



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**PANTHER POST**

Week of February 10, 2025

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

*“Oh, if it be to choose and call thee mine, love, thou art every day my Valentine!”*  
~ Thomas Hood

### Dates to Remember

- February is “D” is for Diligence Month
- February is Black History Month
- 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

We are looking for **parent chaperones for Friday’s Valentine’s Dance**. If you are interested and available from 5:45-8:00, 8:00-9:30, or from 5:45-9:30, please call the school office at (403)845-2468. It would be great to have you!

With the recent **cold weather**, here are a few notes on how we deal with it at the school level. First, if the outside “feels like” temperature reaches  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  or colder with windchill, we have indoor recesses and any walking field trips are postponed or cancelled. At  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  ambient or  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  with windchill and lower, busses are cancelled. When busses are cancelled, all field trips are postponed or cancelled; as are sports games. Sport practices may continue at the discretion of the coach, but are voluntary. Meaning that athletes are not penalized for missing practices on cold weather days. It is extremely rare for schools in our area to close due to weather conditions. So, even if busses are cancelled, the school typically remains open.

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.

The annual **ski trip** is scheduled for March 12 at Nakiska. Invitations have been sent home with students who are in good academic standing, have good attendance, and whose fees are up to date. The student forms are due back no later than February 10 (fees paid online by noon, February 14). Completed chaperone criminal record checks must be in the office by February 24.

