



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**PANTHER POST**

Week of January 28 - February 1, 2019

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

“Everybody knows how to raise children, except the people who have them.”  
P.J. O’Rourke”

**The Week Ahead**

- **Wednesday**
  - Pizza Lunch
  - Gr. 6 Band Showcase & Info. Night at 7:00PM
- **Friday**
  - PD Day - No School for Students

**Dates to Remember**

- February 6: Deadline for Ski Trip Forms & Payments
- February 7-8: Jazzworks for Jazz 8
- February 13: Pizza Lunch
- February 14: Valentine’s Day
- February 18: No School for Family Day
- February 21: AIBF Grade 8 Band at U of Calgary
- February 27: Pizza Lunch
- February 27: Pink Shirt Day

Top 10 reasons for volunteering at your child’s school

- 1) Sends a message to your child that they matter
- 2) Lead by example to help others
- 3) Today’s youth need you
- 4) You get to see how your child interacts at school
- 5) Become connected with school community
- 6) Strengthen your relationship with your child
- 7) Increase children’s ability to be successful at school
- 8) Validates the importance of school to your children
- 9) Supervisors for events are always needed
- 10) The knowledge you gain as a parent about the daily activities and trends at school give you language to use with your own child at home.

Talk with your child’s teachers to see how you can help.

**Item of Note**

Phone Policy

Phones can be a wonderful tool when used at the right time and place. As educators, we strive to teach students where and when they are appropriate. In most cases, they are not needed in the classroom and can be a distraction. Therefore, we ask students to leave phones in their lockers during class. If they aren’t comfortable with that, teachers have a safe spot in the classroom where students can store their phones.

If a student is found with a phone during class, the teacher will put the phone in the office where the child can collect it at the end of the day. If this happens a third time, parents are asked to come collect the phone. If it happens a fourth time, a meeting will be scheduled between home and school to find a solution.

