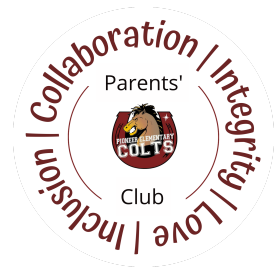


# Keeping up with the Colts NEWSLETTER



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## **Pioneer Honors Disability Pride Month**

People with disabilities are the largest and most diverse minority group within the population, representing all abilities, ages, races, ethnicities, religions and socio-economic backgrounds. Because at least 1-in-4 adults in the United States has some type of disability, it's no surprise that a movement of "disability pride" is emerging and rapidly expanding. Disability pride is defined as accepting and honoring each person's uniqueness, and seeing it as a natural and beautiful part of human diversity. Disability pride is an integral part of a movement to accept all of us for our differences and a direct challenge to systemic ableism and stigmatizing definitions of disability.

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 representing India, Tongatapu, Italy, Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Hungary, Mexico, Ukraine, Taiwan, Vietnam, Sweden, Philippines, the White Mountain Apache Tribe of Arizona, and the American South (Alabama)! We hope you will join us to represent your heritage and culture as well. Scan the code to the right today!



## **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. Below are upcoming dates to note for this event, and you can express interest in participating at <https://bit.ly/PioneerBHM23> or at the QR code to the right.

- 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



## **Lunar New Year Celebration**

We are thrilled to have professional lion dancers from San Francisco, Leung's White Crane, performing for our students on Friday, 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!

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.

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## 😊 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 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 Friday, January 12th 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](mailto:pioneerpcvp@gmail.com) to setup a time to connect.

## 🍞 Panera Dine-Out Night

Dine out at Panera at 5897 Lone Tree Wy, Antioch, CA from 4pm to 8pm and 25% of your ticket will be donated to Pioneer! See you there for some yummy soup, sandwiches, or dessert?

## 🎂 Calling All January & February 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](http://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).



**Pioneer Night at Panera**

**Wednesday, Jan 17**

**4pm to 8pm**

**Lone Tree Way @ Empire Ave**

## 📅 January & February Events

- **Black History Month Oratorical Info Session:** Thursday, January 11th at 6:30pm on Zoom
- **No School:** Monday, January 15th
- **Panera Dine-Out Night:** Wednesday, January 17th from 4pm to 8pm
- **Kindness Club:** Friday, January 19th at 7:45am
- **Pioneer Multicultural Night:** Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30pm
- **Lunchtime Lunar New Year Performances for Students:** Friday, February 2nd
- **No School:** Monday, February 12th and Monday, February 19th (on the 19th, join us at Chuck E. Cheese!)
- **Pioneer Elementary Day at Chuck-E-Cheese:** Monday, February 19 from 11am to 9pm
- **Black History Month Oratorical:** Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30pm

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