



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**PANTHER POST**

Week of June 9, 2025

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

*"Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."*

~ Theodore Roosevelt

### Dates to Remember

- June is National Indigenous People's History Month
- June is Panther P.R.I.D.E. Month
- June 9: Gr. 8 Reynold's Museum Field Trip
- June 12: Grade 6 PAT - ELAL part B
- June 12: Spring Concert @ **7:00PM**
- June 13: Grade 6 PAT - Math part A
- June 13: Panther Colours Day (wear school swag or colours)
- June 15: Father's Day
- June 16: PS Portal Closed for Reporting
- June 16: West Central Open House for Gr. 8 at 4-6:00PM
- June 17: **Grade 6 PAT** - Math part B
- June 20: School-Based Nat. Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 21: Nat. Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 24: PS Portal Re-Opens
- June 24: Year-End Awards & Gr. 8 Farewell @ 9:00AM
- June 24: Final Report Cards Go Home
- June 25: Last Day for Students
- Sept. 2: First Day for Gr. 6
- Sept. 2: First Day for Gr. 9 at West Central
- Sept. 3: First Day for Gr. 7 & 8



### Items of Note

It's a **busy week ahead**. Grade 8's are off to Wetaskiwin on Monday for their trip to the Reynolds Museum. The Band Spring Concert is on Thursday evening. Grade 6's continue to write PATs on Thursday & Friday. Friday is also Panther P.R.I.D.E. day--wear school swag or school colours (red, black, & white) to show your school spirit.

The final **Grade 6 PAT** is June 17. Students should arrive well-rested and on time for these provincial tests.

As we near the end of the year, teachers are calculating whether students are making their grade or not. When a student is "promoted," they have met the majority of curricular outcomes and are prepared for the next grade. Their report card comment should note they have been "**promoted**." However, if your child's report card indicates they have been "**placed**" into the next grade, this means they have NOT achieved the required curricular outcomes. In other words, they have not made their grade or they have failed. We don't typically retain students (have students repeat a grade) anymore because it does not improve student achievement and leads to the child dropping out. However, being placed into the next grade does mean they will struggle in coming years and will need to work extra hard to be successful. So, to be clear, if your child's report card says they have been "placed," this means they did not have a successful school year.

