

Pioneer Elementary School

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February, 2010

It is an honor and privilege to be at the service of an outstanding faculty and the wonderful parents and students that make up the community of Pioneer. I hope that you will feel welcome as you become involved with your child's experiences at Pioneer Elementary School.

Your communication with us is very important, too. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, or me, whenever you have a question or concern. The school's phone number is 295-6500, and our fax number is 295-1663

I hope you will take part in your child's education by inquiring about their time spent at school. Ask about their friends and teachers. Get involved as they complete their homework or seek your help on special projects. Encourage your child to read at least 20 minutes every night, and quiz them on their math facts. I am confident that your child will demonstrate greater motivation as you continue to show interest in their academic and social experiences. We will certainly work on our end to provide your child with the best education possible.

This weekend there is an opportunity to support Pioneer Elementary by participating in our yearly Crab Feed Fundraiser. Please join us for a fun filled evening at this year's Crab Feed. This fundraiser will help fund special projects, arts, music, and field trips.

Sincerely,
Donna Custodio, Principal

Supermarket Programs

Thank you everyone that is participating in the grocery script program. Save Mart Supermarkets S.H.A.R.E.S program donated 3% of all purchases each quarter for a total of a total this quarter of \$64.32. Raley's Quality of Life Scrip program donated \$118.87 this quarter. If you would like to participate in this program please pick up an application in the school office.

Crab Feed

Saturday, February 7th

Tickets are still available; please call 295-6500 for more info?



Dental Van

The Dental Van has been rescheduled for the week of March 8th. The location is yet to be determined. If you do not have dental insurance and your child needs dental assistance please pick up an application for this free service.

Kick-Off to Kinergarten

February 9th, 6-7 p.m

Register students, dental screening

Cone Zone



Please take precaution with driving on the Pioneer Campus. Students are often in the upper parking lot. Once school begins we place cones across the walkway to keep cars out of this area. Before school this area is the turn around area for busses.

Snow Day Make-up

Please mark your calendars. April 5, 2010 will be a school day to make up for the snow day in December.

Pets on Campus

Pets are not allowed on campus without prior approval from the office. Some students have animal allergies and the staff needs to be aware of any animals on campus.

School Hours

8:00 - 2:00

Kindergarten 8:00 - 11:22

School Office 7:30 - 3:30

Students are not allowed on campus before 7:15 a.m as there is no supervision.

Absences:

It is *extremely* important to remember that if your child is absent you must send a note to school explaining why, or call the attendance line, 24 hours a day, at 295-6500 #1 to leave a message. The District has modified their policy about absences and the time allotted to clear them. You are given 10 days to clear any excused absence, after which it will be counted as an unexcused absence. The office will no longer alert you of un-cleared absences by phone or

Automated Notification System

The district and therefore Pioneer Elementary School have an automated notification system, which will inform you if your child has been marked absent, if there are concerns about the weather or if there is an event at school that you need to be notified about. All of you should receive a call from this system at some point in the school year. In the case of an emergency, we have access to all your primary contact phone numbers and e-mail that you have provided to the school. **It is very important that the school has the most current information to reach you or a designee, in the case of an emergency. Please complete or update your family's emergency contact info whenever there are changes by calling the office or requesting a new card.**

letter. You will be contacted by the Connect-ed system, which is our automated calling system. Students with poor attendance can be retained if they miss more than 10% of the school year. Ten percent equals about 19 days of school missed all year.

Bus Transportation

All information regarding fees and rules are available at www.amadorcoe.org . If your student will be changing their regular bus stop for any reason, a "**School Bus Stop Assignment Change**" form must be given to the driver. Handwritten notes will not be accepted.

Medication in School

Students that must take medication at school must have a Medication in School form completed and on file in the office.

Flu Season

Students will be receiving instruction in class regarding the importance of:

- Handwashing
- Covering your cough
- Staying home when you are sick



Please have a follow-up conversation with your child to reinforce what they have learned in school. We are also asking parents to take the responsibility to be our first line of defense. Please keep your child at home if they have a temperature of 100° or greater even if their temperature was lowered using Tylenol.

Electronic devices at school

Please remember that I-Pods, cell phones, portable CD players, and portable video games are not allowed to be **used, or on, at school while school is in session.** If your student brings these items to school for use on the bus



or after school at another site they must **remain off and in their backpacks AT ALL TIMES**. If any of these devices are used, out of a backpack, **OR ON**, during the school day they will be confiscated and will need to be picked up by an adult.

Dress Code

It is very difficult to explain to our students that current clothing styles available at stores are not all appropriate for school. Please help us by not allowing your child to wear tank tops with "spaghetti straps", low cut tops or tops that show the midriff. Boys should not wear t-shirts with enlarged arm holes or the narrow strapped tank tops. Pants should fit and not fall around the hips during general activity. No clothing that depicts alcohol consumption or advertising, bad language or inappropriate actions is allowed at school.

