



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of October 7, 2024

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

"Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results."

Willie Nelson~

Dates to Remember

- October is "P" is for "Positivity" Month
- 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 6CE Des Crossley Field Trip
- October 24: Halloween Dance
- October 25: PD Day - No School for Students



Items of Note

Monday's School Council and Friend's of Pioneer meetings are in the library. School Council starts at 7:00 and the Friends meeting will follow. These are important meetings as they include the AGM for both groups. Without an executive, the groups will not function as they are designed. Indeed, without a proper executive, the Friends of Pioneer Society is at risk of losing its non-profit society status. So **I encourage you to attend and bring a friend.**

Preliminary accounting indicates this year's **Little Caesars Pizza Kit** fundraiser was a great success. Thanks to everyone who sold and purchased kits. The tallying continues to determine our prize winners. We'll have an assembly soon to announce winners.

Staff Profile

Brent Eklund

Grade 6 French Immersion Teacher

Mr. Eklund grew up in southern Alberta and finished high school in Rocky Mtn. House after a work transfer for his dad brought his family to the area.

He attended Red Deer College and University of Alberta earning Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees. Before finishing university, he served a two-year church mission in Québec where he gained a love for French. He began teaching in 1998 and worked in Mallaig and Hinton before moving back to Rocky in 2000. He taught for 6 years at École Rocky Elementary (when the gr. 6 French Immersion class was there) and has been at Pioneer since 2006. Mr Eklund has spent much of his career working with grade six students, an age group he enjoys for their combination of child-like enthusiasm and independence.

Mr. Eklund is married to Sara, a well-known local coach and supporter of youth athletics, and together they have six children and four grandchildren.

Mr. Eklund has been a basketball official since 2004 and enjoys reading, singing and playing guitar and bass.

