



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of May 9, 2022

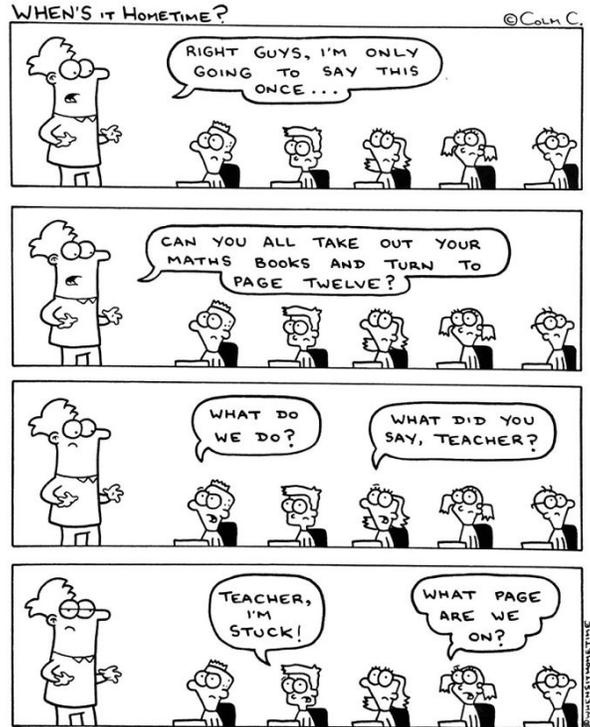
"All students will learn and grow academically, socially, emotionally and physically!"

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

~Benjamin Franklin

Dates to Remember

- May 10 & 13: Sue Farrell Holler virtual author visits
- May 16: Grade 6 French LA Part A (writing) PAT
- May 18: Grade 6 English LA Part A (writing) PAT
- May 17 & 20: Kate Boorman virtual author visits
- May 20: ERE 100th Anniversary Celebration
- May 23: Victoria Day (No School)
- May 24: Gr. 6 Reg. Immunizations
- May 25: Grade 8 Transition Visit to West Central
- June 2: Grade 7 Tipi Teachings SS Field Trip
- June 3: PD Day (No School)
- June 6: School Council Meets at 7:00PM
- June 9: Spring Band Concert at 7:00PM
- June 10: 80's Rocker Day
- June 13-17: Grade 6 Prov. Achievement Testing
- June 14 & 15: Grade 7C & 7E Drumheller Trip
- June 21: National Indigenous People's Day
- June 22 & 23: Grade 7S & 7U Drumheller Trip
- June 24: Report Cards and Last Day of School
- June 29: West Central Grad



Items of Note

About 5 years ago, based on the concerns of parents, community members, staff, and even some students, the school undertook the challenge of creating a **dress code** appropriate for an academic environment. Most workplaces have dress codes and schools are a workplace for students. The parameters we set in its creation were that it be easy to understand, gender-neutral, and non-punitive in nature. Due to multiple consultations with parents, students, and staff, the process took 2 years to complete.

Most people agree with the vast majority of it. No one argues the safety (e.g. closed-toed shoes in labs) and common decency (e.g. no hate speech on clothing) components of the dress code. However, given the wide range of community beliefs on what an academic dress code should look like, not everyone agreed with the end result. But everyone agreed that torsos, buttocks, and genitals should be covered. To make this easy to understand, the dress code states that everything from the armpit to mid thigh should be covered. Not only is it easy to understand, but it's easy to enforce as well--no one is measuring the length of shorts or how much belly is being exposed.

No student should be shamed or punished for what they wear. However, if the same student is repeatedly violating the dress code, their parents may be contacted, and they could face consequences for being defiant. These cases are very rare, but not unheard of. The vast majority of students have no trouble following the dress code. All parents are encouraged to review it on our website at <https://pioneer.wrsd.ca/download/384775>. Any parents who have concerns about it are welcome to discuss their concerns with school administration.

HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEK!!!