



December 2015—This important publication is distributed as a paper copy to the youngest/only student in our school

Dear Parents and Students of Pioneer Park:

After thirty-three years in education, I have made the decision to retire. The past four years have been professionally rewarding and I will fondly remember the students and parents of the Pioneer Park community. Thank you for your generous support and assistance as we worked together to provide the best learning environment for students.

As we enter the holiday season, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Glenn A. Kitamura

How quickly this fall has passed and we are now winding up the final few weeks of December. This month our Character Theme is “Caring”. Our students attended an assembly this week to kick off the theme of Caring. We talked about how we can show we care for ourselves, our families, our community and our school. This time of year can be very difficult emotionally and financially for many people. To support the families in our community our school is participating in the “Tins or Toonies” Campaign. We are collecting dry food goods or toonies and this will be distributed by the Doon Pioneer Village and to our community. We will also have “barely used” clothing collected by our school staff available to our Pioneer Park families. If you are in need of clothing for your children or know of families that would benefit from getting excellent quality clothing, please contact the school.

Our Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday December 15th at 2:00 pm. If you are unable to attend the concert, you may attend the dress rehearsal on Monday December 14th at 9:30. Our Kindergarten Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday December 16th at 2:00 pm. All Kindergarten parents are welcome to attend. Following this concert, parents are invited to stay for refreshments.

As we approach this holiday season, on behalf of the staff at Pioneer Park, we wish all of you a joyous holiday with your family and friends.

We also ask that over this holiday you continue to spend time reading with your child each day. Reading is the one skill that can unlock an amazing world for a child. We encourage you to limit the amount of time your child spends watching video games and to ensure that the video games your child is playing are age appropriate.

CaroleAnn Ogilvie
Interim Principal

Important Dates to Remember

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	School Council does not meet this month NEXT MTG—Jan. 19 7:00 pm in the Library *All welcome!
Dec. 1-16	Christmas Tins or Toonies Collection for our community, please be generous
Dec. 14, 21, Jan. 11,18,25, Feb. 1,8,15,22	Learn to Skate 6:15 pm Sportsworld Arena *last one Panther Hockey 6:15 Sportsworld Arena (Mondays)
Dec. 10,17, Jan. 14,21,28, Feb. 4,11,18,25	Panther Hockey 5:15 pm Sportsworld Arena (Thursdays)
Dec. 17	Subway Lunch Days
Dec. 10	Pizza Pizza Lunch Days
Dec. 8	Last Day for Mad Science STEAM Graduation 6:30 pm
Dec. 14	Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal—Gr 1 to 6 at 9:30 am in GYM
Dec. 15	Gr 1 to Gr 6 HOLIDAY CONCERT—2:00 pm—
Dec. 16	Kindergarten Holiday Concert—2:00 pm
Dec. 18	PANTHER HOCKEY Pizza fundraising lunch
Dec. 18	Holiday Spirit Day—Wear Red/Green & Carol Singing
Dec. 21 to Jan. 1	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Jan. 4	Back to School
Jan. 29	Professional Development Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb. 15	Family Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL
Mar. 14-18	MARCH BREAK—NO SCHOOL

PIONEER PARK HOLIDAY CONCERT

Tuesday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m.
Come out and see all our very talented
Panthers!!!



We will also have a dress rehearsal on
Monday, Dec. 14 at 9:30am
You are welcome to join us in the Gym,
however due to limited space, there may be
standing room only.



We ask that you arrive only 10 minutes prior and please wait outside on the
tarmac by the gym. If we have inclement weather, doors will be opened
and you may wait in the main hallway.

Please refrain from wearing fragrances



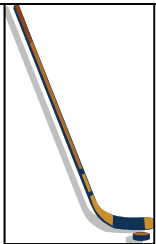
Please consider walking to our school from your home as there is
no visitor parking available in our school parking lot.

Street parking is available.

Please note, there is a no-parking zone in front of the school.

Annual Carol Sing will be taking place on Friday, December 18 at
12:00 pm. ALL parents and community members are welcome to join
us, as we sing and celebrate the holiday season!

LOST AND FOUND will also be on display on tables across from the main
office. Please check for those missing mitts, hats, scarves, boots, sweaters!



Congratulations to all our Panther Hockey Hard
Hat Worker Winners!!!



Gifts for our Community & Students

The staff at Pioneer Park would like to ask our families to join us in donating to our Mitten, Hat, Scarf, and Sock Tree. While our staff do appreciate receiving gifts from our students, we felt that this initiative would allow all of us to give to those who would benefit most.



Items will be accepted until December 18th.

Most of these will be used by students here at Pioneer Park who do not have warm mittens, scarves, hats or socks. They will be gifted to students as needed throughout the winter. We suggest writing a holiday message to your teacher/staff member and/or donating an item to our tree rather than buying a gift for staff.

Christmas Miracle Food Hamper Project Dec 1-16



Tins or Toonies

Pioneer Park is participating in a Food Hamper collection this holiday season.

Many of our families are recipients of these hampers. Please donate either a non-perishable food item or a toonie and your child will be able to place a sticker on the christmas tree .

Please support our Panther community

Creative Playground

*Our Creative Playground is now **closed** for the season due to ice and snow. Please do not use this area after hours as it is not safe.*

FUNDRAISER UPDATE Thank you Panther families!

We raised over \$2600.00 with our Chocolate Bar Fundraiser.

Congratulations to draw winners :

Andrew in A3—5lb chocolate bar

Neveah in C3 —BOSE speakers

Evan in A2 —Rangers Tickets





REMINDER

Attendance line phone number

519-570-8115 X 3632

Report all absences and lates to this number.

Please take the time to update this number in your home phone directory and/or cell phone directory.



From the Library

Exciting News in the library! We are running the Blue Spruce and Silver Birch reading programs again this year. Blue Spruce is a reading program for our JK to Grade 3 students. There are 10 nominated titles. Students listen to all 10 titles and then vote on their favorite book in mid April. This program starts in January so be sure to ask your child if they had a Blue Spruce story today!

The Silver Birch program is made up of 10 nominated titles in three categories; Express for our Grade 3 and 4 students, and Fiction and Non Fiction for our Grade 5 and 6 students. This program is running now and we have 60 students signed up. They read until mid-April and then vote on their favorite book.

Both of these programs are put together by the OLA (Ontario Library Association). For more information and to view the nominated titles visit: www.accessola.com

Happy Reading!

Outdoor Rink returns to Pioneer Park!

Let it snow, let it snow, let it get cold!

The City of Kitchener has installed boards at Pioneer Park to allow us to make our own ice rink. Mr. Sanderson has already had a few parents volunteer to help make and maintain the ice surface once the cold weather arrives. What an excellent opportunity for our students to enjoy the fresh air and get some exercise. Please contact the school if you are interested in helping out.

