

Kind Colts Raise Over \$30,000 for Pioneer!



Our Pioneer families have made Raise Craze a huge success this year and we couldn't be prouder! Our students have already exceeded our goal of \$30,000 and by raising \$34,497 so far, and they have logged 700 Acts of Kindness and counting! Friday, February 24th is the last day to log your acts of kindness and make donations.

The best part of our Raise Craze fundraiser has been witnessing our students' heartfelt acts of kindness. From painting kindness rocks to writing notes showing loved ones their gratitude to selling lemonade and handmade bracelets and donating the proceeds to cancer research, our kind colts have been working hard to make the world around them a little brighter and kinder!

Raise Craze has been the biggest fundraiser of our school year and we are looking forward to putting the funds raised to good use. Parents' club plans to use the money raised to provide our annual teacher stipends for the 23-24 school year, supplement field trip costs and continue our monthly community celebrations. As always, Parents' Club welcomes all insights from our community on how raised can be spent meaningful ways at Pioneer.

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Art Updates

District Art Show We are currently accepting submissions of student artwork for the district art show. Students may submit artwork, created at school or outside of school, in the front office through March 3rd.

Art Fundraiser All of our at Pioneer have classes completed art for our Kid Kreations fundraiser. Packets will be sent home March 9th, with a sample of your child's artwork on stickers and a list of products available purchase featuring that art. Orders will need to be placed by March 17th and products will arrive early May, in time for Mother's Day. Proceeds from this fundraiser support the art program at Pioneer.



Community Celebrations

We are so proud of all of our students who participated in our first Black History Month Oratorical Fest. We look forward to making this an annual tradition where our students can celebrate black excellence and sharpen their public speaking skills. We are looking forward to celebrating Women's History Month next, so be on the lookout for more details coming soon!

Below are our upcoming celebrations planned for the rest of the year in alignment with BUSD's celebration calendar. Please email pioneerdei@gmail.com if you are interested in helping to plan one of these celebrations. We definitely can use your ideas and help!

March: Women's History

April: Arab America

• May: Asian-American/Pacific Islander

• June: Pride

Important Dates

2/26 Paint Party at Starry Nite 3pm-5pm

2/27-3/3 Read Across America Week

3/3 Last day to submit art for district art show

3/1-3/3 Adjusted day schedule & Spring Conferences

3/9 ELAC Meeting

3/9-3/17 Kid Kreations Art Fundraiser

3/6-3/10 Book Fair

3/15 Dine Out at Subway (Streets of Brentwood)

3/16 Adjusted day schedule

3/17-3/31 Spring Break

4/6 Teacher Appreciation Week planning meeting

Thank You Card My Yard for Adding Cheer to Our Raise Craze!

Card My Yard Discovery Bay has a special deal for our Pioneer Families and staff. When you use the code CMYDBCOLTS to book a birthday sign, you'll receive a 10% discount and 10% will also be donated to Pioneer Parents' Club!

Read Across America

Read Across America Week is February 27 through March 3rd and there is lots of fun planned here at Pioneer as we celebrate our love of reading. Students can share some of their favorite book recommendations, design a bookmark, and give back by donating new socks for a sock drive that will start March 2nd and run for one week. All of the socks collected will be donated to a homeless shelter. Our children will also have a visit from published author, Rachelle Burk, on Tuesday, February 28th

Read Across America Spirit Week

Monday Crazy/Favorite Hat

> **Tuesday** Read My Shirt

Wednesday Reading Gives You Superpowers

> Thursday Crazy socks

Friday Pajama Day

Teacher Appreciation Week is on the horizon...

Teacher appreciation week takes off on May 8th, If you are interested in joining the crew to help plan a fun-filled week for our amazing teachers, meet in the staff lounge Thursday morning, April 6th, after drop off