



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST
Week of November 19 - 23, 2018

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

"A person's a person, no matter how small."

~Horton the elephant

The Week Ahead

- **Monday**
 - Grade 7 Option Day
- **Tuesday**
 - Grade 8 Option Day
 - 7:00PM Jazz Concert featuring students from 7 - 12 at West Central
- **Wednesday**
 - Pizza Lunch
- **Thursday**
 - High School AAA Volleyball Provincials at West Central & Pioneer
- **Friday**
 - Professional Development Day (No School)

Dates to Remember

- November 30: Report Cards Go Home
- December 3: Beginning of Term 2
- December 3: School Council Meeting at 7:00PM
- December 5 & 6: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- December 11: December Band Showcase at 7:00PM
- December 12: Pizza Day
- Dec. 22 - Jan 6: Christmas Break
- January 7: Classes Resume
- January 7: School Council Meeting at 7:00PM

Item of Note

Friday was a "snow day" so it is a good time to discuss what this all entails. First off, it only means busses do not run. School normally remains open during inclement weather. Sometimes the WRSD transportation dept. will cancel all busses in an area. However, in other cases the decision to cancel individual routes is the responsibility of the individual bus drivers. So it could be that a particular bus may be cancelled due to conditions along that route while other busses run normally. When a route is cancelled in the morning, it does not run in the afternoon either. It is cancelled all day.

Bus cancellations are announced on local radio, through the WRSD website & Facebook page, and the WRSD Bus App (available for iPhones and Android). The app can be set up to give you push notifications when your child's bus is cancelled or delayed. It is pretty handy and is recommended.

When your child's bus does not run, it is then up to you to decide if you can safely get them to school. There are absolutely no penalties for a student not attending when their bus is cancelled. They cannot be negatively impacted for missing assessments or due dates on these days. If you can get your child to school safely, it is a great opportunity for them to get extra help from their teachers, get caught up or ahead on assignments, and/or delve deeper into their studies. Your child is always welcome and can start at anytime during the day.

Friday was our first day this year where all busses were cancelled. We started the day with 47% students in the morning. As the year progresses, that percentage tends to rise to the point that we typically have well over half and as much as 75% our students in attendance on a given "snow day."