



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
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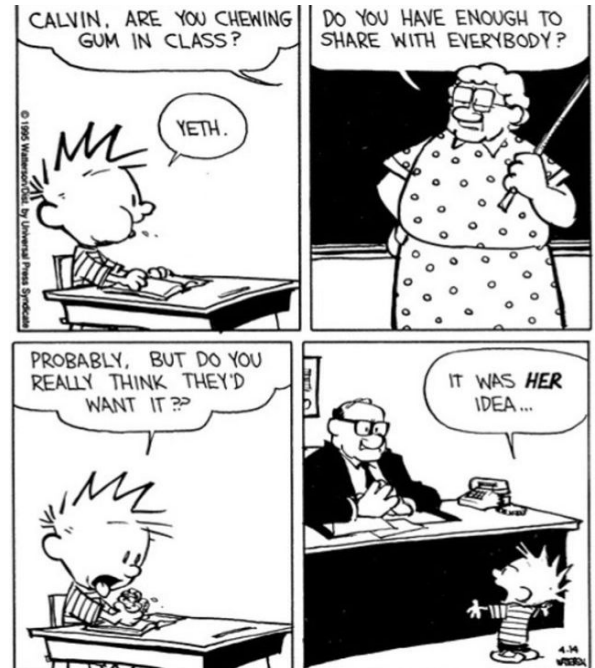
Week of September 27, 2021

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

*"Never fear spoiling children by making them too happy.
Happiness is the atmosphere in which all good affections grow."
~Thomas Bray*

Dates to Remember

- 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 5: World Teacher Day
- October 7: Terry Fox School Run/Walk
- October 8: No School
- October 11: Thanksgiving - No School
- October 13: Pizza Lunch Sale
- October 18: Municipal Elections
- October 22: PD Day - No School
- October 27: Pizza Lunch Sale
- October 29: Halloween Dress Up Day
- October 31: Halloween



Items of Note

It has certainly been an interesting September. As predicted, change appears to have been inevitable. We very much appreciate how understanding parents have been as we make constant adjustments. You've been amazing through all this. So have your kids. They have quickly adapted to the new protocols and are carrying on without skipping a beat. Kids are resilient.

That said, they are not impervious to the stress all this puts on them. We know you're keeping an eye on their physical health, but monitor their mental health as well. If you have any concerns, don't be afraid to reach out to us. We will help in any way we can.

The staff have also been incredible these past few weeks. Not only are they adapting to all these changes too, but with high staff absences and very few substitutes available, they have been very flexible and accommodating in ensuring that all students' needs are being met.

This great staff will be taking Monday to be students themselves. They'll be sharing best practices on how to better reach your children, learning new strategies on how to teach writing, and how to preserve & restore indigenous culture. It's going to be a busy day.

Thursday is a National Day for Truth & Reconciliation, more commonly known as Orange Shirt Day. Everyone is encouraged to wear orange that day to mark the struggles of residential school children. Classes will engage in a number of activities that day to help us all better understand this part of our history and how it impacts our lives today.

