



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**PANTHER POST**

Week of August 26, 2019

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

*"And now let us welcome the new year, full of things that never were."*

*~Rainer Maria Rilke*

### The Week Ahead

- **Monday**
  - School Office Opens
- **Friday**
  - Open House 1:00-3:00PM

### Dates to Remember

- September 3: First Day of School
- September 3: Pancake Breakfast
- September 9: School Council at 7:00PM
- September 18: Pizza Lunch
- September 20: PD Day - No School
- September 30: Orange Shirt Day
- October 2: Pizza Lunch
- October 4: PD Day - No School
- October 14: Thanksgiving - No School
- October 16: Pizza Lunch

**OPEN HOUSE**

The school will be open from 1:00-3:00PM on Friday, August 30 for families to drop off school supplies, find their classrooms, and meet their new teachers.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Pioneer is kicking the year off with a family pancake breakfast. Everyone in the school community is welcome to drop in between 7:45 and 8:45 for free pancakes. We hope to see you there.

### Items of Note

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer and your children are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am happy you are part of our learning community. Pioneer appreciates and values parent involvement in the school and their child's education, and looks forward to working with you and your child.

It looks like we are going to have another great year ahead. Our skilled and hard-working teachers and educational assistants are busy planning and preparing for your child's return to school. Our dedicated front office staff is updating student files, organizing materials, and ordering supplies & equipment for the year ahead. The conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning facility. We are nearly ready to begin a great new year.

As you are also preparing for the year purchasing school supplies and back-to-school clothes, we ask that you also take time to speak with your child about the year ahead. They are likely both excited and nervous; both feelings are perfectly normal starting a new school year. Talking through those feelings is a good way to manage them and it helps you better understand your child's perspective.

While you speak with them, talk about the impact they can have on their classmates and the overall climate of the school. If they see another child struggling, encourage them to help. If they see another child excluded, challenge them to invite that child in. Inspire them to lift others up with a smile or a positive word. Remind them that we lift ourselves by lifting others and no one looks up to those who put others down. A smile and a kind word can make someone's day, and it's contagious.

