

# Keeping up with the Colts

# NEWSLETTER



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## Pioneer Celebrates Native American Heritage

Native American Heritage Month, observed in November, celebrates the diverse cultures, histories and contributions of Native American/Alaskan Native and Indigenous peoples. It aims to raise awareness, dispel stereotypes and honor their rich traditions while acknowledging ongoing challenges.

Native peoples continue to protect our land and water, maintain cultural traditions and practices, and contribute in immeasurable ways to society today. Land acknowledgment is an opportunity for us to recognize Native peoples in the present day to ensure the true history of the land occupied is told, honored, and Native perspectives are centered.

Pioneer Elementary School is on Me-wuk (Bay Miwok) territory. Unceded means the Me-wuk did not give up these lands, it was taken from them. Their lands were from present day Lafayette, San Ramon, Brentwood, Discovery Bay and Rio Vista. Other Miwok tribes are the Plains Miwok who lived in present day Stockton and Lodi as well as the Coast Miwoks who lived in present day the areas from Marin and Point Reyes. Today, the Me-wuk are the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area.

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>.

## Fun Run

We are excited this year to be participating in our first fun run fundraiser on November 14, 2023.

- **Register Your Student:** Register your student today easily at [www.mybooster.com](http://www.mybooster.com).
- **Share:** Once you have your link after registering, share it with family and friends via email, text, or on social media to encourage them to support your child's education with a donation (either a flat donation or a per-lap pledge for your child!).
- **Volunteer at the Fun Run:** This will be a fun opportunity for all families in our community to participate as we will need the assistance of volunteers and we hope to make this a yearly tradition! The fundraiser starts on November 3 and continues until the day of the fun run. Please email Tammie or Brandi at [pioneerpcvolunteerco@gmail.com](mailto:pioneerpcvolunteerco@gmail.com) to register to volunteer. Volunteer opportunities include marking laps, assembling prizes, keeping kids hydrated on the day of the fun run. Look for information coming home in your child's folder and via email.

## See you at Chuck E. Cheese?

On Tuesday, November 7th, we hope to see you after school or for dinner at Chuck E. Cheese! The flyer that was sent home or shared in our Facebook group has coupons, and 20% of anything you spend will be donated to Pioneer. Let's turn fun into funds for our school!

## Veterans Day Celebration

Beginning Thursday, November 2nd, please bring photos of your loved ones that have served to the main office for a Veterans Day display. Copies only, no original photos, please. On Thursday, November 9th staff and students will be joined by VFW Post 10789's Color Guard for a Veterans Day ceremony on the black top at 9:30 am. Children are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue! Families are welcome to attend this event, we hope we see you there!

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## Diwali Lunchtime Celebration

Parents' Club is excited to honor Diwali with a lunchtime celebration on 10/17. If your student is interested, they are welcome to come to school traditionally dressed for the day. You can search our Pioneer Colt's Round Up Facebook group to see beautiful photos from this event last year!

## 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>.

## Calling All November & December 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 2 weeks notice to ensure we can plan and meet your request and if possible, will accommodate last minute requests (not guaranteed).

## November & December Events

- **No School:** November 1
- **Daylight Savings Time Ends (Change Your Clocks!):** November 5
- **Dine In + Take Out Night at Chuck E. Cheese:** November 7
- **Veterans Day Celebration at Pioneer:** November 9th at 9:30 am
- **Veterans Day Observed - No School:** November 10
- **Fun Run:** November 14
- **Adjusted Day:** Friday, November 17
- **Diwali Lunchtime Celebration:** November 17
- **Thanksgiving Break:** November 18 - 26
- **Indoor Movie Night:** December 1

## Sponsorships

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