



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**PANTHER POST**

Week of June 21, 2021

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

*"Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August."*

~Jenny Han

### Dates to Remember

- June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 21: Rainbow Day
- June 22: Formal Day
- June 23: Beach Day
- June 25: Last Day for Students
- June 25: Reverse Parade at 12:30
- June 25: Report Cards Go Home
- June 29: Grad Parade at 2:30

### Items of Note

**Report cards** will be ready to go home with students at the end of the day on Friday. Included in the grade 6 & 7 report card packages will be a supplies list for next year and letter indicating their homeroom teacher for next year.

We will be moving our annual **Awards Ceremony** to a virtual format this year. Watch for messages being pushed out on Facebook and Remind with a link to the pre-recorded video presentation on Friday morning.

Please join us Friday at 12:30 for a **Reverse Parade** to celebrate our grade 8 students moving on and to recognize our three outstanding retirees: Donna Little, Yvonne Moberg, and Kim Hastings. Parents and other well-wishers will gather at a yet-to-be-determined location near the school (watch for the announcement on Facebook and Remind) at 12:20 before proceeding to our bus lanes, where students and staff will be gathered to be cheered on by those of you driving by.

The grade 12 **Grad Parade** is scheduled for 2:30 on Tuesday, June 29. Come out and celebrate this achievement. You are welcome to join us in front of the school as the Pioneer staff will be out cheering them on.



To say this has been a difficult year would be an understatement. It's been challenging for teachers & students and hard on parents. Masking, cohorting, extra cleaning, no sports, no performances, no special events, online learning, self-isolating, quarantining. It's all been hard. Yet everyone has been incredibly resilient. Students have complied with the pandemic restrictions; teachers have adjusted their practices, parents have been so supportive. As I reflect on the year, I'm struck by how sturdy & strong the Pioneer family can be.

As tough as we all might be, we are looking forward to a fall that is more normal and has few restrictions; to a school year with a variety of options & clubs, of sports and band performances, of field trips, dances and ski trips. While we are looking forward to it, we are also prepared to adapt once again, should the need arise.

Given the ups & downs of schooling in a pandemic, we will be putting a greater focus on Language Arts and Math in the coming years. We will continue to give our students a wide variety of experiences outside of traditional subjects as well. Rather than building those experiences into our timetable, we will offer them through increased use of clubs, such as outdoor experiences, photography, etc.

Until then, have a great summer. Hopefully you can take some time to relax and enjoy a well-deserved break. ~Patrick Wilbur