



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of October 14, 2024

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

“Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.”
 ~Oprah Winfrey

Dates to Remember

- October is “P” is for “Positivity” Month
- October 14: Thanksgiving (no school)
- October 15-18: Scholastic Book Fair
- October 16: Pizza Kits Arrive
- October 17: Pizza Kit Celebration Assembly
- 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
- October 31: Halloween
- November is “R” is for “Respect” Month
- November is Veterans’ Month
- November 3: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 4: School Council & Friends of Pioneer meet at 7:00PM
- November 5-11: Veterans’ Week
- November 6: Picture Retakes
- November 7: School Remembrance Service at 11:00AM
- November 8: Indigenous Veterans’ Day
- November 8: PD Day - No School for Students
- November 14: Grade 6 Immunizations
- November 26: Phys. Ed. Swimming
- November 29: PD Day - No School for Students



Items of Note

The **Little Caesars Pizza Kit** fundraiser prize winners have been tallied. Kits arrive Wednesday. Students, and their parents, will need to pick them up between 3:30 and 5:30 for distribution to their customers. There will be a celebration assembly on Thursday morning to announce the prize winners!

School Council and Friends Society executive members have been selected. They are:

	School Council	Friends of Pioneer
Chair	Nicole Heath	LaVonna Scott
Vice-Chair	Stephanie Simms	Nolan Duffin
Secretary	Cristy Whalen	Cristy Whalen
Treasurer	N/A	Nicole Heath
Fundraising	N/A	vacant

STAFF PROFILE

Janet Hymers
 Grade 8 teacher

I grew up in Winnipeg and I spent all my free time on Lake Manitoba exploring the outdoors; my parents doing their best to raise wild children, they recognized the need to connect us to wilderness and teach us survival skills. It took me a while to find teaching. I worked with the RCMP and the Winnipeg Police Service; I completed a diploma program in Justice and Public Safety, thinking policing was my career path. After working as an EA for three years, I realised teaching was my actual calling. I graduated from the University of Winnipeg with a BA and BEd, working every summer at a wilderness camp in Minnesota. I taught sailing, became program director, and led overnight canoe trips on Cass Lake and down the Mississippi River.



I moved to Calgary in 2005, where I taught grade one and two for several years, then moved to grade three, four, and finally grade five.

Having summers available, I worked at Heritage Park as a camp coordinator, taught summer school, and worked at MEC. As the years went by, it was harder and harder to escape to the outdoors and I felt the city was closing in on me. After purchasing a camper, which I parked in a campground just outside Rocky for the summers, I revelled in what the area has to offer.

I decided last year to leave Calgary, take a year away from teaching, and make Rocky my permanent home. I love being outside, I love rescuing animals (as a crazy cat lady I have five, and one dog), gardening, yoga, playing ukulele, and reading. I have enjoyed meeting new friends here in Rocky. The staff at Pioneer are most warm and welcoming and contributed to my decision to teaching again. I look forward to the adventure that is grade eight!