



PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PANTHER POST

Week of June 16, 2025

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

"Every cliché about kids is true; they grow up so quickly, you blink and they're gone, and you have to spend the time with them now. But that's a joy."

~ Liam Neeson

Dates to Remember

- June is National Indigenous People's History Month
- June is Panther P.R.I.D.E. Month
- 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 19: NIPD Events for All Students at Curtis Field (9:20-11:10)
- 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; Dance @ 1:00/:30PM
- 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

Parent & student access The **PowerSchool gradebook portal will be offline this week** as teachers start the process of inputting data for the final report cards. Access will open again on June 24. This allows teachers to enter partial information as they have the opportunity without creating confusion for those looking at the gradebook.

Class configurations for next year will be as follows:

6 Campbell/Enders	7 Schmaltz
6 Eklund	7 Unkauf
6 Thiessen	8 Egeto
6/7 Rogers (French Immersion)	8 Hymers
7 Banke	8 Kleinschroth
7 Oakie	

Grade 6 classes are typically self-contained with the students remaining in their homeroom for most classes. Grade 7's are normally paired up with two teachers; one for LA & Social, and another for Math & Science. Next year's pairings will be Mrs. Oakie & Mr. Banke and Mr. Unkauf & Mrs. Schmaltz. Grade 8's tend to have a variety of teachers for their courses.

Tuesday, June 24 will be a busy day at Pioneer. We start our **year-end awards ceremony** at 9:00, followed by the **farewell to the grade 8 class**. There will be a BBQ for the grade 8 students at lunch. We kick off the afternoon with a glow dance DJed by Mickey Dietz. The dance will be open to the grade 8's starting at 1:00 and the remainder of the students will be invited to join at 1:30. Students will return to classes about 3:00 to clean up and get report cards for 3:30 dismissal. **June 25 is the last day for students**. It'll be a bit of a cleaning and fun day.

Report cards aren't typically ready until the end of the day on June 24.

Students will receive a letter in their final report card indicating their **class placement for next year**. Grade 9 class lists will be communicated by West Central.

With smoke from wildfires, the school is monitoring the **Air Quality Index** for the area. If the AQI falls between 7 - 10, we limit any strenuous activities, particularly outdoors. When the AQI hits 10+ (Very High), we cancel or postpone all outdoor activities. For those of you with children experiencing health concerns exacerbated by the smoke, we encourage you to talk with them about self-monitoring and to their teachers with any concerns you might have.