

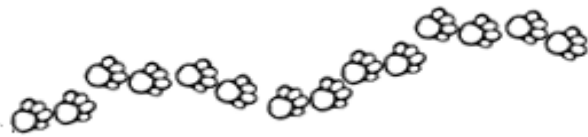


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# MAY 2017

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## PIONEER PAW PRINTS



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### **\*\*Pioneer School Board vacancy!\*\***

Pioneer School is in need of a school board member. This is a 3 year term. If you are interested, please call the school office 373-5357. You must reside and be registered to vote in Pioneer School District to be on the school board.

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#### **Kindergarten - Mrs. Burns**

Kindergarten Happenings:

##### **Reading:**

Understanding that trucks –

- Are an important form of transportation
- Help move goods from one place to another

Understanding that trains –

- Are important in moving people and things from one place to another
- Sometimes need help to get where they are going

Understanding that transportation –

- Is important to people all over the world
- Exists everywhere in many different forms

##### **Math:**

· Identifying rectangles, squares, circles, triangles, and hexagons

· Solid figures and their flat surfaces – cone, cube, and sphere, and a cylinder

· Positions and locations – inside, outside, above, below, on, in front of, behind, left and right

· Comparing and composing shapes

##### **Science:**

- Plants
- Caterpillars to butterflies
- Farms
- Life cycle of a chick
- Insects

Thank you to the Pioneer PTA, parents, and staff for all the hard work to make the carnival a success!

**Mrs. Burns**



### **Upcoming Events**

#### **May 1**

No School

#### **May 5**

Track Meet – Grade 6

#### **May 10**

Hot Lunch

#### **May 11**

Volunteer Lunch 11:30 – 1:00  
(Students need a non-microwavable lunch today!!)

#### **May 18**

Grades 4 – 6 to Big Horn County Museum

#### **May 19**

AR Store

#### **May 23**

PAWS Party – Bowling at Sunset Lanes & Field Day activities at school in the afternoon.

#### **May 24**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Skip Day

#### **May 25**

Last Day of School

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### **PIONEER PTA NEEDS YOU!**

Pioneer School PTA does so much for our school!!

PTA is in need of new officers for the 2017-2018 school year. Please plan to attend the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting (6:00 pm) and get involved!

## **First Grade – Miss Gordon**

Happy Spring!

Our fabulous first graders are continuing to work hard and learn lots as we near the end of the school year.

In Reading, we are comparing stories from different genres. As we work our way through Unit 4, we will get more practice with realistic fiction and fairy tales, as well as identifying facts and details.

Math has us finishing our place value lessons and moving into measuring, and comparing objects of different lengths. This works perfectly with our newest additions to the classroom: a pair of Hornworms that grow 400x their size within the first 2 weeks... holy guacamole! We will be measuring, observing, and learning with these guys from now until the end of school.

Last but not least, a huge Thank You to the PTA and all you wonderful families for your support of the school carnival this year. It was such a blast!

I'll leave you with what our first graders are most looking forward to in the month of May:

"APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY ..."

Ayden: April showers bring May's good weather and sunshine.

Paxton: April showers bring May's sunshine.

Holden: April showers bring May's coach-pitch practice.

Elijah: April showers bring May's school endings.

Camdon: April showers bring May's football.

Carson: April showers bring May's playing games and a wrestling tournament.

Jared: April showers bring May's football.

Piper: April showers bring May's dance recitals.

Jacob: April showers bring May's baseball.

Chevelle: April showers bring May's no school.

Colton: April showers bring May's I get to go camping.

Sarah: April showers bring May's mint cookies.

Miss G: April showers bring May's spring fever and silliness!



**Miss Gordon**

## **Reminders!!**

Please remember there is a lot going on this last month of school. Watch your child's backpack daily for reminders, permission slips and other important information!

Please call the school if you have any questions.





## Grades 4 & 5 – Ms. Ticknor

April has been a busy month in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We completed Smarter Balanced testing and want to thank parents for their donations for breakfast and snack!

### MATH

In math, we have moved into a unit about measurement and conversions. We are learning to use measurements of length, capacity, weight and time. Our next unit will cover real-world applications of measurement problems.

### READING

All of our small reading groups have finished their books and are currently working on book celebrations. For our last month of school, their group will select a new book and end the year with some great literature.

### WRITING

This month, students followed the writing process to write biographies. To celebrate their expert knowledge, students dressed as their icon and presented a 1 minute speech at the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade wax museum.

