



## NOVEMBER

- 11/4**  
Popcorn Friday \$.25
  
- 11/9**  
Veteran's Day Assembly &  
Concert 11am  
Visions & Hearing  
Screenings K-5(except 4<sup>th</sup>)  
Walk and Roll Wednesday
  
- 11/10**  
Early Release @12:52
  
- 11/11**  
Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL
  
- 11/18**  
Get Up & Get Moving 8am  
Report Cards go home
  
- 11/22**  
Site Council Mtg. 5pm  
PTA Board Mtg. 6pm  
PTA General Mtg. 7pm
  
- 11/23**  
Walk and Roll Wednesday
  
- 11/24**  
THANKSGIVING NO  
SCHOOL
  
- 11/25**  
Thanksgiving Break NO  
SCHOOL

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Elementary School PTA &  
request to join!



## President's Message

As we settle into November and mid-fall, we take time to say thanks for all of the good fortune that has been bestowed upon us. In particular we are grateful for our children and the wonderful education they receive at Pioneer Elementary School. We are thankful for the teachers and staff at Pioneer, and of course for the exciting and rewarding educational environment we get to support through the PTA. Although I am sure that you all do a great job of this already, I encourage you to take a moment during the month of November to say thank you to someone at Pioneer who makes your child's education better. Wishing you all the best.

*Joe Ingoglia*  
*PTA President*

## FALL CARNIVAL AND RAFFLE A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Fall Carnival! Your participation and support is what makes events like these a success. A huge thank you to **Jeff Gruber** and **Denise Krone** who planned such an amazing family activity. Thank you to **all the volunteers** who manned the booths and the bake sale and especially to **Denise LaFlamme** and her thespians in the haunted house!

Thank you to **Kandra Barrett** (vp of fundraising) for planning the raffle. It raised \$693 for Pioneer. Congratulations to **4<sup>th</sup> grade** who won the pizza party by 3 tickets!



## ARTS COMMITTEE TO PLAN WINTER CRAFT NIGHT IN DECEMBER

Join our committee as we plan for Family Arts Night! Crafts will feature a winter theme, and many will make perfect holiday gifts. Send your ideas along or participate in a planning meeting on Monday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Carrie Cortes-Monroy: [ccortes-monroy@msn.com](mailto:ccortes-monroy@msn.com)

We are looking for great ideas for Shrinky Dink plastic! Also, help us by collecting the following items;

- \* trinkets that will be utilized in mini snow globes
- \* dried acorns



## SPIRITWEAR

Did you miss the deadline? Not to worry! It's not too late to get Spiritwear. A second order will go in on November 16. Send in your order form today! Contact Lori Nesmith if you need a new form or have any questions [l.nesmith@comcast.net](mailto:l.nesmith@comcast.net) or 352-9417



**SPIRITDAY!**  
 Friday February 25  
 Wear white and blue,  
 bears, Spiritwear, or  
 any pioneer shirt and  
**SHOW YOUR SPIRIT**



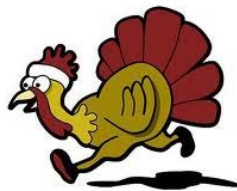
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**YEARBOOK DEADLINE DECEMBER 12**

Don't let your kids forget who their BFF was in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade...Buy a yearbook! Send a check for \$12 with your child's name and teacher's name on the memo line into school by December 12 to ensure you will get a yearbook at the end of the year. Any questions contact Leta Hankins [leta.hankins@hotmail.com](mailto:leta.hankins@hotmail.com)



**PIONEER TRACK STARS**



Apple Run? Pumpkin Dash? What's next...a Turkey Trot? Matter of fact, yes! Pioneer students are getting motivated to walk or run the track during recess. While students can walk or run the track nearly every school day and earn 2 foot tokens for every 5 miles they complete, we're adding a monthly fun run and special token to help encourage every one to participate. All it takes is a few volunteers to cheer on the kids and recognize their efforts and achievements with a small token for their foot chains.

The Turkey Trot will take place on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> during lunch recess from approximately noon to 1:30. Please contact Denise Pantelis ([dpantelis@comcast.net](mailto:dpantelis@comcast.net)) if you can help out.

**Pioneer Track Stars Wish List**

- \* The walking track needs wood chips and volunteers with wheelbarrows to help spread them around the track.
- \* We would love the walking track to be made more sustainable with crushed oyster shells or red rock.

If you have tips, leads, or sources for any of the above; please contact Denise Pantelis ([dpantelis@comcast.net](mailto:dpantelis@comcast.net)).

**MR. WEEKS WALKS WEEKLY ON WALK and ROLL WEDNESDAYS**

Even when it's wet!

That's right. Every Wednesday, our own Mr. Weeks, has committed to walk to school with a group of families from different locations in the Pioneer neighborhood. Here's the schedule for November:

\* 11/2 (Late Start) - 9:35 Start at Cain/North and Log Cabin picking up Holiday Hills along the way.

\* 11/9 - 8:40 Start at Henderson and Middle Street

\* 11/16 - 8:35 Start at Nut Tree Loop to Cain and 22nd picking up Parkwood and Burnaby Park neighbors along the way

\* 11/23 - 8:40 Start at Cain and Centerwood

Don't forget to bring an umbrella, rain boots, and a sunny smile. Please contact Denise Pantelis ([dpantelis@comcast.net](mailto:dpantelis@comcast.net)) if you are available to be a parent contact for one of the above locations.

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