



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of September 12, 2022

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

"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice."

~Brian Herbert

Dates to Remember

- September 12-15: Volleyball Tryouts 3:30-5:00
 - Monday: Grade 6 Boys
 - Tuesday: Grades 7/8 Boys
 - Wednesday: Grade 6 Girls
 - Thursday: Grades 7/8 Girls
- September 19: School Council Mtg. 7:00PM in Library
- September 20: Indigenous Spirit Awards Assembly 11:15AM
- September 23: Terry Fox Run 1:00PM
- September 26: PD Day - No School for Students
- September 28: Picture Day
- September 30: Nat. Day for Truth & Rec/Orange Shirt Day
- October 3: School Council Mt.g 7:00PM
- October 5: World Teacher Day
- October 10: Thanksgiving - No School
- October 21: PD Day - No School for Students
- October 28: Halloween Dance
- October 31: Halloween



Items of Note

Welcome back to another school year. If you're new to Pioneer, it is important to note that keeping your child **safe & cared for** is our top priority. If your child is not feeling this, please let us know.

In keeping with this mindset, we will be striving to keep our little community healthy. Therefore, **when your child is sick, please keep them home**. This applies to any condition that might be passed to others, such as cold, flu, stomach ailments, pink eye, lice, etc. Keeping them home will help prevent the spread of the condition and minimize disruptions to the learning process.

School Council has their first meeting on Monday, September 19 at 7:00PM in the school library. Taking part in these monthly meetings represents a minimal commitment for the benefits of having input into the governance of the school, learning about school events, and taking part in your child's education.

Following the School Council meeting, the **Friends of Pioneer Society** will be meeting. The Friends group is dedicated to raising funds for a much needed playground equipment. We're always looking for more friends to help.

REPORTING ABSENCES

With our **SafeArrival** program, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using one of these convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger** app from the Apple Store or Google Play or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. To report an absence, select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. To report an absence, select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-855-756-2797** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24/7 and are incredibly easy to use. If you do not report your child's absence in advance, the school will have to contact you to ensure your child is safely in your care.