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#### 👩 Pioneer Honors Arab American Heritage Month

This month, our children will have lessons in their classrooms about Arab American Heritage Month, including the diverse culture of the Middle East and Northern Africa. 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 https://www.brentwood.k12.ca.us/page/community-celebrations.

#### Raise Craze Begins!

Raise Craze, our biggest fundraiser of the year, is happening from April 8 - April 19. We have a goal of \$35K that will help us offset field trip costs, provide classroom supplies and continue our monthly heritage celebrations. During the fundraiser, participants pay it forward by completing Acts of Kindness! The top 5 fundraising students will win a John's Ice Cream gift card, a Pioneer T-shirt, and a Free Birthday







Marquee Message. The top two fundraising classes will be invited to have donuts with our Principals. The two classes with the most acts of kindness will win a paint party. And if we reach our \$35K goal, Mr. McClure and Mrs. Lengyel will do something CRAZE-y. Register your student(s) at my.raisecraze.com/AVNNYCG or with the QR code and they will receive a Pioneer water bottle sticker.

# 👞 Teacher Appreciation Week

Get your compasses ready because from May 6-10 we'll embark on a journey to let our teachers know how much we appreciate them. More information will be sent home as the week gets closer.

- Sign up to help with Recess Duty to give teachers a break: <u>bit.ly/TeacherAppreciationVolunteers</u>
- Sign up to stock the staff lounge fridge or contribute to prizes: bit.ly/TeacherAppreciationDonate

# Join the Parents Club Board Next Year!

A number of our Parents Club Board Members have graduating 5th graders and we are in need of new volunteers for the 2024/2025 school year. If you're interested in learning more, please reach out to Morgan and Kacy at pioneerpcvp@gmail.com. We have the following roles open:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair We are passionate about continuing our efforts to ensure Pioneer is a place where everyone belongs. This role involves leading DE&I committee and organizing our monthly heritage celebrations, Multicultural Night and Black History Oratorical.
- Co-Treasurer We are looking for someone who is numbers savvy to help balance our expenses, ensure reimbursements, deposits and payments are made on time, and our taxes are filed appropriately.
- Vice President The Vice President works in tandem with the President to ensure all board tasks are fulfilled and serves as back up for the President and/or another board member as needed.

# 🎨 Deadline April 5: Personalized Art from Your Child

You can now order keepsakes and gifts featuring your child's art online through April 5. Simply visit shop.square1art.com/Shop/artwork/Search, enter state, school name, and your student's name. Your student's art and code will appear, and you may order! Upload additional art if you like, using Art Upload.

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#### Yearbook Deadline Coming Soon

Yearbooks are available for order at <a href="https://bit.ly/ColtsYearbook24">https://bit.ly/ColtsYearbook24</a>. The price starts at \$27.59 and you can add personalized pages for your child if you like - the first two pages are free and additional personalized pages are \$0.99 for 2 pages. If you have a 5th grader, you cab buy a ½ page advertisement to recognize your student's promotion from elementary school. The deadline for personalized pages is Apr 11.

#### 🥳 Calling All April & May Birthdays

Visit our website at <u>pioneerparentsclub.com</u> 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' Club box in the office. We request at least a 2-weeks notice to ensure we can plan and meet your request and if possible, will accommodate last-minute requests (not guaranteed).

### 🌙 Eid al-Fitr

As Ramadan comes to a close, Muslims around the world are preparing to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, also known as Eid. This festival of breaking the fast marks the end of the holiest month in the Islamic calendar. The Eid celebration is an opportunity for Muslims to also demonstrate their personal commitment to care through gratitude and helping the less fortunate, which is especially important after a month of reflection and fasting. This charitable act, known as "zakat," is one of the Five Pillars of Islam and seen as a way for those with the means to donate, to promote social justice and help others in need. Charitable acts are an integral part of Ramadan, and the gratitude and generosity continues through the Eid al-Fitr celebration. Wishing our Pioneer Community a happy and joyful Eid with their family and friends - Eid Mubarak!

#### April & May Events

- Pioneer Day at Habit Burger: April 3 from 12pm 9pm 20% of proceeds go to Pioneer!
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Meeting: April 4 at 6:30 pm (email pioneerpcdei@gmail.com to RSVP)
- Square1 Art Order Deadline: April 5
- Pre Eid al-Fitr Lunchtime Art Project: April 9

- Yearbook Personalization Deadline: April 11
- Raise Craze Fundraiser: Apr 8-19
- **Pioneer Day at John's Ice Cream:** April 24th from 12pm 10pm
- Teacher Appreciation Week: May 6 10
- Family Pride Night: May 29 at 6:30pm

#### **Sponsorships**

Thank you to our Triple Crown Sponsors this year!





