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Pioneer Honors Global Celebrations of Light

There is not a typical heritage month celebration in December, so this month Brentwood Unified focuses on helping our students learn about winter holidays celebrated across the world and heritages such as Christmas, Diwali, Lunar New Year, Simbang Gabi, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Las Posadas.

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>.

Pioneer's Multicultural Night

We are so thrilled to celebrate Pioneer's rich diversity this coming January 31st at 6:30pm. We need families to sign up for exhibit tables representing a country, a US regional culture, or other cultural background. We also need families to sign up to share dances, songs, poetry readings, or other performances to include in the cultural showcase. Sign-ups are due by January 12th and we will offer reimbursement to offset any costs that may be barriers to participation. Please sign up to share your culture at <https://bit.ly/PioneerMulticulturalNight>.



So far we are thrilled to have participation from across grade levels representing India, Tongatapu, Italy, Afghanistan, Nicaragua, and Hungary! We hope you will join us to represent your heritage and culture as well. Scan the code to the right today!

Fun Run Recap

What an incredible Fun Run in November! Our community donated over \$52,000 from over 1,100 individual donors and businesses! There were donors from 36 states and 5 countries. Our students won over 3,300 prizes from My Booster. Nearly 500 students participated in the fundraising, including students from every single classroom. Congrats to 1st grade, which raised more than any other grade (almost \$12,000!), and to Kindergarten and 3rd grade who were a close second and third place. The first place class overall was Pimentel, raising over \$4,000, followed by Gusto and Bissell in 2nd and 3rd places.

These precious funds support grade level stipends to support purchasing critical instructional and enrichment supplies for students like bare books in 2nd grade, soil for 3rd grade science, and many other supplies and field trip supplements across each and every grade level.

Save the Date - Black History Month Oratorical

Celebrate Black History Month by participating in our 2nd annual Oratorical Fest. All Pioneer students are invited and encouraged to research, select an African-American figure, and perform a piece authored by that figure. Here are upcoming dates to note for this event:

- January 11th at 6:30 pm: Optional info session via Zoom to learn more about the performance, including resources. Meeting ID: 861 5677 9093, Passcode: 425322
- February 22nd, 6:30-8:00 pm: Showcase

See you at Red Robin?

Eat at Red Robin in the Streets of Brentwood on Wednesday, December 6th from 11am - 10pm and 20% of your ticket will be donated to Pioneer if you tell them you're there to support our school.

Calling All December & January Birthdays

We love celebrating birthdays at Pioneer and would be delighted to wish your child a happy birthday on the

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Pioneer marquee. 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' Club box in the office. We request at least 2 weeks' notice to ensure we can plan and meet your request and if possible, will accommodate last-minute requests (not guaranteed).

School Year 2024-2025 Calendar

If you're starting to think about your 2024 calendar, the school year calendar for the 24-25 school year is available at <https://www.brentwood.k12.ca.us/page/district-calendar> and in the Files section of our Pioneer Parents' Facebook Group at www.facebook.com/groups/PioneerParentCommunity.

December & January Events

- **Dine Out Night at Red Robin:** Wednesday, December 6 until 10pm
- **Kindness Club:** Friday, December 15 at 7:45am
- **Adjusted Day:** Thursday, December 21st
- **No School:** Friday, December 22nd
- **Winter Break:** Friday, December 22nd - Sunday, January 7th
- **Black History Month Oratorical Info Session:** Thursday, January 11th at 6:30pm on Zoom
- **No School:** Monday, January 15th
- **Kindness Club:** Friday, January 19th at 7:45am

Penguin Patch

Last year was our final year of the Penguin Patch Fundraiser at Pioneer, and we hope you are enjoying finding ways to support our local small businesses for gift-giving needs this year. Maybe we'll see you at the Brentwood Holly Jolly Market in the Park on December 2nd?

Brentwood Community Chest

The Pioneer Parents' Club is proud to be able to support Brentwood Community Chest with a donation. Follow this Facebook page to stay updated to get food or toys if you're in need or volunteer or donate if you're able : facebook.com/BrentwoodRegionalCommunityChest.. You can also get info at <http://brcchest.org>

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