



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of November 11, 2024

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

*"The final test of a gentleman is his respect for those who can be of no possible service to him."
~ William Lyon Phelps*

Dates to Remember

- November is "R" is for "Respect" Month
- November is Veterans' Month
- November 11: Remembrance Day - No School
- November 14: Grade 6 Immunizations
- November 26: Phys. Ed. Swimming
- November 29: PD Day - No School for Students
- November 29 & 30: Basketball Skills Camp
- December is Panther P.R.I.D.E. Month
- December 2: Term 2 Begins
- December 2: School Council & Friends of Pioneer meet at 7:00PM
- December 6: Report Cards Go Home
- December 6: Friends of Pioneer Movie Night at
- December 11 & 12: Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00PM
- December 17: Band Winter Concert 6-8:00PM
- December 21 - January 5: Christmas Break
- January 6: Classes Resume
- January 6: School Council & Friends of Pioneer meet at 7:00PM



Items of Note

Public Health nurses will be at the school on Thursday for routine grade 6 **immunizations**. Only students whose parents have given written permission will receive them.

Pioneer will be hosting a **Basketball Skills Camp** November 29 & 30. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yytkdau8>.

CHATTING WITH FRIENDS



STAFF PROFILE

Leanne Chatwood
Inclusive Learning Support Teacher

I grew up in a tiny hamlet in west central Saskatchewan. I was the youngest of three and was blessed to grow up with my maternal and paternal grandparents in my community. Sports like ringette, badminton, softball and volleyball all encompassed my childhood. I spent my high school years playing competitive volleyball in Saskatoon and continued my volleyball career at Red Deer College playing for the Queens for two years. I transferred to the University of Alberta and graduated with a Bachelor of Education specializing in science in 2004. I took my first teaching position at Pioneer School in 2007 and primarily taught grade 7 math and science until 2023 where I moved into the role of the Inclusive Learning Support Teacher.

In 2001, on a ball field in Central Alberta, I met my future husband, Darren, a local of Rocky Mountain House. We were married in 2004 and had two boys who have kept us busy playing sports all over the province. Both boys have graduated and started into their adult lives.

As a young girl, I loved small animals and had my fair share of pets: guinea pigs, dogs and the neighbourhood cats. Through college and university, I worked and often volunteered at animal shelters. Not only have animals had a place in my heart, I have allowed them a place in my home. With the local shelters filled, any stray cat that comes across my path is often welcomed into the Chatwood home if I can catch it. We have 6 cats, all of who have been rescues or strays to some degree.

Besides being a "crazy cat lady" I continue to travel to watch my youngest son play baseball, and I also enjoy a good round of golf with my husband.

