



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of March 14, 2022

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

“There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.”

~Beverly Sills

Dates to Remember

- March 14: Beginning of Term 3
- March 14-18: Book Fair Library Fundraiser
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day (Silent Shamrock)
- March 18: Report Cards Go Home
- March 23-24: Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7:00PM
- March 25: Great Kids Award Nomination Deadline
- March 28-31: Spring Break (No School)
- April 4: School Council Meets at 7:00PM
- April 9: Vimy Ridge Day
- April 14: PD Day (No School)
- April 15: Good Friday (No School)
- April 18: Easter Monday (No School)
- April 22: Look Alike Day (aka Twins Day)

Items of Note

With many pandemic restrictions lifted from schools, it's important to note that some are still in place. The **COVID** [AHS Daily Checklist](#) has been updated and is still important to follow. Isolation requirements have not changed. Information about isolation requirements is available [here](#). Everyone is still encouraged to practice handwashing and respiratory etiquette and we should also stay home when sick. Enhanced cleaning protocols and ventilation practices are also still in place.

If you haven't already, Grade 7 parents should soon receive a letter from Alberta Ed. inviting you to take part in the **annual Assurance survey** (formerly the Accountability Pillars survey). Schools use the results of this survey to guide our improvement efforts, so we encourage you to take part.

Warmer weather means our playground will see more water and mud than we'd like. Please speak with our child about staying **clean & dry** for classes.

In 2018, we undertook a 2-year process to update our school **dress code** into something that can withstand fashion changes, is gender-neutral and focused on what is appropriate for an educational environment. The process included extensive consultation with parents, students, and staff. The end result is the following [Dress Code](#) that we share annually. Dress codes are common in the world of education, business, and work. With the warmer weather coming, it's a good time to remind everyone of some of the expectations, particularly those that might be affected by the warmer weather: Shoes are to be worn at all times; Wet &/or dirty shoes should be removed at the entrance; Students are expected to have separate clothing for Phys. Ed., including clean, non-marking shoes; Closed-toed shoes are required in science, foods, and industrial labs; Sunglasses, hats, caps, hoods, bandanas and other hat-like headgear are to be removed in classrooms; Skin will be covered from armpits down to mid-thigh; and Tops will have over-the-shoulder straps.

Do you know a great kid? I'm sure you do. The **Alberta Great Kids Awards** nomination deadline is March 25. Go to <https://www.alberta.ca/great-kids-award.aspx> for more information and a nomination form.

The school library is holding its **Scholastic Book Fair** all this week. All proceeds from the Fair go towards purchasing new books and resources for the library. If you're able to participate by making a purchase, we'd appreciate it.

