



Dear Parents / Guardians:

We hope that you have enjoyed a restful and happy holiday with your families and friends. Thanks to all of you who donated to our Giving Tree and our Tins or Toonies campaign. Your kindness helped support many families within our own community and was sincerely appreciated.

We are very excited to announce that Ms. Tracy Tait will be the new principal of Pioneer Park commencing February 1, 2016. Ms. Tait has been the principal of John Mahood PS in Elmira for the past several years and she is looking forward to joining the staff and community of Pioneer Park. Over the next few weeks, Ms. Tait will be visiting us and we hope that you will introduce yourself and welcome her to our neighbourhood.

With the arrival of winter, parents are reminded that the safety issues in the school parking lot and on the streets will increase. Please do not enter the parking lot to drop off or pick up students as it adds to the traffic congestion and risk to the students. Please use the designated parking / drop-off or pick-up areas surrounding the school. Parking is not permitted in the bus loading zones. We appreciate your support in keeping all of our students safe.

Finally, I wish to thank the Pioneer Park community for welcoming me here this fall. I have loved coming to work every day to learn and support the staff and students of this school. I wish you all a very healthy and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Carole Ann Ogilvie

Interim Principal, Pioneer Park

## Dates to Remember

Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	Panther Hockey—5:15 pm Sportsworld Arena
Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22	Learn to Skate 6:15 pm Sportsworld Arena
Jan. 14, 28, Feb 11, 25	Subway Sub Lunch Days
Jan. 29	Professional Development Day—NO SCHOOL
Jan. 19	School Council Meeting—7 pm Library
Jan. 22, Feb 5, 19, Mar 5	FRIDAY ~ Pizza Days
Feb. 19	Term 1 Report Cards come home
Feb. 8—12	Kindergarten Registration—please call to make an appointment for JK or NEW SK students
Feb. 14	Valentines Day—Wear RED and PINK
Feb. 15	Family Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL
Feb. 19	School Council Meeting—7pm Library
Mar. 14 to 22	MARCH BREAK—NO SCHOOL

NOTE: It has come to our attention that some parents are having difficulty using our automated ATTENDANCE line, especially when using your cell phone. You must call 519-570-8115 X 3632 **and make sure you push the # sign**. This should work, if not please call the school and report the issue. THANK YOU!!



GET IN THE HABIT NOW  
CHECK OUT our School information  
ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!  
<http://pio.wrdsb.on.ca>



## GIVING TREE

Thank you to our school family for donating hats, scarves, mitts and socks to our Giving Tree. Many of our students will be toasty and warm because of your contributions! We will continue to distribute items to students in need throughout the winter months.



## *TINS OR TOONIES*

Students from Mrs. Losey and Ms. Hillis' junior classes were kept busy last month helping to collect food for the annual food drive. Their efforts to educate their peers about the issue of hunger in our Region are to be commended. These Global Citizens have been examining many issues as an authentic way to address curriculum expectations of stewardship and sustainability in Science, Social Studies and Literacy. Students shared age appropriate information with individual classes about poverty and hunger statistics in Waterloo Region, Ontario, and Canada in an attempt to raise awareness and enthusiasm for support of the Food Bank. Way to demonstrate CARING in the month of December Panthers!

In total, Pioneer Park students donated 680 items of food, and \$145.25 in cash for the Doom Pioneer Park Community Association Miracle Food Hamper Project.

Be proud Panthers! - and THANK YOU for showing your support for our community.



## Kindergarten Registration FEBRUARY For Children born in 2011 or 2012



Please call the school to book an appointment to complete the registration at 519-748-0142

*If you have a neighbour who might have children who need to register, please pass along this information.*

IF your child is currently in JK at Pioneer Park, there is no need to re-register for SK

Appointment times available at Pioneer Park PS:  
Mon. Feb. 8 - Fri. Feb. 12

REGISTRATION PACKAGES/FORMS available ONLINE  
at [www.pio.wrdsb.ca](http://www.pio.wrdsb.ca)

### Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, February 24th at 5 pm will be a Spaghetti dinner and silent auction fundraiser for Panther Hockey. Please come with your appetites. More details regarding ticket sales will be follow in the next newsletter.

**Pioneer Park P.S.**



This fundraiser could not be possible without the support and organization of the SouthWest Kitchener Optimist Club.



### **Panther Paws**

The Pioneer Park students have been demonstrating some superb, fantastic behaviours and are then recognized with a Panther Paw. The Panther Paw program began in September to recognize students making good choices or demonstrating their caring or respect towards others. Each week students are recognized and once a month, 4 primary and 4 junior students are drawn to be the Panther of the Month and given a small treat for their great work. Their picture is also displayed on the bulletin board for the month. Keep up the great work Panthers!





## From the Library

New and Exciting for the New Year! The WRDSB has set up a "Google Apps" account for students and staff. This is a website within the WRDSB where staff and students can share information and students/staff are able to comment or edit the documents.

Students who have registered in the Silver Birch program will have access to Google Apps.

**The User ID and password are the same as the ones students use at school.**

This program will encourage students to talk about the Silver Birch books, and the reading program. Students will be able to comment on a Silver Birch book that they have read, and other students can view the comments, and add their own comments.

More information will be coming home about the Silver Birch Reading Program in January 2016.

If you have any questions or concerns please see or call

Mrs K. Fohring 519-570-8115 X 9744

### LOG IN INFORMATION:

<https://accounts.google.com>

UserID: [PAL\\_username@googleapps.wrdsb.ca](mailto:PAL_username@googleapps.wrdsb.ca)

### 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 or cell phone directory.

PLEASE NOTE: you must press # after entering the ext number

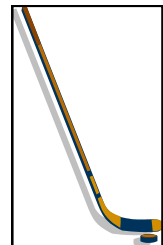


Congratulations to our Panther Hockey

Hard Hat Worker Winners!!!

Sage A-6 Savannah A-2 Nat A-4

Billy M A-4 Kayla C-3



Pioneer Park P.S.



Please return all skating and hockey equipment to the school if you are not returning

*Creative Playground Update*

*Our Creative Playground is now closed for the season.*