



Panther

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December 2014—This important publication is distributed as a paper copy to the oldest/only student in our school

Dear Parents:

Welcome to December! During my classroom visits, I am really excited to see how students and staff are using technology on a daily basis during the instructional process. When I arrived at Pioneer Park a few short years ago, technology was a computer lab. Fast forward to December 2014, we continue to have a computer lab, but have added iPads, document cameras, digital projectors, and most recently Chromebooks. Each of these technologies is used on a daily basis during the instructional process. We are truly fortunate to have the support of our School Council who has provided funds from our Fundraising initiatives to augment the technological resources that have been allocated by the Board. Just recently, School Council supported the purchase of 10 additional Chromebooks for classroom use. Thank you to School Council for your support.

This year, our Annual Holiday Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar. For those parents who are unable to be with us Wednesday evening, you are welcome to join us for the Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday, December 16 at 1:45 p.m. Our Full Day Kindergarten classes will be holding their own Holiday Celebration during the afternoon on Wednesday, December 17th at 2:00 p.m. FDK parents, please mark this date and time on your calendar.

As we enter the Holiday Season, on behalf of the staff and students of Pioneer Park, I would like to extend our wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Glenn A. Kitamura
 Principal

Dates to Remember

	School Council does not meet this month NEXT MTG—Jan. 20 7:00 pm in the Library
Dec. 1-17	Christmas Tins or Toonies Collection for our community, please be generous
Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23	Learn to Skate 6:15 pm Sportsworld Arena
Dec. 4	Dental Screening—JK/SK, Grs. 2, 4, 6, and any students requiring followup
Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26	Panther Hockey 5:15 pm Sportsworld Arena
Dec. 4, 18, Jan. 15, 29	Subway Lunch Days
Dec. 11, Jan. 8, 22	Pizza Pizza Lunch Days
Dec. 9	Last Day for Mad Science STEAM Graduation 6:30 pm
Dec. 16	Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal—Gr 1 to 6 at 1:45 pm in GYM—see page 2 for more information
Dec. 17	Kindergarten Holiday Concert—2:00 pm
Dec. 17	Gr 1 to Gr 6 HOLIDAY CONCERT—6:30 pm—see page 2 for more information
Dec. 18	PANTHER HOCKEY Celebrates RBC \$2,500.00 Grant—2pm
Dec. 19	Holiday Spirit Day—Wear Red/Green & Carol Singing
Dec. 20 to Jan. 4	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Jan. 5	Back to School
Jan. 30	Professional Development Day—NO SCHOOL
Feb. 16	Family Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL
Mar. 14-22	MARCH BREAK—NO SCHOOL

PIONEER PARK HOLIDAY CONCERT

Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Come out and see all our very talented Panthers!!!



We will also have a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 1:45 p.m.

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.

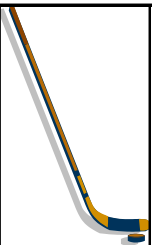


Please consider walking to our school from your home as there is no visitor parking available in our school parking lot.

Street parking is available.

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

LOST AND FOUND will also be on display on tables across from the main office. Please check for those missing mitts, hats, scarves, boots, snowpants, sweaters, lunch bags, etc. Items unclaimed will be donated.



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

Arianna K.

Destiny T.

Joshua H.

Paige L.

Billy M.

Charlie A.

Owen W.

Thomas M.



THANK YOU RBC for our grant of \$2,500 for Learn to Skate

THANK YOU Doon Pioneer Park Community Centre

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 19th.

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 1-17



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.

Over the holidays, please continue to collect:

Campbell's Soup Labels
Goldfish Cracker UPCs KoolAid Jammer packaging



FUNDRAISER UPDATE Thank you Panther families!
We raised over \$5,000.00 with our Chocolate Bar Fundraiser.

Congratulations to our draw winners :
Paige L in A5—5lb chocolate bar
Cora Lynn T in A1—IPOD Shuffle
Victor D in P2—Basket of chocolate goodies



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.



From the Library

Great news!! The Ontario Library Association programs, Blue Spruce and Silver Birch will be starting in the new year!!

Registration for Silver Birch Express (Gr 3 & 4) and Silver Birch Fiction & Non-Fiction (Gr 5 & 6) will be during the first week in January. There is no registration required for the Blue Spruce Program as the homeroom teachers will participate with their students during January & February.



GET IN THE HABIT NOW
CHECK OUT our School information
ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!



Remembrance Day at Pioneer Park P.S.

