



Who is the Pioneer Parents Collective?

You are! If you are a caregiver to a child at Pioneer, you are automatically a member of the Pioneer Parents Collective. No membership fee is required! PPC is led by an all-volunteer board that hold a variety of positions including Staff Appreciation; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; and Fundraising to name a few. The purpose of the Pioneer Parents Collective is to support and advocate for Pioneer Elementary's mission to put students first. This vision guides everything we do to ensure Pioneer is a place where our students thrive academically and where they feel welcomed and safe to be their full authentic selves.

Year-End Survey Results

In May, dozens of you gave feedback on our End of Year parent survey! Thank you. We got some great input to help plan for this year. Here are some highlights:

- The Fun Run was the favorite fundraiser. So this year, we're only doing ONE big fundraiser—mark your calendar for November 6th, when we'll be doing the Fun Run again!
- Folks wanted more information on how our fundraiser dollars were going to be used - we used this input to put a new page on our website dedicated exactly to this: www.pioneerparentsclub.com/finances
- You said you'd most like to meet as an entire Pioneer parents community on Zoom during the school day. You got it! We'll see you on Zoom on August 12th at 11am - RSVP at <https://bit.ly/PPCAugust24>.
- Many said you'd like a parents-only social event. Stay tuned! We're planning an event just for you.
- You want BINGO and Movie Nights back! We will invite you to join a committee to help make these happen. If we can get the volunteer support, we're excited to bring these back and cannot wait!
- You loved the Multicultural Night. We did, too, and the standing-room-only crowd told that story as well. That event is coming back, and we're hoping to hold it during a month with lovely weather to be outdoors. Stay tuned!
- Another favorite event was the Halloween Hoedown. It's coming back again this year on Oct 18th!

Pioneer Spirit Wear For Sale (and new items!)

Visit <https://pioneer-colts-spiritwear.com/> to find everything from hats to backpacks, t-shirts to vinyl clings, and including brand-new designs for the 24-25 school year! Until Monday, August 5th, you can get 10% off with code 10%OFF.

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 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 that would like to stay in the loop. Join at bit.ly/PioneerParentsEmailGroup.

Art Volunteers Needed

Interested in being an art volunteer in your child's classroom? Join the Art Volunteer Interest Meeting to learn more - August 14th at 8:30am in the Staff Lounge.

Join a Parents Collective Committee

Our biggest need at the moment is those interested in joining our **Events Committee** to help plan and execute our events throughout the year (this year we're planning to continue popular events like the Halloween Hoedown while also adding events like Bingo Night and Movie Night). If you're interested in this, hit reply or drop a note to our Co-Presidents Kacy Torres and Morgan Mundy at pioneerpcpres@gmail.com.

We are also looking for folks to join our **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee!** This committee helps support our community celebrations throughout the year and work towards Pioneer being a place where everyone belongs. This committee also works on events like our Multicultural Night and Black History Month Oratorical. If you'd like to join that committee, reach out to our DEI Chair Morning Dawn Johnson at pioneerpcdei@gmail.com.

Finally, we have a **Communications Committee!** This group ensures we communicate with families in various ways. We are especially looking for those who might be interested in helping with one of the following: designing flyers to send home to families (using Canva), making copies of flyers at the school and putting them in teacher boxes, or updating our website at www.pioneerparentscollective.com. If you are interested in joining this committee, email pioneerpcpr@gmail.com.

Calling All August & September Birthdays

Visit our website at 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).

Dine Out Night Update

This year, our fun Pioneer Dine-In and Take-Out Nights at local restaurants are going to have a small change in approach. What's staying the same: local restaurants will welcome the Pioneer community to eat on a given day and donate a portion of the proceeds to our school! Every member of the Pioneer community is encouraged to join! What's new: each dine-out night will be dedicated to a specific grade level. All proceeds from that night will be given to that grade level for use in whatever they most need, whether it's field trip funds, supplies, or other support. We hope you'll mark your calendar for all of these upcoming Dine-In and Take-Out Nights! Thanks to our volunteer fundraising leaders for getting these scheduled already. More dates coming soon!

- Aug 15th: Aloha Ice (5th grade class)
- Sept 26: MOD Pizza (4th grade class)
- Nov 19: Red Robin (3rd grade class)
- Jan 14th: Panera Bread (2nd grade class)

Where Your Funds Are Going



Are you curious how much was raised and/or spent by the Pioneer Parents Collective last year, or what we're planning to raise and spend this year? All of that information can be found at pioneerparentsclub.com/finances. Some back-to-school priorities we are investing in:

- \$3,000 donation to each grade for field trips + supplies
- A \$250 - \$325 (more for higher grade levels with more students in each class) reimbursement for each teacher for classroom supplies purchased, with an additional \$250 for any first-year teachers
- Welcome back "Sunshine Station" for teachers with treats
- Coffee and Kleenex event for all Pioneer families



Shade Update

Given our hot climate, our students need shade during recess and school events. Pioneer families have generously donated over the years to our efforts to raise money to install shade structures. Many parents and school staff have worked on this, and while everyone agrees that this is a priority, various barriers in state law and local policy have prevented these structures from being built. We are working to have BUSD staff visit a meeting with all interested Pioneer parents so that we can collectively work on finding solutions to this problem as soon as possible. We have \$30,000 reserved from previous fundraising for this project and are eager to put it to use. If you have any particular skill sets or connections that might help us move this project forward, we'd welcome that! Please let us know at pioneerpcpres@gmail.com.

17 August & September Events (see events for the year at pioneerparentsclub.com/events).

- August 6 and 7: Back to School Nights
- August 12 at 11am: All-Pioneer Parents Meeting (Zoom) - RSVP at <https://bit.ly/PPCAugust24>
- August 14 at 8:30am: Art Volunteer Info Mtg
- August 15: Pioneer Dine Out Day at Aloha Ice
- August 22 at 6pm: DEI Committee Meeting
- August 22 and 23: Fall Picture Days
- Sept 16 - 20: Pioneer Book Fair
- Sept 26: Pioneer Dine Out Day at Mod Pizza

Become a Pioneer Parents Collective Sponsor

Becoming a Pioneer sponsor helps increase the quality of education our students receive while allowing you and your business to show your support for our school. Over 850 children are attending Pioneer Elementary. Our sponsors gain exclusive, direct exposure to thousands of current and prospective customers. Sponsorship is a cost-efficient, tax-deductible, and targeted way to build awareness for your business and/or offer specific promotions. Sign up today at <https://pioneerparentsclub.com/our-sponsors>. Thank you to the following businesses that have already stepped up to support our school in this way!

