

PIONEER WEEKLY BULLETIN



Week of: 5/5/2025



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

New Student Registration Now Open for the 2025-26 School Year!!!

DOES YOUR CHILD QUALIFY FOR TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK)? THE BIRTHDAY RANGE FOR TK IS EXPANDING AGAIN NEXT SCHOOL YEAR! IF YOUR CHILD TURNS **4 BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025**, THEN HE/SHE QUALIFIES TO ENROLL IN TK FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR!

IF YOUR CHILD TURNS **5 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025**, THEN HE/SHE WILL BE IN KINDERGARTEN.

YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT PUESD.NET. CLICK THE "ENROLLMENT" LINK IN THE TOP, RED OPTIONS BAR ABOVE. CONTACT FAWN LEMONS AT LEMONSL@PUESD.NET WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



Upcoming events:



PUESD School Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 14th
6pm @ District Board Room

Family Night
Picnic & Ice Cream Social
5:30-7:30pm
Wednesday, May 7th
RSVP ONLY



Early Out Wednesdays

RELEASE TIMES

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



State Testing Begins (3rd-5th)
Week of MAY 5th

Stay in touch :



pesattendance@puesd.net



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



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

Looking ahead this week :

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Teacher Appreciation Week



- Early Release (1 hour early)
- Kindness Crew @ Lunch
- Family Night @ 5:30pm



- Coffee with the Counselor @ 7:30am
- PANTHER PRIDE DAY!! WEAR YOUR PANTHER SPIRIT GEAR!!**



School Information:

Link to Lunch Menu:

[Lunch Menu Link](#)

Link to Parent/Student Handbook:

[Parent.Student Handbook 24.25](#)

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!



Dear Parent/Guardian:

There are many ways to measure your child's learning. Your child's teacher uses report card grades, classroom work, teacher observations, and end-of-year statewide test results to get a complete picture of your child's learning. Each year, students participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Your child will take the following tests, depending on their grade level or instructional program:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts and math, required tests in grades 3–5 (CAASPP)
- California Science Test (CAST), a required test in grades 5 and 8 and once in high school
- English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPAC) for English Learners
- Physical Fitness Test (PFT) pursuant to California Education Code Section 60615 in grade 5

Pioneer Elementary School will give the summative assessments in person. Please note that parents and/or guardians may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse their child from any and all of the CAASPP assessments. This exemption does not exist for the ELPAC and Physical Fitness Test.

The testing schedule is listed below:

- English Language Arts testing: May 5th- May 9th
- Mathematics testing: May 12th- May 16th
- 5th Grade Science testing: May 19th- May 23rd
- Make-up Week: May 26th- May 30th

You are an important part of your child's education. To make sure your child feels comfortable taking the tests, you can do the following:

- Explain to your child that these tests are used as tools to help them learn, and that they should not be anxious or scared.
- Remind your child that you and their teacher want them to try their very best and are there to help, every step of the way.
- Explore the practice tests with your child on the CAASPP Online Practice and Training Tests web page at www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html so they can become familiar with the platform and setup of the tests.

You will receive your child's results at or before the beginning of the next school year. The results will identify where your child is doing well or needs more help, so you can better support their learning at home and teachers can better support their learning in the classroom.

To learn more about these tests go to the CAASPP Starting Smarter website at ca.startingsmarter.org, or review the CDE Parent Guides to Understanding web page at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp.

If you have questions, please contact **Mrs. Davis, Assistant Principal** at **559-584-8831**.

Sincerely,

Sharon Cronk, Principal

Pioneer Elementary School

LAST ONE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

AS WE TALK ABOUT
INTERNET SAFETY



Topics discussed will include:

- Ideas for talking about internet safety
- Internet safety tips for kids
- Setting and enforcing expectations

May 9th, 2025 at 7:30am-8:00am

Scan the QR code to sign up
or email Mrs. Uribe at
uribep@puesd.net
RSVP by 05/7/25



Coffee with the Counselor is for parents, not students.

DELAC and ELAC Meeting May 14th, 2025

EL Program



DELAC and ELAC Meeting May 14th, 2025 @ 8:30am.

Location: District Office 1888 N. Mustang Dr. Hanford. Please come and join us!

This is a great opportunity for you to ask questions about Summative ELPAC Scores, students EL program requirements, steps to exit the program, budgeting, and program goals. We need representatives from each school to make this program successful! Thank you!

Junta de DELAC y ELAC 14 de Mayo, 2025

Programa del Habla de Ingles



Junta de DELAC y ELAC el 14 de Mayo a las 8:30 am en la oficina del distrito colocada en 1888 N. Mustang Dr. Hanford. Acompáñenos ya que es una gran oportunidad para preguntas sobre el programa general, pruebas estatales, fondos del programa e inversiones, y la participación del aprendizaje de inglés. Tenemos que tener representantes de cada escuela para el crecimiento del programa. Gracias!

