



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**PANTHER POST**

Week of September 30, 2024

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

*"Children are educated by what the grown-up is and not by his talk.." ~Carl Yung*

### Dates to Remember

- September is Panther P.R.I.D.E. Month
- September 16-30: Little Caesars' Pizza Fundraiser
- 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

The **Terry Fox School Run** was a success on Friday. Thanks to everyone who participated, volunteered, and donated.

Monday is **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation**. We mark this day to recognise the 150,000 indigenous children who endured residential schools and the trauma it perpetuated to this day. The orange shirt has become a symbol of hope, reconciliation and a commitment to a better future. By wearing an orange shirt on September 30th, you make a statement to support reconciliation and commit to the enduring truth that every child matters. Students have been engaged in learning activities for the past week and will mark the day with an assembly at 11:00AM. Parents and families are welcome to join us.

## INTERROGATION



### STAFF PROFILE

Heather Henry  
Learning Commons Facilitator

Your Learning Commons Facilitator grew up in Rocky Mountain House and attended Pioneer Middle School as a youth. Once graduated from Will Sinclair High School (the previous name of the Rocky high school), she went on to Olds College where she obtained her diploma in Land and Water Resources. She was hired on to an engineering company as an environmental specialist and worked there until she became a mother. She has two boys and was fortunate to welcome a step daughter into her life before the boys were born. Heather decided to become a stay at home mom and once the boys were of school age she joined Wild Rose School Division in 2014. She continued with various Educational Assistant roles as well as a year with Literacy Intervention, which she loved very much. In 2021 Heather was chosen to become the new Learning Commons Facilitator for Pioneer Middle School where she has been ever since. Heather enjoys her job in the library and continues to say that it's the favorite position she has ever had. She finds it very rewarding to work with each and every student in the school and has made some amazing friendships with fellow colleagues along the way.

