



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of January 20, 2025

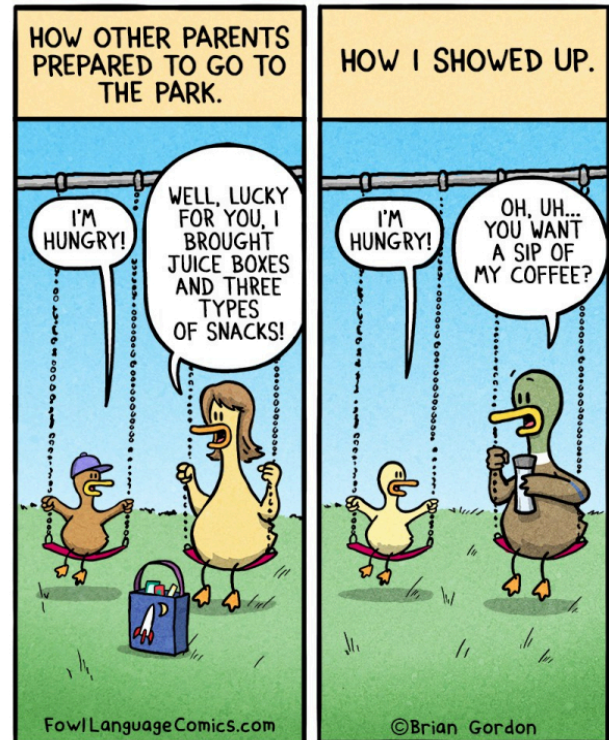
“All students will learn and grow academically, socially, emotionally and physically!”

“Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow.”

~ A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Dates to Remember

- January is “I” for Integrity Month
- January 21: Archery Permission Forms Due
- January 24: 1st Archery Practice After School
- January 29: National Music Centre - 6B, 6E, 6T
- January 29: Lunar New Year
- January 29: National Music Centre 6CE
- January 31: PD Day - No School for Students
- February is “D” is for Diligence Month
- February 2: Groundhog Day
- February 3: School Council & Friends Mtg. 7:00PM
- February 5: National Music Centre 6B, 6E, 6T
- February 13: Grade 6 Astrodome
- February 14: Valentine’s Day, Silent Heart Day
- February 14: Valentine’s Dance 6:00-9:00PM
- February 17: Family Day (No School)
- February 18-19: No School
- February 20-21: Teachers’ Convention (No School)
- February 19-25: Band AIBF
- February 26: Pink Shirt Day
- February 28: Beginning of Ramadan



Items of Note

The annual **ski trip** is being planned for March. As in previous years, all outstanding fees need to be paid in order for students to take part in the ski trip. As a reminder, we will be mailing home invoices to families with outstanding fees. These fees may range from a few dollars for needs to hundreds of dollars for numerous fees over several years. Either way, in order for a child to receive an invitation to the ski trip, fees will need to be paid. If payment in full is not possible, please reach out to school administration to make alternative arrangements.

With reduced staffing, we are no longer able to provide boiling water for students at lunchtime. Therefore, we ask that students avoid ramen noodle soups (aka “Ichiban”) for lunch.

January 31 is a **Professional Development day** for staff. There’s no school for students. Teachers will be the students learning different strategies to help children with writing and math.

STAFF PROFILE

Melanie Campbell
Teacher

I was born in Brantford, Ontario, but when I was four years old, my family moved to Medicine Hat, Alberta, where I spent all of my elementary school years. Growing up, my parents instilled in me a strong work ethic, and I started delivering newspapers at the age of 10, continuing until I was 14. During that time, I often drove my parents crazy by trying to bring home every stray animal I encountered on my paper route. In grade 9, we relocated once again, this time to Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, where I completed my high school years.

Following in my parents' footsteps, with my dad being a principal and my mom a kindergarten teacher, I initially pursued a music degree, majoring in voice, at King's College in Edmonton, Alberta. After taking some time away from schooling and having my first child, Keanna, I returned to education. I earned my Bachelor of Education degree in 2005. For the past 20 years, I've had the privilege of teaching with Wild Rose School Division.

In 2009, my second daughter Gracie was born and in 2012, with the arrival of my son Cash, my family was complete. Outside of teaching, I enjoy playing piano and guitar, often around a campfire or in church, where music holds a special place in my life. During the summer, I love camping and immersing myself in a good historical fiction book. When winter rolls around, you'll find me in the stands, cheering on my kids as they participate in volleyball, hockey, dance, and soccer in the spring.

