

PIONEER WEEKLY BULLETIN



Summer 2025 Edition



A note from the Office Team:

MESSAGE FROM THE PEPTC

Use the QR Code to access the PTC Social Media Pages, and to sign up for Volunteering.



ATTENDANCE MESSAGE:

Absences: Please report absences daily by calling the attendance hotline at 584-8831; press 2 to leave a message to let us know the reason for the absence. You can also email the office and send a doctor's note to pesattendance@puesd.net. If a notification is not received from the parent within three days of an absence, the absence will be considered unexcused (AR 5113). Absences exceeding 3 consecutive days requires a doctor's note or the absences will be unexcused. After 6 days in total, a doctor's note will be required every time a child is absent or it will be unexcused.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND NEED ACCESS TO LOCAL RESOURCES, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL AT 559-584-8831, EXT. 1401 OR 1402



Looking Ahead:

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Back to School Night Tuesday, August 12th
5-7 pm



August 13th



PANTHER PRIDE DAY!! WEAR YOUR PANTHER SPIRIT GEAR!!



Upcoming events:



PUESD School Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 13th
6pm @ District Board Room

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, August 13th
Start Time: 8:05am



Early Out Wednesdays RELEASE TIMES

TK/Kinder @ 1:00 pm
1st & 2nd @ 1:05pm
3rd-5th @ 1:45pm



Stay in Touch :



pesattendance@puesd.net



(559) 584-8831,
Ext. 1401 or 1402
Transportation, Ext. 1134



OFFICE HOURS: 7:45am-4:00pm

School Information:

Link to Lunch Menu:

[Lunch Menu Link](#)

Link to Parent/Student Handbook:

[Parent Student Handbook 24.25](#)
2025-2026 Handbook will be out soon!

LINK TO SCHOOL HOME PAGE:

[PIONEER ELEMENTARY HOMEPAGE](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

Your child could attend **PIONEER SCHOOL DISTRICT'S** award-winning schools ***even if you don't live within district boundaries!***

**NOW IS THE TIME TO APPLY FOR AN
INTER-DISTRICT
ENROLLMENT!**



How to Apply:

Complete Inter-District form [HERE](#). Forms can be returned to lemons1@puesd.net Call 559-585-2400 for more information

Secure your child's spot today and be part of an excellent learning community!



Please share our information with Family and Friends. Currently, we have a few vacancies and it's never too early to get on the preschool waiting list!

NEED HELP? CALL (559) 247-HELP

(559) 247-4357



KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CALL CENTER & MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE

Trained operators are standing by to help if you are experiencing a psychiatric crisis, just need a listening ear, or want to access County mental health or substance use disorder services.

- ✓ Psychiatric Crisis
- ✓ Access Services
- ✓ Just to Talk
- ✓ 24 hours per day
- ✓ 7 days per week
- ✓ 365 days a year



**KINGS COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**



KINGS VIEW




Thank you Parents!

Due to your family donations PEPTC has been able to provide our school with so much for the 24/25 school year

- \$13,000 in school field trips
- 3 Panther Pride Trips for 3-5 grade students
- Monthly Panther Store for 1st -2nd grade
- Kindergarten Treasure Chest prizes
- School events (Grandparents Day, Fall Carnival, Paint Night, Santa on Campus, Winter Family Night and Picnic Social)
- On campus activities (Talent Show decor, End of Year Awards, End of Year slide show snacks and decor)
- Snacks for State testing, Track and Field Day
- 5th grade end of year bash
- Water day popsicles

Major projects that will be complete by 25/26

- Updated Marque with full color
 - Kindergarten privacy screens
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Pioneer Elementary School Daily Schedule



Early Morning

7:30am Campus Opens & Breakfast Service
8:05am First Bell – Line Up
8:10am Tardy Bell - Class begins

Recess

9:30-9:45 Transitional Kinder
9:45-10:00 Kinder, 1st, 2nd
10:00-10:15 3rd, 4th, 5th



Lunch

11:00 – 11:40 TK/K & 1st
11:40 – 12:20 2nd & 3rd
12:20 – 1:00 4 & 5th

Dismissal Times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

TK/Kindergarten 2:00 pm
Grades 1-2 2:05 pm
Grades 3-5 2:45 pm

Wednesday - EARLY OUT

TK/Kindergarten 1:00 pm
Grades 1-2 1:05 pm
Grades 3-5 1:45 pm

Super Minimum Days Dismissal December 19, 2025 & June 5, 2026		Super Minimum Day Lunch Schedule	
TK/Kindergarten	12:00 pm	TK/Kindergarten & 1st	10:40-11:20 a.m.
1 st & 2 nd Grades	12:05 pm	Grades 2 nd & 3 rd	11:20-12:00 pm
Grades 3 rd -5 th	12:45 pm	Grades 4 th - 5 th	12:00-12:40 pm