Safety Procedures:

It is very important that all visitors follow our safety rules. Please note:

1. All Visitors (even parents we know) must sign in at the office immediately upon entering the campus.
2. No visitor is to go directly to a classroom or onto the playground without signing in, wearing a "Visitor" badge, or having a "pick up" slip.
3. All regular classroom volunteers also must wear their "Visitor Badge."
4. At dismissal time, park in **designated areas only**. Encourage your child to wait behind the fence until your vehicle arrives in one of the three loading areas.

Parent Parking

Please do not park in the upper paved area until **after 4:30 p.m.** The middle and high school buses have to unload there and they need room to turn around. Also, please do not park at the clinic across the road. Their parking is for patients of the clinic only.



February 22 – March 12

During the three-week drive students will collect change to help fight blood cancer. More information will follow in your child's Tuesday envelope.

Fundraisers –

Cookie Dough

A.J. Strickland raised the most money in the recent cookie dough fundraiser. He chose the Hummer CD/Radio as his prize.
CONGRATULATIONS. A.J.

Insbrook

Ashley Dollman won the **Principal for the Day**. She will be Principal on February 5th.

No Homework for a Day Winners are:

Kalub Maciolek, Jade Gunn, Mackenzie Waverly, Madison Stevens, Gianna Alvarez, Skyla Loffland

Front of the Line Lunch Pass Winners are:

AJ Strickland, Natalie Shortino, Nicole Schumann, Trinity Ashton, Sage Munson, Dominique Fazendin, Logan Hawkins, Hank Armstrong and Derek Russ.

Garden Work Day.

First Tuesday of every month. The next date is: February 2nd 1:00 – 4:00



No Tardy Party

We had great fun at our first No Tardy Party

Thank you everyone for your outstanding effort to arrive at school on time for the whole first semester.

Students played games, enjoyed food, and had fun using a karaoke machine, Wii and a dance moves mat.

Thank you Ellen Stubstad, Jennifer Hawkins, Sue Green, April Alexander, Tanya and Greg Rickords, Melissa Ronk, Tya Gunn, Margaret Shoda, and Jessica Bettencourt for helping make the event a success.



No Tardy Party Attendees.

Brandley Aguiar, Sophia Davis, Cheyanne Flygare, Matthew Munson, Jacob Schultz, Antonio Campbell, Tristan Cribari, Amanda Flagg, Rachel Flagg, Selena Glick, Jade Gunn, Bobbi Hawkins, Hannah Rickords, David Flygare, Elena Gutierrez, Casey Lovern, Kevin Millar, Kyle Millar, Dominique Ybarra, Derek Russ, Michael Young, Conner Christeson, Austin Lowery, Gab McCaffrey-Echols, Ethan Mulhair, Devin Dillon, Ezra Garber, Emily Hawkins, Konnie Millar, MaKyla Morla, Kitrina Rhoades, Jake Rounsaville, Madison Webb, Matthew Alexander, Matthew Barnes, Logan Hawkins, Tyler McCoe, Noah Reilly, James Vega, Gage Evans, Jacob Straub, Aaron Strickland, Gwenneth Church, Beau Davis, Michael Preston, Bryan Ronk, Richard Spears, Marissa Currie, Gianna Dillon, Madison Kay, Amber Redding, Cierra Rickords, Alexander Stewart, Sarah Straub, Cody Barnes, Lauryn Davis, Lehi Elkins, Dominique Fazendin, Brett Gibney, Brooks Gibney, Sage Munson, Carson Stubstad, Rebecca Morla, Aaron Reese, and Nicole Schumann.

PPTO

The Pioneer Parent Teacher Organization meets every second Wednesday of the month to plan and implement various fundraising programs and exciting family activities for our school. They are solely responsible for providing the funds for our incredible physical education specialist. The next meeting will be on **February 9th @ 2:20 in the Library**. Please contact Tina Hall at the PPTO voice-mail number 295-6555 if you are interested in joining this group.

Pioneer Site Council

So you've heard a lot about budget cuts and are wondering how they affect your child's education and what you can do to affect **some** change. The best way is to attend meetings of the site council. They are the governing board for our school. The site council takes the money given to us by the district, state and federal government and decides how best to spend it to meet the needs of our school and students. Our next meeting is: **Tuesday, February 23rd @ 2:20 in the Library**

Bullying

Pioneer Elementary school does not tolerate bullying. Procedures are in place to educate, prevent and discipline students who continue to bully others students. The best way for the staff to address this issue is to have students report incidents to the adults on campus as soon as they occur.

District Website- www.amadorcoe.org