

APRIL

4/2

Passport check

4/5-9

Spring Break No School

4/12-16

National Library Week

4/19-23

National PTA Earth Week

4/22

Art Night

4/27

PTA Board Mtg 6:15pm

General Mtg 7:15pm

4/30

PTA Mad Science

Assembly

Passport Check

Fraturdays, ongoing

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



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to all those involved in the PTA who are making it such a great year! We have a lot of things happening in the remaining months of the year. Please plan to attend the **General Meeting on April 27** and our annual **fundraising auction on May 1**. The success of our auction determines the level and breadth of PTA activities as well as the number of fundraisers needed for the following year.

Happy Spring!

Amy

2010-11 ELECTIONS AND BUDGET ADOPTION AT THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held on April 27 at 7:15 p.m. in the school library. Voting on officer elections and adoption of a tentative budget for next year will occur. Please plan to attend!

With gratitude to the nominating committee for its hard work, the PTA board has accepted the following slate of candidates for next year's officers:

President: (CO) Tiffin Moreno and Jeanne Tranum

First VP, Programs: (CO) Carries Cortes-Monroy and Amy Riggs

Second VP, Fundraising: Erin McDonnell and Colleen Madden

Secretary: Drew Wellner

Treasurer: Randy Gunderson

At the April 27 general meeting, the board will recommend this slate for approval and vote of the membership, after allowing an opportunity to self-nominate from the floor. All nominees must consent to the nomination and be PTA members in good standing (dues-paying) for at least 30 days prior to the election.

As always, board and general meeting minutes and agendas can be found on the Pioneer PTA Web site, www.pioneerpta.com, on the Business page. Our Standing Rules can be found there as well. Meeting dates are on our Activities page.

The Pioneer community is invited and welcome to attend **all** meetings, which provide a wealth of resourceful information. **We love to see new faces at meetings and would like to meet you!**

PIONEER PTA MEMBERSHIP REACHES GOLD LEVEL STATUS

Pioneer PTA has received "Gold Level" membership status from the state PTA for a 10% increase over the previous year's membership by January 25, 2010. Thanks to for adding your voices to the over 6-million-strong advocacy efforts in support of the safety, health, and education of all children. And thanks to our membership chair, Noha Gindy, for all her hard work!



Don't forget to keep sending in your Box Tops!

Details can be found on the Pioneer PTA website:
pioneerpta.com



MID-YEAR SURVEY: THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

71 the number of people who responded to the mid-year survey.

91.5 the percent of respondents who feel we're doing a good to very good job so far.



Thanks to those who responded to our mid-year survey! Your feedback gives us valuable insight on how we're doing. Responses told us that we were doing a pretty good job this year, and gave us some ideas to consider for next year. A summary of the survey results is available on our Web site. If any members are interested in stepping up to be part of making happen one of the great ideas offered (maybe it was yours!), please let a board member know.

VOLUNTEER KUDOS

Special call-outs are due this month to committee chairs Jeanne Trantum (Scholastic Bookfair), and Denise LaFlamme (Science Fair), and Cassie Welliver (Students on Stage). Thanks so much for your commitment and hard work for the benefit of the Pioneer students.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Yearbook Assistance Needed: Flexible job for a few friends!

One or more volunteers are sought to help coordinate the ordering and fee collection side of producing this year's Pioneer yearbook. Working with Colleen Madden (yearbook chair), this role would involve the collection of fees for the yearbooks, keeping track of those who have ordered them and the delivery of the books to students once the yearbooks arrive in June. Volunteers are needed immediately to start processing the money as orders come in. Contact Colleen Madden at copper22@gmail.com for more information.

Pioneer's "Spring Into Auction" needs lots of volunteers to spring into Action.

