

## JANUARY

1/18

WA State PTA Focus Day  
in Olympia  
Martin Luther King Day NO  
SCHOOL

1/19

PTA Assembly: Gears of  
Invention 2pm

1/26

PTA Board Mtg. 6:15

1/28

Talent Show

1/29

Passport Check

### Fridays, ongoing

Get Up & Get Moving, 8-  
8:50pm in Pioneer Gym

SO YOU THINK YOU'VE  
GOT TALENT SHOW

JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>!  
DON'T MISS IT



WE'RE ONLINE  
[pioneerpta.com](http://pioneerpta.com)

## President's Message



Happy New Year! We are off and running in 2010!

I invite you to kick-start your year by attending the **PTA Focus (on Kids) Day** at the state capitol on **January 18**. I am looking forward to attending this year as it will be held on a school holiday, and is a great opportunity for my kids to see how many parents across the state value learning.

Also coming up this month is our annual Talent Show on January 28. Regardless of role as participant or spectator, students and parents from all grades enjoy this event—we hope you will, too!

Kudos to Carrie Cortes-Monroy for her hard work putting together the Craft Night on December 17. Attendees had a great time and went home with beautiful crafts to share as holiday gifts.

**Check your calendar!** Several PTA activities are just around the corner including our annual science fair, students on stage (for third to fifth graders), and our fundraising auction. Please keep checking the Web site and bulletin boards, and reading the newsletters for updated information.

Finally, look for a mid-year survey to come out soon via email. Your feedback helps guide planning of future events.

Thanks,

Amy

## WHEN IT COMES TO EDUCATION, SCHOOL-FAMILY-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS ARE KEY

As a community, we are challenged with working together to improve schools, strengthen families, and enhance student learning and development. For resources to support growing these partnerships and building your involvement visit the Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction: [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us) and the Center for Improvement of Student Learning (CISL): <http://www.k12.wa.us/CISL/default.aspx>

*Parent involvement in schools is much more than parent conferences and PTA participation. A few thoughts worth remembering:*

\* You are child's best advocate. Ask your child about his or her day/lunch/recess/math assignments. If they express frustrations, concerns or fears, don't assume someone else is taking care of it.

\* You are your child's first role model. Kids are extremely observant and impressionable. Your actions, and if you show an interest, will be noted.

\* **Don't wait for an invitation to talk with your child's teacher.** If you are not hearing about what is happening in class or have a concern of your own, contact your teacher.

Give yourself an easy New Year's Resolution:

Join the Pioneer PTA today!

Please contact Noha Gindy (noha@pioneerpta.com) or go to our on-line membership form at <http://www.pioneer>

**Pioneer Phone Number:  
596-6500**

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for helpers with vision and hearing screenings conducted by the Lion's Club scheduled on 2/4 from 9-11:45am for grades 1, 2, 3, and 5. Any help is appreciated and donuts and coffee provided! Please contact the Pioneer School Nurse at 596-6508. Thank you in advance!  
Holly Steele, School Nurse

## FOCUS ON KIDS DAY JANUARY 18



There's a big change to the annual state PTA advocacy event in Olympia this year: we'll be bringing our KIDS! Monday, January 18, 2010 is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Schools are closed so bring your kids to the Capitol where they can learn firsthand how government works and how advocacy can make a difference. In addition to issue updates and legislator visits, free Capitol Tours and special activities are being planned just for kids.

We'll March around the Campus and rally on the Capitol steps—in support of children! We'll hear speeches from the Governor, elected officials, parents and KIDS. We'll raise our own voices alongside our advocacy partners in support of children's issues and education funding.

Mark your calendars for Mon. Jan. 18, 2010. The day kicks off at 8:00 a.m.-- March and Rally at 9:45. Register online to secure your spot and get more information at <http://www.wastatepta.org/legislation.htm>. Focus Day also is on Facebook.

Thanks for all you're doing for Washington's kids. I am hoping to ride the bus with my kids; contact me (ariggs@pioneerpta.com) if you are interested in joining us for the ride!

### VOLUNTEER CORNER

**TALENT SHOW:** The Pioneer talent show is being held on Thursday, January 28th. They need help with:

- Set up and clean up
- Volunteers to chaperone kids between acts
- Runners to shuttle kids to the stage
- Programs
- Back stage crew (usually 3-4 5th graders)
- Decorations

This is a very popular event at Pioneer and it takes many people to make it successful. Please email Krista Jurkovich at [bradkrista@comcast.net](mailto:bradkrista@comcast.net).

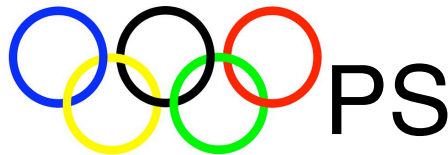
**AUCTION:** The auction is our only fundraiser for the school so it is very important that it is successful. As the date gets closer there will be many areas in which help is needed. Currently, the main concern for the auction is procurement. Anyone interested in helping with procurement, knows some places to procure from (connections), or would like to be given a local business list of 5-10 places to contact email: Sonia Allen [allensc@comcast.net](mailto:allensc@comcast.net), Kristina Hermach [kristina.hermach@comcast.net](mailto:kristina.hermach@comcast.net), or Nicole Williams [repwilliams@comcast.net](mailto:repwilliams@comcast.net).

Details can be found on the Pioneer PTA website:  
[pioneerpta.com](http://pioneerpta.com)



**SO YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT TALENT?!**

This year's "So You Think You've Got Talent" Talent Show will be held on January 28th at 6:30 PM. Permission slips will be sent home with each student on Friday, January 8th. Please return your child's permission slip by Friday, January 15th. For further information you can email Krista Jurkovich at bradkrista@comcast.net.



We jumped the start in our excitement



Fourth Annual Pioneer PTA Fund raising Auction  
Stay tuned for the new date and time.

And don't forget, re-gifting is permitted and encouraged at the Pioneer Auction. Volunteers still needed, open committee spots, behind the scenes support, please contact: Julie Woods for information 753-2592 Cjwoods1218@comcast.net  
Tiffin Moreno to volunteer 753-6401tiffinm@yahoo.com

**LOTS OF FUN SHARED AT WINTER CRAFT NIGHT**

Our special thanks go out to the following individuals who shared their time and energy helping out the night of the event: Cassie Welliver, Jennifer Johnson, Mary Meteyer, Brenda McGuigan, Cherie Berthon, Amy Riggs, Lauren Danner, Donna Hesse, Jorge Cortes-Monroy, Tracy Lumsden, Noha Gindy, Lisa and Kevin Warner, and Bob Brett.

We are also very grateful for the helping hands of Lisa Perle-Warner, Jeanne Tranum, Amy Riggs, Elizabeth Hughes and Pam Folsom who shared their time cutting, counting, beading, and preparing our crafts prior to the event.

And finally, thank you to all the Pioneer families who donated supplies; especially the Ingoglia-McDonnell family, the Tranum family, the Lumsden family, the Gindy family, the Folsom family, the Randall family, Ryan Hall and family, and Wendy Morissette and family.

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**We want to hear from you!**

Please e-mail ariggs@pioneerpta.com or leave your comments in the PTA box in the office. Your name is appreciated so that we can respond to your comments.

**Get Your Science On**

The Pioneer PTA Science Fair is Tuesday, March 30 5:30-7:30 in the gym. The science fair is open to all students K-5. Sign-up information and project guidelines will be available in February. Please contact Denise Laflamme at denise.laflamme@comcast.net or 352-4735 for more information.



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MAKE OUR SCHOOL A CUT ABOVE!

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