

What We're Celebrating at Pioneer in October

We find so much joy in our community celebrations and we hope you always feel welcome to reach out and let us know what you and your family are celebrating!

All Abilities Month: October is a time for us to recognize and celebrate all of the different abilities within our community. Pioneer held a spirit week October 17th-21st, encouraging everyone to wear colors each day to symbolize love, positivity, happiness, and friendship and promoting inclusiveness among our students. Additionally Parents' Club is honoring this month by making a donation of physical education equipment to our PE and SDC classes.

Diwali: Diwali, or Deepavali is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avail) of clay lamps (diya) that are lit outside homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. The five-day festival consists of different rituals and activities. Some of the Diwali festivities take place in large community gatherings, but many traditions and celebrations also take place at home. It's a time of prayer and fellowship. Parents' club will host a lunchtime Diwali celebration on Monday October 24th

Filipino American History Month: October is a significant month in Filipino American history because it commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the United States. According to the Filipino American National Historical Society, Filipinos first arrived in the U.S. aboard a Spanish ship that landed in what is now Morro Bay, California on October 18, 1597. In 2009, U.S. Congress recognized October as Filipino American History Month.

Red Ribbon Week: Red Ribbon week is celebrated every year at the end of October. This is a time to help our kids establish healthy habits and stay drug free. This year's theme is "Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free" and we will celebrate with a spirit week October 24th-28th

Halloween: We love celebrating Halloween at Pioneer! Students are encouraged to paint and decorate fake pumpkins as their favorite book characters for Mrs. Robles' 4th annual Storybook Pumpkin Patch. Turn in your pumpkin by October 28th and bring it home after school on the 31st. On October 28th from 6-8pm, Parents' Club will be hosting a fun Halloween party with food trucks, face painting, decorations and more! We are also looking forward to seeing students in their costumes on Halloween for the annual parade. More information on the parade and any classroom festivities will come from your child's teacher and school administration.

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Grow More

Pioneer Parents' Club warmly invites you to an empowering learning event for families, caregivers, and allies of the Special Education (SPED) community.

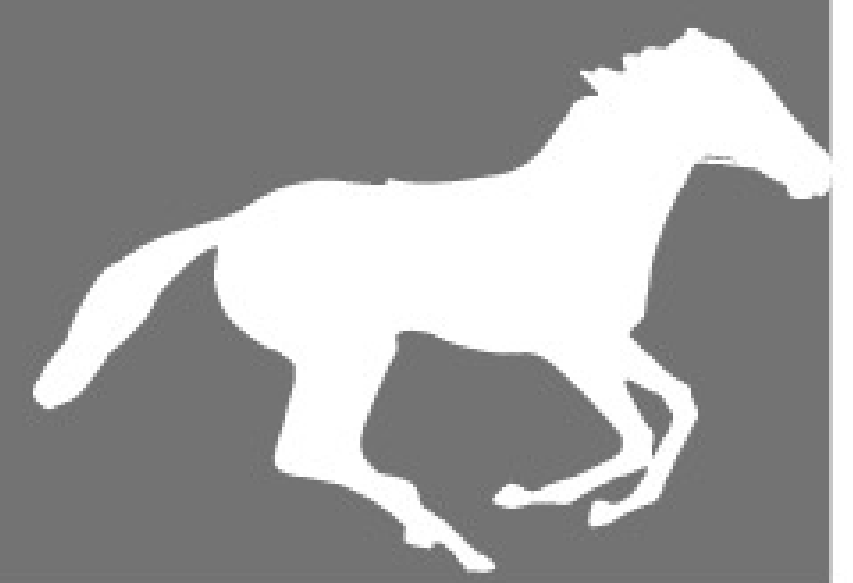
Join us as we hear from our very own Ms. Jennifer Schwartz, Education Specialist, SCLC, who will share her personal and professional experiences as being both a mother and SPED Teacher.

This event is an opportunity to connect with other families and to learn from each other.

We'll be meeting on 11/2 at 6pm, please visit the link or scan QR code to RSVP



<https://tinyurl.com/3k94ndye>



Fundraising Update

Parents' Club is happy to share that just a few months into the 2022-23 school year, we have already had some successful fundraisers! Our Colts helped raise over \$5,000 in August with our Coin Wars fundraiser. We also had our most successful dine out event in August. So many Pioneer families showed up at Aloha Ice for our Summer Cool Down that they generously donated half of that day's total sales to the Parents' Club, for a donation of \$900! We have several ongoing fundraisers, including spirit wear sales, monthly dine out nights, box tops for education, Amazon Smile, and birthday messages on the marquee.

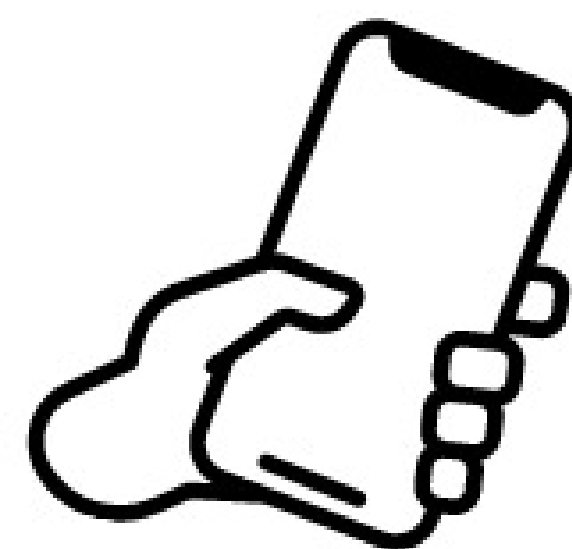
In addition to these fundraisers, if you were here last year, then you likely remember that with our Raise Craze fundraiser, Pioneer students raised about \$15,000 for Parents' Club with the goal of funding more shade structures at the school. We fell short of our goal, but fortunately the school district has stepped in to take on this expense for us. They have tentatively chosen an area to expand shade by the lunch tables out towards the USA map on the pavement. We will continue to provide updates on the process as they come in.

Since Parents' Club no longer needs to fund our expanded shade structures, we have been able to use the money raised through Raise Craze in other ways that benefit Pioneer. So far this year we have replaced classroom first aid kits, funded teacher stipends and provided donations of books and PE equipment. We are also looking forward to offsetting field trip costs with contributions from Parents' Club. We strive to be transparent about Parents' Club finances and to use the funds we raise to respond to the needs in our community. We always welcome any questions, concerns and suggestions!

Important Dates

- 10/24** Lunchtime Diwali Celebration
- 10/24-10/28** Red Ribbon Spirit Week
 - Monday: Peace sings & tie dye
 - Tuesday: Neon colors & Sunglasses
 - Wednesday: Sports Team Gear
 - Thursday: Hawaiian clothes
 - Friday: Pajamas
- 10/28** Parents' Club Halloween Party
- 10/31** Halloween Parade
- 11/1** No School
- 11/11** Veterans day- no school
- 11/17** Dine In & Take Out @ Red Robin

Connect With Pioneer Online



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pes-brentwood-ca.schoolloop.com

This is Pioneer's official school website, where you will find general school information, an ongoing calendar of events, Mr. McClure's Sunday message and more

pioneerparentsclub.com

Our Parents' Club website. Stop here for info on events, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities. Keep up with the board under the "archive" tab where meeting minutes are posted

Pioneer Colt's Round Up - Brentwood, CA

Pioneer families are invited to join the Round Up- our private group on Facebook. Please be sure to answer all questions and agree to the rules

@pioneerparentsclub on Instagram

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Follow Principal McClure for fun school updates

