



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of September 18, 2023

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

*"We are apt to forget that children watch examples better than they listen to preaching."
~ Roy L. Smith*

Dates to Remember

- September 18: Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser Kick Off
- September 22: Terry Fox School Run
- September 25: PD Day - No School for Students
- September 26-28: Grade 8 & 9 Gull Lake Band Camp
- September 29: Orange Shirt Day
- September 30: Nat. Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- October 7: 7PM School Council and Friends Society Mtg.
- October 6: No School
- October 9: Thanksgiving - No School
- October 18-19: Make Up Drumheller Trip
- October 19: AHS Regular Immunizations
- October 20: PD Day - No School
- October 23-27: Scholastic Book Fair

Items of Note

Thanks to the Friends of Pioneer Society, we are very pleased to announce we are a major step closer to getting our new playground equipment. The Friends were able to secure a matching grant that will see us installing a new playground October 19, depending on weather. But we are not there yet. We still have some significant fundraising to do in order to ensure we get the playground finished on time. Our **Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser** starts Monday. Your child will bring home a letter and order form. Ask them about some of the staff incentives staff are willing to perform for top sellers.

In 1980, Terry Fox ran a marathon a day for 143 days on a prosthetic leg to help support cancer research. Before his death on June 28, 1981, Terry had achieved his once unimaginable goal of \$1 from every Canadian. More importantly, he had set in motion the framework for an event, **The Terry Fox Run**, that would ignite cancer research in Canada, raising more than \$850 million since 1980, and bring hope and health to millions of Canadians. Through our Tnoonies for Terry campaign, the school hopes to raise \$1000 to support The Terry Fox Foundation's mission to support research to end cancer. To this end, homeroom teachers are collecting students' cash donations and parents can support the school by donating online at schools.terryfox.ca/30483. Every donation helps those affected by this terrible disease. Please help.

This past week, students wrote the RCAT (Reading Comprehension Assessment Tool). This week, students will be writing the MIPI (Math Intervention/Programming Instrument). Students will also soon be writing the HLAT (Highest Level of Achievement Tests) in writing. These three **screening tools** help teachers develop appropriate programming for their students and may initiate additional testing to better understand children's learning needs. These tests don't count towards students' achievement in school. They simply guide teacher programming to ensure each student is working optimally and achieving the support they need to be successful.



HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!