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Student Safety is our number one priority at Pioneer Elementary. We are asking for everyone's help to keep our parking lot safe. Please follow all safety signs posted. Please do not use the parking lot as a drop off and pick zone. It is not safe. We have had some near misses of students being hit. We ask that you use the designated drop off/pick lane. You may also use the middle gate to enter, park, and walk your child up to the gates. If you need additional time to unload your child, please park and unload or pull up to the blue benches so that the line doesn't get backed up in the morning. We prefer parents not to drop off and pick up in the back of the school. There is not a guarantee that an adult will be present to assist your child. Additionally, the **Bus Lane is off limits to any traffic**. It is a violation of Educ. Code to enter a Bus Zone. We appreciate your help with ensuring student safety.



Drop Off & Pick Up Safety

END OF YEAR LIBRARY FINES

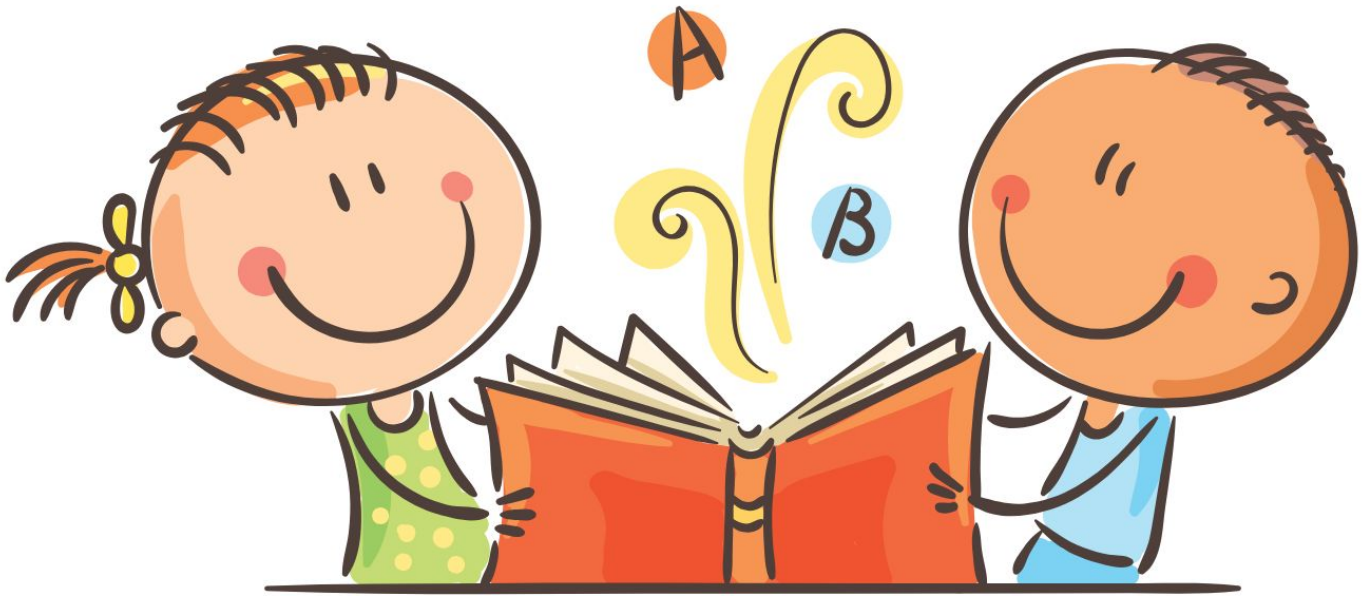
As we approach the end of the school year, here are some friendly reminders regarding library fines:

All fines must be paid by Friday, June 6th.

Failure to pay for fines may lead to your child being excluded from end of year activities.

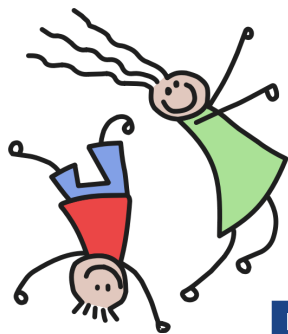
Fines may be paid online through Infinite Campus, or in person by exact cash or check. We do not carry change.

Unpaid fines carry over to the next school year and beyond. Your child will be unable to check out new books until they are paid.





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!



PASE



Pioneer After School Enrichment

What is PASE? PASE is a FREE after school program for *qualifying* families for students in grades TK-6.

How do I know if my child qualifies? Complete the online Qualification Form *AND* the Free and Reduced Meal (FRM) Application. If you qualify for FRM status, you qualify for the FREE after school program!

Frontier School and
Pioneer Middle School



**To start the qualification process,
please complete the form at
the link or QRC that goes with your school.**

<https://forms.gle/sGXnxqhCd8PppyGN8>

Pioneer Elementary and
Pioneer Middle School



<https://forms.gle/sfrh6dAqBcpvyKly9>





Pioneer Elementary School Daily Schedule 2024-2025



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 Kindergarten
9:45-10:00 Kindergarten, 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 Day Dismissal December 20,2024 & June 6, 2025		Super Minimum Day Lunch Schedule	
TK/Kindergarten	12:00 p.m.	TK/Kindergarten & 1st	10:40-11:20 a.m.
Grades 1 st & 2 nd	12:05 p.m.	Grades 2 nd & 3 rd	11:20-12:00 p.m.
Grades 3 rd -5 th	12:45 p.m.	Grades 4 th & 5 th	12:00-12:40 p.m.

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.*

Be Proud, Be Aware, Be Wise, Be Safe

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.