

## Native American Heritage Month

Native American Heritage Month, observed in November, celebrates the diverse cultures, histories and contributions of Native American/Alaskan Native and Indigenous peoples. It aims to raise awareness, dispel stereotypes, and honor their rich traditions while acknowledging ongoing challenges. Native peoples continue to protect our land and water, maintain cultural traditions and practices, and contribute in immeasurable ways to society today. Land acknowledgment is an opportunity for us to recognize Native peoples in the present day to ensure the true history of the land occupied is told, and honored, and Native perspectives are centered.

Pioneer Elementary School is on Me-wuk (Bay Miwok) territory. Unceded means the Me-wuk did not give up these lands, it was taken from them. Their lands were from present-day Lafayette, San Ramon, Brentwood, Discovery Bay and Rio Vista. Other Miwok tribes are the Plains Miwok who lived in present day Stockton and Lodi as well as the Coast Miwoks who lived in present day the areas from Marin and Point Reyes. Today, the Me-wuk are the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area.

You can read more about this Heritage Month and learn about the books and lessons that our children will have access to this month in their classrooms at

[www.brentwood.k12.ca.us/page/community-celebrations](http://www.brentwood.k12.ca.us/page/community-celebrations).

## Fun Run Thank You!

Thank you so much for your support as volunteers, donors, and fundraisers for our Fun Run! We raised over \$42,900 for our school. 52% of students registered, a 2% increase from last year! Congrats to Mrs. Shewey's class, which raised the most among our TK-2 classes with \$3,435, and to Mrs. Rothrauff's class, which raised the most among our 3rd-5th grade classes with \$2,265! Congrats also to our student who raised the most as an individual, TKer Onesi Lawani, who will get to serve as Principal for a Day soon!

## 💰 Where Your Funds Are Going

Here's what we're prioritizing with our fundraised dollars this month. You can find detailed reports of our fundraising budget and expenses at <https://pioneerparentsclub.com/finances>.

- Haunted Hoedown Event
- Fun Run Spirit Wear Shirts for All Students
- Staff Appreciation Coffee Cart



## 🍔 Dine Out Night at Red Robin - November 19

Join us at Red Robin from 11am - 11pm on Tuesday, November 19th at Red Robin in the Streets of Brentwood. 20% of your ticket will be donated to Pioneer, and this time will support our 3rd grade class specifically. All are welcome! Last month, we raised \$300 for our 4th grade class at MOD Pizza!

## 🎨 Family Art Night - December 6

Our Family Art Night is coming up in on Fri, December 6th at 6pm, and you're invited! We will have art stations, including a directed painting on canvas. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels and will include refreshments! Space is limited, so reserve your spot today. \$10 for your ticket covers the cost of materials. Get your tickets at <https://bit.ly/ArtNight24>

## **December Spirit Wear Sale in Time for Holiday Gifts**

If you're looking for holiday gifts for Pioneer parents, grandparents, or students, look no further than the Pioneer Spirit Wear Site! Starting November 18th, we'll have a sale of 10% off. Order by Black Friday (November 29), and you'll get the items by December 9th. <https://pioneer-colts-spiritwear.com/>

## **Help us Plan Bingo Night!**

We'd love to host a Family Bingo Night this school year but we need your help to make it happen! Please join us for a planning meeting Wednesday, November 20th at 8:30 am in the staff lounge.

## **Hot Chocolate & Treats After School**

Starting on December 6, Callahan's Mobile Cart will be outside Pioneer at pickup on some Fridays selling hot chocolate, coffee, and treats. 20% of the purchase price is donated back to Pioneer!

## **Calling All November & December Birthdays**

Visit our website at [pioneerparentsclub.com](http://pioneerparentsclub.com), where you will find a link to a Google form to request your message. Each message costs \$25 and can be paid online or by dropping off cash or check in the Parents Collective box in the office. We request at least a 2-week notice to ensure we can plan and meet your request and if possible, will accommodate last-minute requests (not guaranteed).

## **Support Pioneer through Box Tops for Education**

The Box Tops for Education program is different these days - no turning in actual box tops! You snap a picture of your receipts, and Pioneer gets donations. You can also forward email receipts (from stores like Target, Safeway, WinCo, Costco, or Walmart for grocery pickup or delivery).

You can even directly connect your Walmart account if you shop there, and it will automatically count eligible items you buy. Sign up for free to generate donations for Pioneer at [www.boxtops4education.com/s/get-the-app](http://www.boxtops4education.com/s/get-the-app).

## **Join our Email Group**

We have a Pioneer Parents Collective Google Group that allows us to send occasional announcements about events happening at the school. Let us know if we can add you by sharing the information below! You can unsubscribe anytime. All Pioneer family, guardians, and staff are welcome to join, so feel welcome to add multiple parents or grandparents or other key adults who would like to stay in the loop. Join at [bit.ly/PioneerParentsEmailGroup](http://bit.ly/PioneerParentsEmailGroup).

## **November & December Events (see events for the year at [pioneerparentsclub.com/events](http://pioneerparentsclub.com/events))**

- Tues, Nov 19: Dine Out Night at Red Robin
- Wed, Nov 20 at 8:30am: BINGO Planning Mtg
- Wed, Nov 20: Pioneer Mom's Night Out
- Nov 21 - Dec 21: Pioneer artwork displayed at BUSD District Offices
- Fri, Nov 22: Adjusted Day
- Nov 25 - 29: No School
- Tues, Dec 3: DEI Committee Meeting
- Fri, Dec 6: Family Art Night
- Sat, Dec 21 - Sun, Jan 5 - Winter Break

## **Thank You to Our Sponsors**

Thank you to the businesses supporting our school as sponsors this year!



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