### SCIENCE

This month we have learned about small machines. Students designed and built levers, pulleys, and inclined planes.

### ART

We had a fantastic visit from the art mobile. The students created ledger art, turning old homework into new masterpieces.

Miss Ticknor



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## Mrs. Fanus – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

Our class celebrated Earth Day and each student shared what they would like to do to help keep our community clean.

Jacoby- I would recycle.

Dylan- I would pick up trash and recycle.

Jozie- I would waste less water, plant trees, and recycle.

Rylee- I would go to the park and pick up trash.

Izak- I would go to places around my communities to pick up trash.

Audie- I would pick up trash.

Kara- I would pick up trash and recycle.

Renaë- I would save water and not waste it.

Kylan- I would pick up trash.

Carson- I would clean up around the school.

Wesely- I would pick up trash and recycle.

Kara- I would pick up trash, so it doesn't harm the animals.

Roni- I would have my family recycle.

### **This month's focuses:**

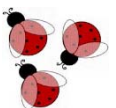
**Math:** (second grade) Starting a unit on money and measurement. We are working hard on fluently knowing our addition and subtraction facts to 20.

**Reading:** Exploring different genre of stories as well as finding evidence to support reasoning when answering questions about the text.

**Writing:** Working on a variety of narrative, informative, and opinion writings with a topic and concluding sentence.

**Science:** Working together in teams to construct and design different STEM projects.

**Mrs. Fanus :)**



## **Mrs. Russell – Library/Resource/Title I**

Yes! May is here, Smarter Balance testing is complete, spring has sprung, and the earth is born anew again! I love the greening of the earth; the tulips and first flowers of spring popping up as the myriad of color begin to cover our part of the world. You can feel the excitement of the season in the giggles, energy, laughter, and enthusiasm of our students!

Soon the 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have completed the practice, editing, and production of their movie: A MOUSE IN THE MILK from the book A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO by Richard Peck. They have been working very hard on this production. Mrs. Palmieri has provided them with a fantastic backdrop and Mrs. Ballensky was generous enough to provide the large cardboard sheets for our backdrop. This was truly a labor of love...and laughter!

The last AR store will be Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>! I have some avid readers who have been working so very hard to amass points! Keep up the good work!

Although we are anticipating summer and all the wonderful activities planned, I hope we all maintain our drive and determination for this last month.

### **Summer library dates:**

June 5<sup>th</sup>

June 19<sup>th</sup>

July 3<sup>rd</sup>

July 17<sup>th</sup>

July 31<sup>st</sup>

August 14<sup>th</sup>

The time for summer library will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Any parents interested in using the Scoot-Pad online summer program to maintain or improve your student's academic progress please contact me. There is a slight charge for the summer program but it is a great program and motivates students better than the summer workbooks we used to promote. Give me a call and we can go over this opportunity. Flyers and further details will be coming within the next week from Scoot Pad; however you can access this link for a preview of the details.

<https://blog.scootpad.com/2017/04/14/announcing-2017-scootpad-summer-program/>

**Mrs. Russell**

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## **Ms. Painter – 3<sup>rd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math/PE/GT**

I have enjoyed this past month being here at Pioneer school, and look forward to the next couple of weeks with the wonderful staff and students. I enjoyed the Carnival and all the golfers that came to my golf game. The last weeks of school are always an exciting time. Students are finishing up the years learning and looking forward to moving up a grade level.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade math** - Student have been working on perimeter and area of objects. Our last 2 topics will be Liquid Volume/ Mass and Data /Graphing. I truly enjoy seeing these students learning daily as the topics get more and more challenging. I started a math minute which is a 1 minute timed math sheet as I felt it was important to ensure students are proficient with multiplication facts.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade math** - After finishing up a unit on solving proportions we moved on to understanding and applying percentages. Next, we will work on Equations/Graphs and Measurement/Perimeter/Area. These student work hard for me every day. I started a math minute with 6<sup>th</sup> as well to ensure proficiency with multiplication facts.

**P.E.** - I do believe spring is truly here with all of this much-needed rain. That being said, PE does get challenging, but we have a fun game or two to play inside when Mother Nature decides to do her garden watering. With the end of school nearing and warmer weather on the way we get outside most days. We finished up a Basketball unit expanding on the skills students already have. We practiced dribbling and shooting skills. We are having some fun with Frisbees over the last 2 weeks, (when the wind isn't carrying them away). I will be working on track with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders as they will have a track meet May 5<sup>th</sup>. I hope to acquire a set of golf clubs to do a final PE unit on the basics of golf. So if anyone has an old set of clubs they wish to donate, please contact me and I'll be glad to get those off your hands.

