary
School Accountability
Report Card for 23-24 is
now available for your
review at:

School Accountability
Report Card (SARC)
Hard Copies Available Upon
Request.

SARC
SCHOOL
ACCOUNTABILITY
REPORT CARD



Early Out Wednesdays

RELEASE TIMES

TK/Kinder @ 1:00 pm
1st & 2nd @ 1:05pm
3rd-5th @ 1:45pm



NO SCHOOL
Friday, March 28th
Staff PD

Stay in touch :



pesattendance@puesd.net



(559) 584-8831,
Ext. 1401 or 1402
Transportation, Ext. 1134



OFFICE HOURS: 7:45am-4:00pm

School Information:

Link to Lunch Menu:

[Lunch Menu Link](#)

Link to Parent/Student Handbook:

[Parent.Student Handbook 24.25](#)

LINK TO SCHOOL HOME PAGE:

[PIONEER ELEMENTARY HOMEPAGE](#)



PIONEER UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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www.puesd.net

Dear Pioneer Parents,

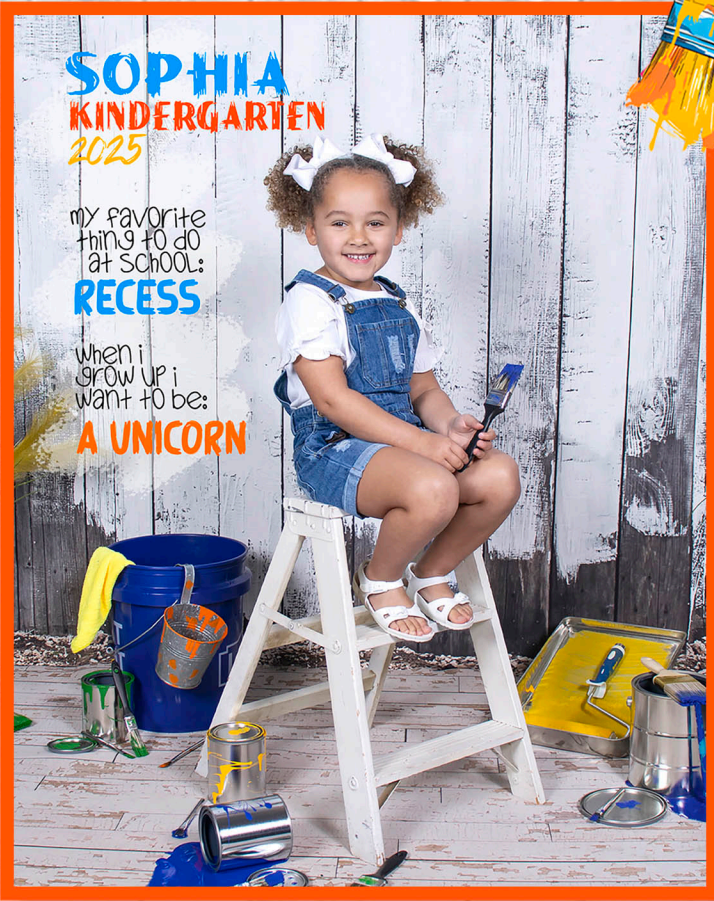
The Pioneer School District is seeking information from its parents/community about the programs, services, and operations of the district. The information gathered from the survey will be used to inform the development of the District's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), programs and services for the upcoming year. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey which can be accessed through your parent portal so that we may be better informed when developing plans to better serve your child/children in our schools. To access the sign-in page of your parent portal, click [HERE](#).

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration in completing the survey.

Sincerely,

Paul van Loon - Superintendent
Pioneer Union Elementary School District

IT'S PICTURE DAY! THURSDAY, MARCH 27



View Packages and Pre-Order at
www.islandphotography.net

Click the **SPRING PHOTOS** Button

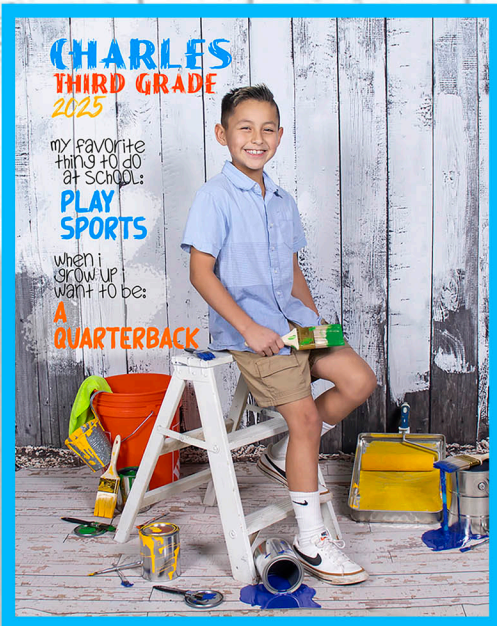



DON'T MISS OUT!

