



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**PANTHER POST**

Week of September 9, 2024

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

*"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth." ~Diogenes*

### Dates to Remember

- September is Panther P.R.I.D.E. Month
- September 7: Meet the Teacher & Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-6:00PM
- September 9: School Council & Friends of Pioneer meet at 7:00PM
- September 13: School Picture Day
- September 20: PD Day - No School for Students
- September 30: Nat. Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt)
- October is "P" is for Positivity Month
- October 1-3: Grade 8 Gull Lake Band Camp
- October 7: School Council & Friends of Pioneer meet at 7:00PM
- October 11: PD Day - No School for Students
- October 14: Thanksgiving (no school)
- October 23 & 24: Grade 6 Des Crossley Field Trips
- October 25: PD Day - No School for Students

**Volleyball** tryouts begin this week. Grade 6 is Tues. & Thurs. after school. Grades 7/8 are Mon. & Wed. after school.

**Cross Country Running** meets Monday at lunch recess with Mr. Banke.

### Items of Note

**School Council** has their first meeting on Monday, September 9 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. **The Friends of Pioneer** meet after School Council to discuss fundraising, primarily for playground equipment. If you can't make the meeting in-person, contact Mr. Wilbur to get a video-conference link.

You have probably heard there is new Alberta legislation prohibiting personal mobile devices in the classroom. The legislation requires school divisions to develop policies around devices by January. As the division rolls out their new policies, Pioneer will continue with its long-established **Cell Phone Policy** that requires students to leave their phones locked in their lockers during class time. For first and second offences, the cell phone will be placed in the office where the student can pick it up at the end of the day. Third and fourth offences will require the child's parent to pick up the phone. A fifth offence will require a meeting between the parents and principal. Exemptions are made for students requiring devices for medical purposes, such as monitoring blood sugar.

**Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser** runs September 16 to 30 with delivery expected the week of October 15. This is our major fundraiser for the year and we hope that all students will make an effort to sell at least two kits.

### STAFF PROFILE

Desmond Kleinschroth  
Grade 8 Teacher

I grew up in Rocky Mountain House and have lived here for 46 years. I attended St. Matthew's Catholic School. I graduated in 1996 and worked in the oil patch for 6 years. In 2002, I returned to school to become a Teacher. I graduated from the University of Alberta in 2008.

I started my teaching career in Sylvan Lake at a Catholic school in a grade three class, covering maternity leave in 2008. I then moved on to work in my childhood school for the remainder of the year. It wasn't until the fall of 2012 that I started teaching at Pioneer. Having taught many grades, I feel that grade 8 is the perfect grade to teach.

In 1998, I met my Future Wife, the late Collene Skoven. We would go on and have 3 kids. With our kids, we farmed cattle north of Rocky. In May 2021, I lost my wife to a very aggressive cancer. I met my current wife, who also lost her husband in 2021, and we remarried in 2023. We continue to farm and are building a house on our new farm out by Alhambra.

I have always enjoyed having animals around. We currently have 48 head of cattle, 4 dogs, and a few farm cats. When we move, we will start raising chickens, turkeys, and sheep.

