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Pioneer Honors Black History Month

Black History Month is a time to honor the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U.S. history and society—from activists and civil rights pioneers such as Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Maya Angelou, Martin Luther King Jr., and Rosa Parks to leaders in industry, politics, science, culture and more. The Black History Month 2024 theme, "African Americans and the Arts," explores the key influence African Americans have had across artistic fields. 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.

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. If your child would like to participate on stage, please fill out the interest forms and share a video by Mon, February 5 at https://bit.ly/PioneerBHM2024. All Pioneer families are invited to watch the Oratorical on Feb 22nd at 6:30 pm in the MPR.

Lunar New Year Celebration

We are thrilled to have professional lion dancers from San Francisco, Leung's White Crane, performing for our students on Fri, February 2nd to celebrate the Lunar New Year. If parents would also like to view the performance, please check in at the main office. The first performance will be at 10am and the second at 10:40am. Thank you so much to Hello Smiles Pediatric Dentistry for sponsoring this performance and to Dumpling Hours for providing food for all students. Lunar New Year is a celebration of the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. It is the most important holiday in China, and it is also widely celebrated in South Korea, Vietnam, and countries with a significant overseas Chinese population.

Bookfair is Coming This Month!

The spring bookfair is happening February 26 - March 1st. See the image to know when your child's classroom will be visiting, and watch out for information from your child's teacher about how to prepare.

We need parents to volunteer to make the book fair happen, so if you can volunteer for an hour or more during the week of the book fair, please email us at pioneerpcvolunteerco@gmail.com to sign up. We also need volunteers for setup on the afternoon of Fri, February 23.

BOOKFAIR SCHEDULE

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Febuary 26th-March 1st

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22nd Annual Community Student Art Show

Pioneer will be participating in the 22nd Annual Community Student Art

Show. All students are invited to submit a work of art completed during this school year. Art can be done at school, home, or community art classes. Two pieces per grade will be chosen to represent Pioneer at the Art Show, held March 18th-April 26th at the Brentwood Community Center. Please turn art into the office by Mon, February 26th. See flier in Colt Folders for more!

Spend the No-School-Day at Chuck E. Cheese!

School is closed on Mon, February 19th for President's Day, so join us anytime from 11am - 9pm at Chuck E. Cheese. Tell them you're with Pioneer Elementary and 20% of what you spend will be donated to Pioneer.

Consider Joining the the Parents Club Board Next Year!

A number of members of our Parents Club Board having graduating 5th graders this year, so we are in need of new

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parents to join us on the Parents Club Board to help make our work happen in the coming year. If you're interested in learning more, please join us on Fri, February 9th at 8:30am in the Staff Lounge to see how our monthly meetings go and get your questions answered. We are also happy to talk with you 1:1 - reach out to Morgan and Kacy at pioneerpcvp@gmail.com to setup a time to connect.

Keeping Kids and Families Safe During Pickup and Dropoff

Families - our drop-off and pickup times at school have gotten a little dangerous for kids and families, so here are some reminders so we can keep everyone safe: Parents need to walk to the designated walk up pick up areas and not call for their kids to cross the bus loop or Amber by themselves. Be sure to obey red zones when it comes to parking and stopping. Do not block the bus loop exit on Amber Lane. At pick up, the Amber Lane loop is for buses only. No double parking. Do not turn left out of the right lane when leaving the loop in front of the school.

G Calling All February & March Birthdays

We love celebrating birthdays at Pioneer and would be delighted to wish your child a happy birthday on the 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 a 2-weeks notice to ensure we can plan and meet your request and if possible, will accommodate last-minute requests (not guaranteed).

The February & March Events

- TK and Kinder Registration Begins: Feb 1
- **Lunar New Year Performances for Students:** Fri, Feb 2nd
- **Black History Month Oratorical Interest Forms Due:** Mon, Feb 5
- Global Play Day: Wed, Feb 7
- District TK & Kinder Readiness Fair: Thurs, Feb 8 from 5pm - 7pm
- **Kindness Club:** Fri, Feb 9 at 7:45am
- Parents' Club Meeting You're Invited! Fri, Feb 9 at 8:30am in Staff Lounge
- No School: Mon, Feb 12th & Mon, Feb19th
- **Pioneer Elementary Day at Chuck-E-Cheese:** Mon, Feb 19 from 11am to 9pm

Sponsorships

Thank you to our Triple Crown Sponsors this year!







- Black History Month Oratorical: Thurs, Feb 22nd at 6:30pm
- Artwork Due for Art Fair: Mon, Feb 26th
- Pioneer Book Fair: Mon, Feb 26th Fri, Mar 1
- Adjusted Days: Wed, Feb28 Fri, Mar 1
- Leap Day: Thurs, Feb29
- Parents' Club Meeting You're Invited! Fri, Mar 1 at 8:30am in Staff Lounge
- Kindness Club: Fri, Mar 8 at 7:45am
- Art Fundraiser Begins: Thurs, Mar 14th
- Spring Break: Mar 16 Apr 1