



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of September 20, 2021

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

"Adolescence is perhaps nature's way of preparing parents to welcome the empty nest."

~Karen Savage and Patricia Adams

Dates to Remember

- September 20: Federal Election
- September 27: PD Day - No School
- September 29: Pizza Lunch Sale
- September 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)
- October 1: Picture Day
- October 4: School Council Mtg. at 7:00PM
- October 7: Terry Fox School Run/Walk
- October 8: No School
- October 11: Thanksgiving - No School
- October 13: Pizza Lunch Sale
- ~~October 15: Fall Into Funk Band Fundraiser~~
- October 18: Municipal and School Board Elections
- October 22: PD Day - No School
- October 27: Pizza Lunch Sale
- October 31: Halloween

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Items of Note

Just a reminder that **Annual Registration Update forms are now due**. Thanks to those who have returned them. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible.

Note that **Fall Into Funk has been cancelled** due to new provincial COVID regulations.

Parents signed up for SchoolCash should receive notification on Wednesday regarding **fees**. If you have not already done so, please sign up for SchoolCash by visiting <https://wildrose.schoolcashionline.com/>. All fees are due mid-November and should be paid through SchoolCash online. Grades 7 & 8 Band parents should have received a notice regarding a reduction in their fees via email on Friday. Our fee schedule is included with our Supplies List and is available on our webpage at <https://pioneer.wrsd.ca/>. We'd appreciate it if you do not send in cash or cheque, but use SchoolCash instead.

In order to better monitor the impact of illness on the school, we ask that parents please be sure to note the **type of absence** (e.g. Illness, Appointment, etc.) when reporting their child's absence in SchoolMessenger.

The **new provincial COVID regulations** came into effect rather quickly and we appreciate everyone's patience as we implement new protocols in order to comply with these new mandates. The two immediate impacts were masking and cohorting our grade 6's. We appreciate your understanding as we implement practices we all wish weren't required.

Students adapted to the new **masking protocols** quickly. We are doing what we did last year. Everyone wears a mask in common areas like hallways and bathrooms. In the classroom, teachers allow students to remove their masks as long as everyone is seated separately and facing the same direction. Students are not required to wear a mask outdoors nor when engaged in physical activity (e.g. Phys. Ed.).

Cohorting the grade 6's has required us to make some changes to our schedule. Grade 6 students now have separate recesses from the grades 7 & 8 students. We're still working out some of the other details around Band and extra-curricular activities, but we don't anticipate any significant challenges at this time.