Do you love to cook or bake? We have opportunities for you: Denise Pantelis is looking for volunteers to make, help make, or donate fresh, seasonal, lighter-fare appetizers, salads, and dips. It's important that people save room for dessert as Nicole Williams is seeking delectable if not decadent sweets for this year's dessert auction. Please contact Denise at dpantelis@comcast.net or Nicole at repwilliams@comcast.net to let them know how you'd like to help. Please visit our website at www.pioneerpta.com for more information.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these roles, please contact Tiffin Moreno, volunteer coordinator, at tiffin@pioneerpta.com or 753-6401. Please keep in mind that without your help, many events that are sponsored by the PTA will not be able to happen. Thanks for making our PTA great!

Garden Help

Bulbs are blooming in the garden! We are weeding and planting peas and radishes. Kids love to dig, and we have things to dig-up and move. The fourth graders will be starting some ivy topiaries after spring break. Come see what shapes they twist-up. The Kindergarteners will plant our potato patch, then lettuce and herbs will be seeded by everyone on top. We have tons of fun gardening during recesses and would love your donation of hardy perennials, herbs and shrubs to plant. Call Erin McDonnell (357-3915) for donations and if you want to garden with us during school or help after hours.

EARTH DAY ART NIGHT! THURSDAY, APRIL 22



Mark your calendars for this fun family event to feature art inspired by our dedication to the environment! In preparation, please begin collecting all non-recyclable items like clean bottle tops and lids, small toy pieces and parts and any other unique odds and ends to be utilized in individual sculpture projects. Also, you may begin collecting clean potato chip and snack bags and colorful plastic shopping bags for wearable art and weaving projects. If you are interested in volunteering your time for this event you may do so by supervising a station the night of the event, setting or cleaning up, preparing activity materials or making examples prior to the event. Also, feel free to send me any great project ideas! So far, the focus is reuse and drawing and painting techniques for water, sky and trees. Contact Carrie Cortes-Monroy at ccortes-monroy@msn.com.

2009-10 PIONEER ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK

It is almost time to order your yearbook!

\$10 each, grades K-4

(The Pioneer PTA is providing the fifth grade students with free yearbooks to celebrate their memories at Pioneer.)

The book and photos will be in full color this year. Order envelopes will be sent home after spring break.

Order Deadline: May 7.

The Pioneer PTA is funding the 5th grade books and subsidizing all of the extra costs for K-4, so we can offer the yearbook for only \$10.

Our upcoming auction on May 1 helps pay for items such as the yearbooks. As our only planned fundraiser for the year, please plan to attend!



HOMEWORK CLUB UPDATE

Beginning the week following Spring Break, Homework Club will be held on Monday and Wednesday only, through April. At that time, we will evaluate whether or not to continue the club. Unfortunately, we lost most of our high school volunteer assistance due to participation in spring sports. We appreciate your support and will keep you updated.

Principal Chris Woods and Coordinator Carrie Cortes-Monroy

PTA BOARD CONTACT LIST

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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.

For questions, comments, concerns about the newsletter, contact: michelle.penrod@gmail.com.

Pioneer Elementary PTA's Spring Into Auction

The only PTA FUNdraising Event

Saturday, May 1st

Pioneer Elementary

5:30 PM Doors Open

6:00 PM Silent Auction Begins

\$10 per person

Admission includes appetizers, espresso & Italian sodas

Ticket on sale now!

After April 16th & at the door - \$15 per person

Your PTA contributions help fund classroom supplies, activities such as the Science Fair, Fun Run and Beach Party, Passport, playground equipment, and much more.

Contact Julie Woods for more information CJWOODS1218@COMCAST.NET

Your Name _____

E-Mail Address _____

Child's Name (Name of oldest at school) _____

Teacher's Name _____ (so we can send home auction booklet)

Phone Number _____

Number of tickets @ \$10 each* _____ (includes auction booklet sent home week of April 25th)

Total amount enclosed (Cash or check made out to Pioneer PTA) _____

*After April 16th & at the door – tickets \$15 per person

Free Childcare!
Contact Erin
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