



# PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

## PANTHER POST

Week of September 15, 2025

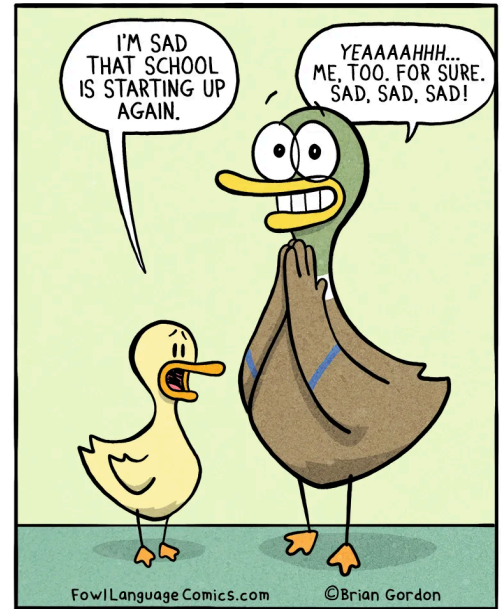
"All students will learn and grow academically, socially, emotionally and physically!"

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."*

~Winston Churchill

### Dates to Remember

- September is Panther P.R.I.D.E. Month
- September 16: Scheduled Evacuation Drill
- September 17: 6CE & 6R Des Crossley Field Trip
- September 18: 6E & 6T Des Crossley Field Trip
- September 19: PD Day - No School for Students
- September 24: Scheduled Lockdown Drill
- September 26: Terry Fox School Run
- September 29: School Orange Shirt Day
- September 30: Nat. Day for Truth & Reconciliation (no school)
- October is "P" is for Positivity Month
- October 1-3: Grade 8 Gull Lake Band Camp
- October 6: School Council & Friends of Pioneer meet at 7:00PM
- October 13: Thanksgiving (no school)
- October 20: PD Day - No School for Students
- October 22-23: 7B, 7O & 7R Royal Tyrrell Trip
- October 23-24: 7S & 7U Royal Tyrrell Trip
- ~~October 25: PD Day - No School for Students~~



### Items of Note

**Correction:** there is not a PD Day on October 25 as noted in last week's Panther Post. It's a Saturday.

Any students interested in the **Japan Exchange** program, information packages are available in the office. Applications are due next Friday. This exchange program is not run through the school, but the Rocky-Kamikawa Friendship Society.

**All fees are run through SchoolCashOnline.** As they are assessed, parents should receive a notification. Fees include: Band Students have a \$60 fee to cover consumables; Grades 7 & 8 Band students are also assessed a \$25 fee for consumables in Complementary courses (e.g. Foods, Woods, Art, etc.). Non-Band grades 7 & 8 students take twice as many Complementary courses and are therefore assessed a \$50 fee. Students playing on team sports pay a \$45 fee per sport and individual/pairs athletes (e.g. badminton, track & field) pay \$15 per sport. There is also a refundable \$5 deposit for combination locks.

If you haven't already, you'll soon get a welcome message to **Google Groups** based on your child's grade. We'll be using these as email distribution lists to communicate with parents. You can leave the group any time by following the unsubscribe link in the message, but you will miss out on key messages from the school. If we have the wrong email address, simply respond to the message. We'll update your contact details in PowerSchool.

As a school, we attempt to keep the lines of communication open with parents. To that end, we not only provide this weekly newsletter posted to our website and emailed to parents, but we also use Facebook. In the past, we have also used the **Remind app**. We ran into technical issues with Remind last year and weren't able to utilize this valuable tool. We think we've found a way to make it work. To get short, occasional text messages from the school, sign up in one of the following ways (#1 is recommended):

1. Using your phone, text the message "@ddd32g8" (no quotation marks) to (204)809-8709 (this method requires the least effort and no commitment to an app);
2. Follow the link <https://www.remind.com/join/c6fk3k> to sign up/into Remind, to then be added to the Pioneer School 2025 class (this requires the use of the Remind app); or
3. If you already have the app, when you login in, click "Add Class" on the left and select "Join existing class." In the pop up text box, type "ddd32g8" (without the quotation marks) and click "Join."