



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of February 3, 2025

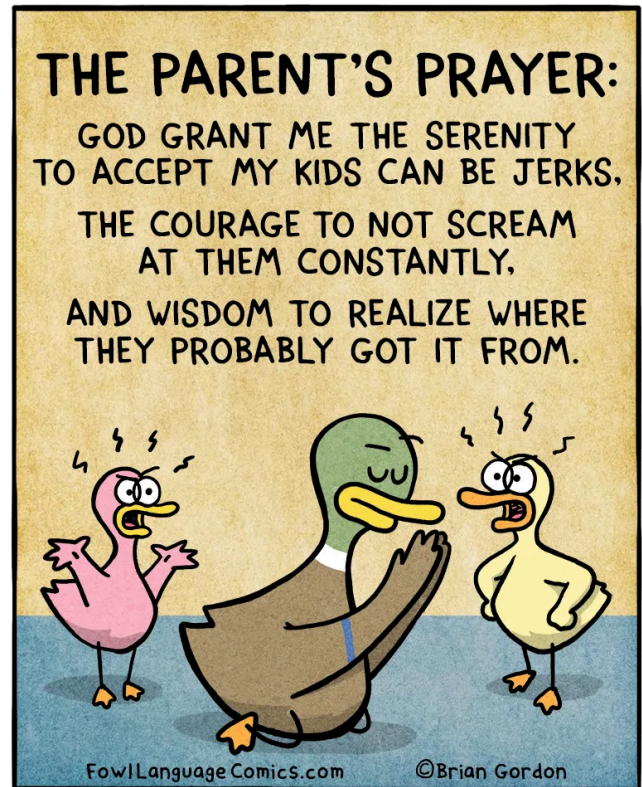
"All students will learn and grow academically, socially, emotionally and physically!"

"O, wind, if winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

~ Percy Bysshe Shelley

Dates to Remember

- February is "D" is for Diligence Month
- February is Black History Month
- February 2: Groundhog Day
- February 3: School Council & Friends Mtg. 7:00PM
- February 5: National Music Centre 6B, 6E, 6T
- February 5: *Where Have All the Buffalo Gone?*
Live Theatre Presentation at 9:25AM
- February 7: Ski Trip Chaperone Forms Due
- February 10: Student Ski Trip Forms Due
- 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 24: Ski Chaperone Crim. Checks Due
- February 26: Pink Shirt Day
- February 28: Beginning of Ramadan
- March 11: Gr. 6 Basketball Divisionals
- March 12: Ski Trip
- March 13: Gr. 7/8 Basketball Divisionals



Items of Note

This is just a friendly reminder that, for their safety, students require a parent, guardian, or emergency contact (as listed in their student records) to physically **sign out** students in the main office. In rare or occasional circumstances, we'll accept an email from a parent or guardian, but not on a regular basis. We need to be assured the child is safely in the hands of a responsible adult approved of by their parents or legal guardians.

We are excited to host Axis Theatre's **live performance** of *Where Have All the Buffalo Gone?* on Wednesday, February 5. Grades 4 & 5 students from Lochearn will be joining us as well.

The annual **ski trip** is scheduled for March 12 at Nakiska (grade 7/8 basketball divisionals was moved to March 13 to accommodate this). Invitations have been sent home with students who are in good academic standing, have good attendance, and whose fees are up to date. Parents volunteering to chaperone must have the volunteer form submitted by February 7. The student forms are due back no later than February 10. Completed chaperone criminal record checks must be in the office by February 24.

Nobody said parenting was going to be easy. While every stage of child development presents its own challenges, raising adolescents and teens can be particularly demanding. They are transitioning from childhood to young adulthood and learning how to navigate the world in new ways. This is a time where having and reinforcing good communication is critical. Set time aside every day to have conversations with your child about everyday things without judgement or advice. Practice good listening skills. If they feel safe and comfortable talking with you about little things, they are more likely to bring the big things to you.