**Gifted and talented** - We just finished up our unit of natural disasters and due to a shortage of time we will only have time for our Greek mythology unit. We will discuss how and where myths came from. Students will be doing an independent study and reporting on a particular myth of interest.

I will be setting up a fun Field day one afternoon during the last week of school for the kids to play outside with some fun activities (weather permitting).

**Ms. Painter**



## Dear Parent/Guardian:

In April students learned about sun safety.

Most children enjoy spending time outdoors, whether it is before or after school, during recess, gym class, or on weekends. We encourage children to enjoy physical activity in fresh air year-round. Just like children need mittens and warm hats to be safe from the cold they need sunscreen and hats to be safe from the harmful rays of the Sun.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, but it is also the most preventable. Protecting skin and eyes during the first 18 years of life to reduce the risk of some types of skin cancer up to 78%. Melanoma is a cancer that can affect younger people and can start as early as adolescence. Here are some helpful hints:

- Limit sun exposure, especially during the sun's peak hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Use a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 every day. Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours during outdoor activity.
- Wear a hat with a wide brim to protect the face neck and ears.
- Wear protective clothing such as long pants and a long-sleeve shirt and UV protective sunglasses to help protect skin and eyes. Encourage play in the shade.
- Be aware that water sand snow and concrete can all reflect the Sun's UV rays.
- Avoid and discourage tanning salon use.

Students also participated in National High Five Day. This day was started in 2002 at the University of Virginia to encourage others through giving out high fives and lemonade. Each student wrote on a paper hand to encourage someone and we also drank lemonade!



Encourage someone else today!

School Nurse, Karen Graf RN

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## PTA NEWS!!



The Spring Carnival was a lot of fun! Thank you for again for all the donations, volunteers and participating in this great tradition.

Come to the next PTA meeting, Thursday May 4th at 6pm at the school! Contact SKelly Adkins if you'd like to attend the meeting via your computer, ([skellyadkins@gmail.com](mailto:skellyadkins@gmail.com)). We will be planning teacher appreciation day & the end of the year school bbq activities.

We are looking for PTA officers for next school year, specifically a Secretary, Treasurer & Vice President! You do not have to live in Pioneer School District to be a PTA Officer.

Please consider helping out - we need you!



# SCHOOL NEWS!!

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SCHOOL!!

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Pioneer School would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the American Heart Association. Our Jump Rope for Heart was a huge success again this year. The students spent the hour jumping rope at several different stations and had a lot of fun.

Our top fund raiser was Jozie Jones! She raised a total of \$503. Jozie got to "pie" Mr. Wallace for raising the most money!

Kara Johnson raised \$283 and Audie Wiome raised \$100. Way to go girls!!

Our school raised a total of \$1661!!

This is awesome and greatly appreciated by the American Heart Association.

We would also like to thank all of the parents that came to help twirl jump ropes. We couldn't do it without your help!!

Thanks again!!



## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Our last day of school is May 25<sup>th</sup>.

We will once again be having our Kindergarten & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade graduations along with other awards beginning at 10:00 am.

We will also be having our annual barbecue sponsored by our wonderful PTA.

As always, families are invited to the barbecue. Be watching for order forms in your students' backpacks!!

Our students will eat free as always thanks to our PTA.



## WE HOPE EVERYONE CAN JOIN US FOR THE VOLUNTEER LUNCH.

**WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**TIME: 11:30 – 1:00**

**WHERE: SCHOOL LUNCHROOM**

Please remember the students will need a NON-microwavable lunch on this day as they will be eating out side and microwaves will not be available.



## BOX TOPS & CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS!!

Please remember to collect Box Tops & Campbell's Soup labels throughout the school year!

We appreciate all of your help in turning these in to get extra money and supplies for our school!

Thank you!!



## PIONEER SCHOOL COOKBOOKS!

Are you looking for a great original Christmas gift?

The Pioneer School 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks are still available!!

The price is \$15.00

They are available in the school office, or send the money with your student and we will send your cookbook home with them.

(For our out of town friends – please add \$3.00 for shipping.)

