

PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of October 15 - 19, 2018

“All students will learn and grow academically, socially, emotionally and physically!”

“A child who is allowed to be disrespectful to his parents will not have true respect for anyone.”

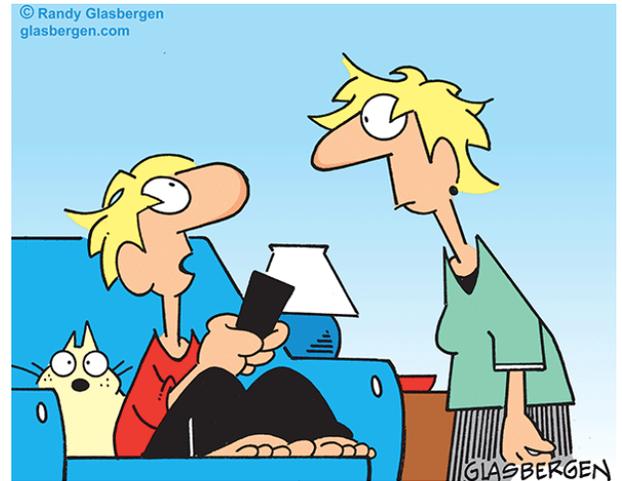
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The Week Ahead

- **Tuesday**
 - Scholastic Book Fair
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- **Thursday**
 - Teacher PD Day - No School for Students
- **Friday**
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Dates to Remember

- October 24: Pizza Day
- October 25: Butt Ugly Presentation (for grade 6)
- October 26: Halloween Dance
- October 30: Picture Retake Day
- October 31: Halloween
- November 4: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 6-7: Babysitting Course
- November 9: School Remembrance Service at 9:15AM
- November 11: Remembrance Day
- November 12: No School
- November 21: Pizza Day
- November 23: Professional Development Day (No School)



“My teacher told me to read for an hour a day.
Do Facebook and text messages count?”

Items of Note

- What’s with all the PD days? Most school days, teachers are “on” from 8:30 to 3:30. After school, they coach sports, meet with colleagues & parents, mark, plan for the next day, develop individual student program plans, communicated with parents, and take care of paperwork. There’s not much time left for professional growth. Scheduled PD days allow teachers and other school staff the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues, work with experts in the field, learn new instructional practices, and become better teachers. They do this in order to give your children the best education they can. Would you want a doctor who graduated 20 years ago and hasn’t stayed on top of new developments in medicine? Obviously not. So why would you want your child to have a teacher who doesn’t strive to be the best they can? That’s what PD days are about.

