

Pioneer Honors Native American Heritage Month

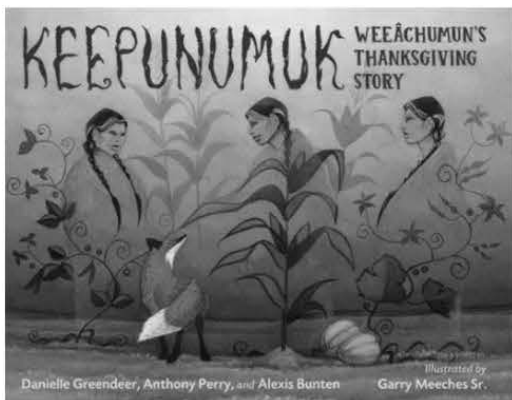
This month we are celebrating Native American Heritage Month which we recognize every November to honor the significant contributions the first Americans made in the establishment and continued growth of the United States.

Native peoples continue to protect our land and water, maintain cultural traditions and practices, and contribute in immeasurable ways to society today.

We are excited to take this as an opportunity to learn more about Native Americans in both our past and present.

Our School sits on unceded 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 areas from Marin and Point Reyes. Today, the Me-wuk are the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Pioneer Parents' club has been honoring the month by sharing some of the meaningful contributions that have been made by Native Americans in recent years, including Prima Ballerina Maria Tallchief of the Osage Nation, Olympian Jim Thorpe of the Sac and Fox Nation, and Astronaut Nicole Mann of the Wailacki of the Round Valley Indian Tribes. Parents' club is also donating copies of *Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun's Thanksgiving Story* to our K-2 classes and library. This book is a retelling of the Thanksgiving story that honors the Native Peoples who made it possible.



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Small World Winter Celebration

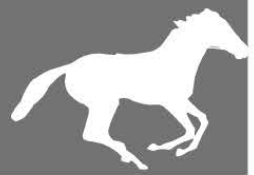
We are working on finalizing the details for our Small World Winter Celebration on Friday December 16th. In addition to food trucks, decorations, and a DJ outside, we will have displays set up in the multipurpose room so we can all learn about the various winter celebrations in our community. If you are interested in signing up to share some of your traditions, please email our volunteer coordinator Kim at pioneerpcvolunteerco@gmail.com



Heartfulness Heartwarmers

Pioneer Parents' Club is happy to announce that this year we are partnering with Heartfulness Institute to participate in the Heartwarmers Project. As part of this project, Heartfulness Institute will conduct a kindness and empathy workshop. Our students will then write letters of hope to those in need and those letters will then be wrapped up with blankets that Heartfulness volunteers will deliver to homeless shelters. This event will be held on December 6th. To register your child, scan the QR code and fill out the form.

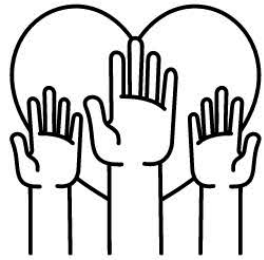




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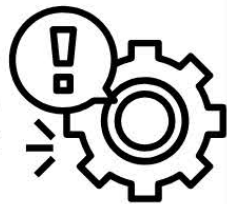
The Pioneer Parents' Club is seeking a Co-Treasurer. In this role, you would work together with our current treasurer to manage our financial records, assure compliance with our budget and manage deposits, payments and reimbursements. The Parents' Club board strives to bring our values of Inclusion,

Collaboration, Integrity, and Love into all the work we do to support our Pioneer community. If you are interested in volunteering, or have questions, please email our volunteer coordinator Kim at pioneerpcvolunteerco@gmail.com



Marquee Update

You may have noticed that our electronic marquee has not been lit up at times during the past month, or that there have been a few other times when it hasn't been working as expected. We are working with tech support to have it once again in working order as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience as we navigate these issues and we are looking forward to being able to celebrate our students' birthdays and provide helpful reminders again soon!



New Spirit Wear

We are excited to announce that we have some new designs and items available in our spirit wear shop! We have beanies and sweatpants that are perfect for chilly mornings- and are available in adult sizes too!

We also have T-shirts and sweatshirts featuring our classic colt design and chinch backpacks which are great to take on field trips!

Check out all of our spirit wear at pioneer-colts-spiritwear.com



Important Dates

- 11/17** Dine In & Take Out @ Red Robin
- 11/18** Last day to register for Heartfulness Heartwarmers Project
- 11/21-11/25** No School
- 11/29** Last day to order from Boon Supply fundraiser
- 12/6** Heartfulness Heartwarmers Project
- 12/13** Dine In & Take Out @ Panera
- 12/13-12/15** Penguin Patch Holiday Shop
- 12/16** Small World Winter Celebration
- 12/23-1/6** Winter Break- No School



Mrs. Wirth's SDC class poses with new PE equipment purchased by Parents' Club