THIS IS A PRE-PAY EVENT

Online Orders Must be Placed
BEFORE Picture Day

ONLY Students with an Order Envelope
at time of Event will be Photographed





JOIN US AND CELEBRATE THE
UNIQUENESS OF CHILDREN AROUND
THE WORLD AND OUR COMMUNITY!

DRESS UP DAYS

World Down's Syndrome Day
CRAZY SOCK DAY
Friday, March 21st

World Autism Awareness Day
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND
"Celebrate Differences"

Light it Up Blue Day
Wear the Color Blue



**PIONEER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
KINDNESS CREW**

DONATION DRIVE FOR VALLEY ANIMAL HAVEN

VAH is a non-profit, no kill , private animal rescue facility. They are donation based and rely solely on the kindness of the community .

Food Items

- Dry Kitten and Cat Food
- Dry Puppy and Dog Food
- Canned Cat Food (no fishy flavors please)
- Canned Dog and Puppy Food

Cleaning Supplies

- Laundry Detergent
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Trash Bags (13, 33, 50 gallon)
- Newspapers
- Pooper Scoopers
- Puppy Pads
- Cat Litter

Enrichment Items

- Blankets and Bath Towels
- Toys (Cats and Dogs)
- Treats

March 10th-28th

The class with the most donation items will receive a class prize.

Please turn in items at the front office or to Mrs. Uribe (RM 619) . Do not forget to include your student's name or teacher's name.

Questions: uribep@puesd.net





Title I Summer Fun!

Stop by the Reading
Intervention classroom
during Open House!

- Packets of information with ways to help support your child become a better reader
- Pick up a summer reading calendar! Complete and turn it in next school year to earn a prize!
- Learn about the District Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)





JOIN THE 2025-2026 PIONEER ELEMENTARY 5TH GRADE BAND

**SIGN-UP NOW!
REGISTRATION CLOSING APRIL 11TH**

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- **FLUTE**
 - **CLARINET**
 - **SAXOPHONE**
 - **TRUMPET**
 - **LOW BRASS**
 - **PERCUSSION**

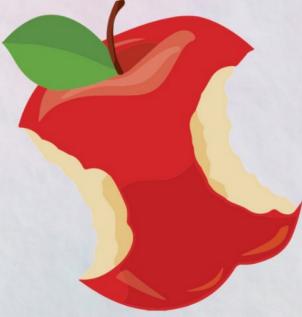


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THE
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Pioneer Middle School
Theater Club Presents:



SNOW
WHITE
AND THE



Seven
Endings

BY
**Tracy
Wells**



**Admission \$5
CASH ONLY**

**Friday April 4 at 6:00 PM
Saturday April 5 at 2:00 PM
and
Sunday April 6 at 2:00 PM**

PIONEER

SPIRIT WEAR STORE



SHOP AT: 1STPLACE.SALE/14626

PIONEER ELEMENTARY

PARENT TEACHER CLUB

Co- Presidents
Amanda Ruch
Candace Nelson

Co- Vice Presidents
Andrea McLaughlin
Melissa Cole



Co- Secretaries
Christy Balderama
Courtney Smith

Treasurer
Nicole Kopitzke

Scan the Code to
Get Connected



2024-2025 PIONEER EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

*ALL DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

AUGUST

Back to School Night 8-13
First Day of School 8-14
Coffee with the Crew 8-14

September

Labor Day (no school) 9-2
PTC Meeting at 6pm 9-5
Grandparents Day Event 9-5
Coffee with Counselor 9-6
PD Day (no school) 9-20
Panther Store 9-27

October

PTC Meeting at 6pm 10-3
Coffee with Counselor 10-4
Parent Teacher Conferences 10-18
Hit-a Thon 10-23
Panther Store 10-25
Kinder Pumpkin Patch 10-29
Halloween Classroom Parties 10-31

