



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

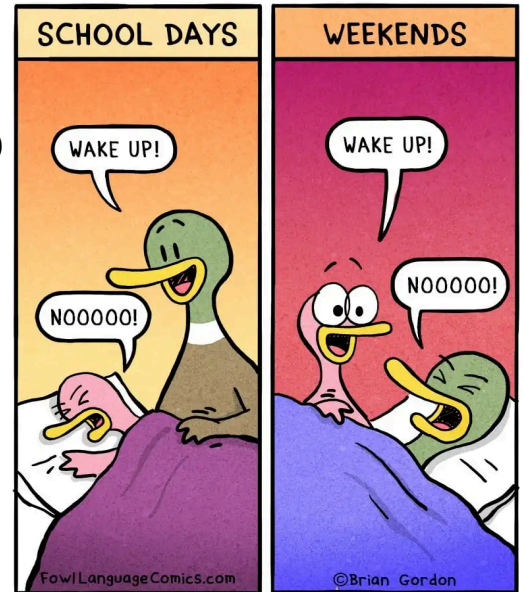
Week of September 23, 2024

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

"Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try Again. Fail again. Fail better." ~Samuel Beckett

Dates to Remember

- September is Panther P.R.I.D.E. Month
- September 16-30: Little Caesars' Pizza Fundraiser
- September 27: School Terry Fox Run
- 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 15: Pizza Kits Arrive this Week
- October 21: 7S & 7/8R Des Crossley Field Trip
- October 22: 7O & 7U Des Crossley Field Trip
- October 23 Grades 6B, 6E, & 6T Des Crossley Field Trip
- October 24: Grade 6 Des Crossley Field Trip
- October 24: Halloween Dance
- October 25: PD Day - No School for Students



Items of Note

We've been experiencing limitations in getting effective communication out to families. Facebook engagement is low and the school's Remind app has not been accepting new users. Therefore, in addition to these two platforms, we are now utilizing e-mail to get this weekly information out to families. So as to avoid overwhelming inboxes, we are only using the email addresses of primary contacts in our records. If you know of someone who would like to be added to the list of recipients, please have them contact the school. We hope you find this method of communication helpful and that the weekly **Panther Post** newsletter is useful in staying up to date with your child's education and school life.

Pioneer Middle School is so proud to be a part of this year's **Terry Fox School Run** on Friday. In 1980, he ran half way across the country on one leg in the hopes that every Canadian would donate a dollar to cancer research. Today, we continue his legacy and ask everyone to donate a Toonie for Terry. Our school goal is to raise \$700 on Friday. Classroom teachers are collecting donations or you can donate online at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/PioneerMiddle>.

September 30 is **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation** (Orange Shirt Day). We will be marking the day with an assembly at 11:00AM. Parents and families are welcome to join us.



STAFF PROFILE

Carolyn Dressler
Educational Assistant

I was born and raised in Rocky Mountain House, was married and had 3 children born here as well. We moved to Drayton Valley for 9 years, and in the year 2000 my career as an E.A. began. I started at Eldorado School in kindergarten for 2 years, grade 1 for 2 years and grade 2 for 1 year before moving back 'home'. I landed a job in grade 7 at Pioneer and I've never looked back, this is where I feel the most comfortable. I will soon be going into my 25th year with the Wild Rose School Division.

I have divorced my children's father but we remain close. I've met a wonderful man, Tom, who is now my life partner. My spirited children have all grown up and moved on, they have blessed us with 8 impeccably behaved grandkids with the oldest graduating this school year. My only pet is a tortoise named Cooper who is 15.

In my spare time I enjoy socializing, reading, long walks, hiking, camping, kayaking, swimming, traveling to warm destinations and pretty much anything outside. I love doing crafts which include rock art, painting and a new interest in diamond art. I've created a greeting card which has been published. I'm looking forward to another fantastic year with an awesome team at Pioneer!