Be Proud, Be Aware, Be Wise, Be Safe

Panther Pride Qualifications



3RD- 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

PANTHER PRIDE CRITERIA (TRIMESTER GUIDELINES):

- ❖ **NO DISCIPLINE REFERRALS DURING CURRENT TRIMESTER**
- ❖ **MUST HAVE ALL “CONSISTENTLY” MARKS AND/OR NO MORE THAN 2 “MOST OF THE TIME” ON THEIR WORK HABITS ON THE REPORT CARD FOR THE TRIMESTER IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**
Accepts responsibility for own behavior, Follows Directions, Respects other's rights/feelings/ property, Uses time effectively, and Completes and returns homework.
- ❖ **NO MORE THAN 4 CLIP CHART POINTS (I.E. ENDING ON PINK OR PURPLE).**
- ❖ **ANY NEW STUDENT MUST HAVE BEEN ENROLLED BY THE BEGINNING DATE OF THE PROGRESS REPORTS.**
- ❖ **NO MORE THAN 2 COMBINED ATTENDANCE MARKS DURING THE CURRENT TRIMESTER IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES (EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED):**
 - ABSENCES
 - TARDIES
 - EARLY SIGN-OUTS

***Please Note:** Students on IEPs will be considered meeting the above criteria for Citizenship if they are making progress towards meeting their individual IEP goals.*

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Student Birthdays



In an effort to encourage our students to develop a healthy lifestyle and protect students with food allergies from accidental exposure, and the changes in the **federal nutritional requirements**, **we will not allow food treats (including candy and juice)** for birthday snacks. Parents are still encouraged to celebrate student birthdays by offering an alternative to food treats such as providing an item for all students in the class with pencils, erasers, crayons, etc. Another fun idea is to donate a hardback book to the library in honor of your student. Please contact your child's teacher or school office in advance with a description of the birthday goodies. Parents will need prior approval before sending items to school. ***If food treats are brought to school, they will be returned since they are not allowed at school. Balloons, flower deliveries, etc. are not permitted for students.*** They will be refused if brought on campus, as it is a distraction to the learning environment.



Visiting Campus

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS, all visitors must report to the office to **check in with their driver's license**, which is run through our security database RAPTOR. Parents are welcome to have lunch with their child/children in a designated location (**no fast food**) or volunteer in classrooms (if coordinated with the teacher). If you are flagged within RAPTOR, you will not be allowed to enter campus during the school day. However, you are allowed to pick up/drop off your child within the office or outside the gates. When you are ready to leave, you will return your pass to the office and sign out.

We do ask that other arrangements are made for your younger children and that they do not accompany you during your time on campus.

Regulation 5132: Dress And Grooming

Status: ADOPTED

Original Adopted Date: 08/07/2019 | **Last Revised Date:** 02/08/2023 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 02/08/2023

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Board of Trustees policy and administrative regulations. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed.

Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

School officials may prohibit any apparel, accessory, hairstyle or cosmetic, etc., even if not specifically mentioned in this regulation, that:

1. Creates a safety concern
2. Draws undue attention to the wearer
3. Detracts from the learning process
4. Causes a disturbance
5. Is considered gang related

In addition, the following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals must have heel straps. Thongs or backless shoes or sandals are not acceptable. Military style boots, steel toes, cleats, slippers, shoes with rollers, and high heels are prohibited.
2. Clothing, jewelry and personal items (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
3. Headwear other than hats, caps and visors will not be allowed at school. Hats, caps and visors must be removed in the classrooms, offices or other school facilities. Knit caps and the hood of a sweatshirt may be worn outdoors if the ambient temperature is sixty degrees or lower.
4. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through fabric, halter tops, off-the-shoulder, and spaghetti straps are prohibited. Shorts, shirts and dresses, can be no shorter than the level where the student's closed fist strikes the thigh when standing with arms straight down and at their side with shoulders relaxed. Holes in clothing may not be above this measurement. Clothing that becomes revealing to the midriff, pubic area, buttocks, or chest when standing, sitting, or moving is prohibited.
5. Physical education clothing may not be worn in classes other than physical education.
6. Earrings must be small and worn in ears. Body piercings are limited to studs.

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)