November

Coffee with Counselor 11-8
Veteran's Day (no school) 11-11
PTC Meeting at 6pm 11-12
Panther Store 11-15
Fall Festival 11-16
Thanksgiving Break 11-27-11-29

December

Holiday Shop 12-3-12-5
PTC Meeting at 6pm 12-5
Coffee with Counselor 12-6
Family Winter Night 12-19
Winter Break 12-23 -1-10

January

Winter Break 12-23-1-10
MLK Day (no school) 1-20
Panther Store 1-24
Coffee with Counselor 1-24

February

PTC Meeting at 6pm 2-6
Coffee with Counselor 2-7
Lincoln's Birthday (no school) 2-10
Valentine's Day Parties 2-14
President's Day 2-17
Panther Store 2-21

March

Read Across America 3-3
PTC Meeting at 6pm 3-6
Coffee with Counselor 3-7
ShamWalk Jog a thon 3-17
Panther Store 3-21
PD Day (no school) 3-28
Book Fair 3-31

April

Book Fair 4-1-4-2
PTC Meeting at 6pm 4-1
Open House 4-2
Coffee with Counselor 4-11
Spring Break 4-14-4-21
Panther Store 4-25

May

PTC Meeting at 6pm 5-1
Coffee with Counselor 5-2
Ice Cream Social 5-7
Staff Appreciation 5-9
Panther Store 5-23
Memorial Day (no school) 5-26
End of Year Awards 5-27-5-30

June

Field Day 6-2
5th Grade Celebration 6-4
Talent Show 6-5
Last Day of School 6-6

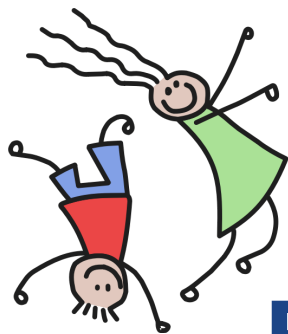
DON'T FORGET

Scan Our code
to stay up to date
peptc@yahoo.com





Please share our information with Family and Friends. Currently, we have a few vacancies and it's never too early to get on the preschool waiting list!



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!

Frontier School and
Pioneer Middle School



**To start the qualification process,
please complete the form at
the link or QRC that goes with your school.**

<https://forms.gle/sGXnxqhCd8PppyGN8>

Pioneer Elementary and
Pioneer Middle School



<https://forms.gle/sfrh6dAqBcpvyKly9>



A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring stylized books in blue, red, and yellow, along with green leaves and branches.

WANT TO AVOID LIBRARY FINES?

HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS:

Don't eat or drink near your books.

Keep pets away from your books. They like to chew on corners.

After reading your book, place it in your backpack so it won't get lost.

Make sure your water bottles are securely closed to avoid accidental spills on your books. This is the #1 reason for library fines!

Keep books out of reach of young siblings to avoid torn pages or scribbles.

If you receive a fine for a lost or damaged book, I am happy to accept a copy of the exact same book should you find it for a cheaper price!

**Miss A. - PES Librarian -
atkinsonj@puesd.net**



Pioneer Elementary School Daily Schedule 2024-2025



Early Morning

7:30am	Campus Opens & Breakfast Service
8:05am	First Bell – Line Up
8:10am	Tardy Bell - Class begins

Recess

9:30- 9:45	Transitional Kindergarten
9:45-10:00	Kindergarten, 1 st , 2 nd
10:00-10:15	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th



Lunch

11:00 – 11:40	TK/K & 1st
11:40 – 12:20	2 nd & 3 rd
12:20 – 1:00	4 & 5 th

Dismissal Times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

TK/Kindergarten	2:00 pm
Grades 1-2	2:05 pm
Grades 3-5	2:45 pm

Wednesday - EARLY OUT

TK/Kindergarten	1:00 pm
Grades 1-2	1:05 pm
Grades 3-5	1:45 pm



Super Minimum Day Dismissal December 20, 2024 & June 6, 2025		Super Minimum Day Lunch Schedule	
TK/Kindergarten	12:00 p.m.	TK/Kindergarten & 1st	10:40-11:20 a.m.
Grades 1 st & 2 nd	12:05 p.m.	Grades 2 nd & 3 rd	11:20-12:00 p.m.
Grades 3 rd -5 th	12:45 p.m.	Grades 4 th & 5 th	12:00-12:40 p.m.

Panther Pride Qualifications



3RD- 5TH 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

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.