



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of December 9, 2024

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

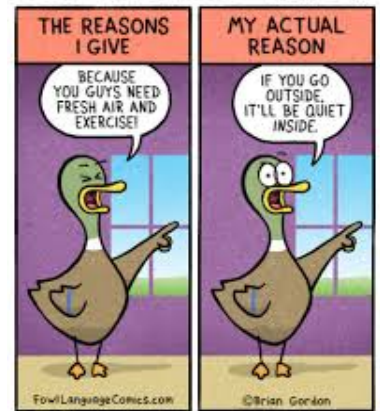
“Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.”

~ Hamilton Wright Mabie

Dates to Remember

- December is Panther P.R.I.D.E. Month
- December 11 & 12: Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00PM
- December 13: Ugly Sweater Day
- December 13: *Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* at WCHS
- December 13: Term 1 Awards Assembly
- December 17: Band Winter Concert 6:30-8:00PM
- December 20: PJ Day
- December 21 - January 5: Christmas Break
- January 6: Classes Resume
- January 6: School Council & Friends of Pioneer meet at 7:00PM
- January 6: Basketball Coaches Clinic 6:00-8:00PM

GO PLAY OUTSIDE!



Items of Note

Term 2 **Band Subway and Pizza lunch orders are due December 13.** To order, check your SchoolCash Online account at: <https://wildrose.schoolcashionline.com>.

We have seen a large number of students express interest in playing basketball this year, which is great to see. But we are in need of additional **basketball coaches**, specifically at the grade 6 level. If you or someone you know is interested in taking on this challenging but rewarding volunteer role and can provide the necessary criminal record check documentation, we'd be very grateful to have your help.

We will be hosting a **basketball coaches clinic** on Monday, 6 January from 6:00-8:00PM. Please let Mr. Wilbur or Mrs. Cartagena know if you'd like to attend. The more the merrier.

The Friends of Pioneer group is also looking to fill one last executive position, **Fundraising Coordinator**. If you have a knack for organisation, put your talents to work for the benefit of children. It can be incredibly rewarding to help make the school a better place for current and future children.

*Winter
Wonderland
Concert*

Tuesday, December 17, 2024
Pioneer Middle School - Gymnasium

Featuring:

Grade 6 Band	Grade 8 Band	Woodwind
Grade 7 Band	Jazz Band	Rock

Venue opens at 6:30pm | \$2 each for 50/50
Concert at 7:00pm | tickets - CASH

STAFF PROFILE

Megan Watt-Crossey
Family Wellness Worker

I grew up on an acreage near Pigeon Lake and was the youngest of 3 sisters. When I was young, I could usually be found befriending an animal of some kind or crafting something. Art, reading and baseball were my favorite pastimes.

I was extremely shy as a child but always found it fascinating to observe human interactions. This could definitely be why I've become a self proclaimed "feelings nerd" and a big passion of mine is to help others expand their own awareness of and vocabulary for emotions. This interest led me to pursuing an education in psychology. I graduated from Red Deer College/University of Calgary collaborative Degree with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in 2009 and soon found a job working in group care. I spent 12 years working in various positions at the Youth Assessment Centre in Red Deer as well as in foster care support. Also while attending College and working at the Youth Assessment Centre, I spent 10 years working in a deli and still have some top secret recipes in my brain. I also met my amazing husband, Mark, while I was attending College. Together we have two little boys who are in grade 5 and grade 3 and are seriously the best of friends. Our favorite things to do are camping, having backyard campfires/dance parties, hanging out with our 3 dogs, finding the best amusement parks or just enjoying a quiet Friday night movie night.

Our family moved to the Leslieville area in 2015 and I later went on to work as a Home Visitor/Family Support Worker with the Family Resource Network before moving to Family Wellness at Pioneer in October of 2023! My experiences and background transformed the lens with which I view the world and I truly believe that every single person does the best that they can with the resources and support they have at the time. I'm excited to be part of the amazing team at Pioneer and to continue supporting the school and community.

