



Summer 2022



Auburn School District #408

Pioneer Elementary

Message from Mr. Mac, Pioneer Principal

Pioneer Families,

Welcome to summer! On behalf of the staff at Pioneer, I want to express our appreciation for the support you provide your children and for partnering with us this school year. We are proud of our students, and have enjoyed working with them this year. Being able to observe their growth as learners and people over the past nine months has truly been a special opportunity for us.

As we head into the summer months, please encourage your child to keep learning and to stay active. Below are some recommendations for summer activities you can share with your child:

- Read Every Day
 - Have your child read for 30 minutes every day, or have someone read to your child. The Auburn Public Library is a short drive or walk, and has many wonderful reading options for students and families.
- Exercise Every Day
 - Play at a City of Auburn park, play at the Pioneer playground, go on a family walk, ride a bicycle, take a day hike, swim, get involved in summer sports activities through the Auburn Community Center, etc.
- Be Creative
 - Spend time building a fort, playing with Legos, drawing pictures, writing in a journal, playing an instrument, etc.

Summer is a wonderful time of year to enjoy the great outdoors, especially with our beautiful Pacific Northwest weather! However, we want to encourage students to make safe choices as they spend time outside this summer. We created a "Summer Safety Tips" slideshow as a resource for families. This resource provides important safety information regarding water activities (i.e. – swimming and boating), fireworks, wheels (bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, skateboards), walking, and heat.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS - Please see separate link for this important information.

The Pioneer Elementary playground is open for community use, and we encourage families to enjoy playing together. Pioneer has a wonderful new playground, and we are excited that our students and community members have a fun and safe space to play. The playground is open 8:00am until sunset.

Parents are requested to read and review these rules with their children.

- Playground equipment is used properly. No graffiti or damage to property. No hanging/climbing on or over fences, trees, light/flag poles, basketball hoops or building structures.
- Garbage is put in garbage cans
- Turf field is clean and free of damage
- No metal cleats or spikes are allowed on the turf field or playground
- No bikes, scooters or wheeled vehicles or toys of any kind are allowed on the turf field
- No gum or shelled seeds of any kind are allowed on campus

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UPCOMING DATES:



- **OFFICE HOURS Friday, June 24 to Thursday, June 30 - 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**
- **OFFICE CLOSED FOR SUMMER - Friday, July 1 to Thursday, August 11**
- **OFFICE OPEN Friday, August 12 to Friday September 2 - 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**
- **Monday, September 5: OFFICE CLOSED - Labor Day Holiday**
- **Tuesday, September 6: First Day of School for 1st to 5th Grade Students**
- **Friday, September 9: First Day of School for Kindergarten Students**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

If you have a child who turns 5 years old by August 31st of this year, now is the time to register him/her for Kindergarten! Or, if you have a friend or family member whose child will be entering Kindergarten next year, please encourage them to register. Stop by the office for a registration packet today, or you may register online by clicking [here](#). Please keep in mind the following documents are required for registration:

- Original birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Proof of address

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 253-931-4986.



Message From Mrs. Collins -

Attendance

Families,
Thanks for a great year! Summer is the time to plan for Fall attendance. Our goal this Spring has been to get kids to school ON TIME!

The gates open at 8:25am and learning starts at 8:45am. Summer is a great time to make a plan with friends, family or neighbors about how your child is going to get to school next year. Let's start the school year off with all students arriving to school ON TIME!

Please reach out to the office if you are in need of assistance with making this happen.

Full Scale Drill

On Thursday, June 23, Pioneer Elementary participated in a Full Scale Drill.

The purpose of the Full Scale Drill was to prepare students and staff for the event of an emergency in which the school building would need to be evacuated and we would go through the process of reuniting students with families.

For our scenario, we conducted this drill as an Earthquake drill, then continued with an evacuation drill.

Teachers talked with students about this, so they were aware. Thank you for your support as we practice these drills, which ensure Pioneer is a safe place to be.

Mrs. Collins
Assistant Principal

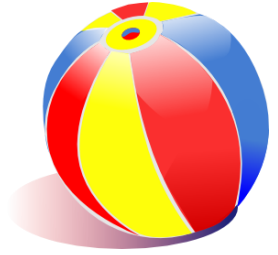
LOST AND FOUND!

We still have a lot of unclaimed lost and found items in the Commons Area - outside the office doors! This includes jackets, sweaters and sweatshirts! If they are not claimed by the end of the school year, they will be donated to a non-profit organization.



Summer Family Fun Ideas!

Are you wondering how you will keep your child busy this summer? Below are some events that you can do together as a family, and most are either free or low cost!



- [Summer Food Program](#) - July through August
- [Rotary Spray Playground](#) - Located at [Les Gove Park](#). Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- [White River Valley Museum](#) - Entry cost is free, but donations are always accepted.
- [Mary Olson Farm](#) - Suggested donation of \$5.00 per person is appreciated.
- [Auburn Farmer's Market](#) - Every Sunday from June 5 to September 18 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Les Gove Park
- [KidsDay!](#) - June 24 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Les Gove Park
- [4th of July Festival](#) - July 4 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Les Gove Park
- [Summer Sounds](#) - Every Thursday in July and August 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Les Gove Park
- [Kids Summerstage](#) - Every Wednesday from July 13 to August 17 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at Les Gove Park
- [Friday Night Flick](#) - Every Friday from July 29 to August 12 at various parks in Auburn

Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you in the fall!

Nurse's Notes -

Washington Department of Health has made some changes and updates to school immunization requirements. Do these changes affect your child?

*Students in preschool or transitional kindergarten who are 4 years old or older on September 1, 2022, are now required to have an additional dose of DTaP, IPV, MMR, and Varicella vaccines prior to starting school.

*Students between the ages of 4 and 5 on September 1, 2022, will also need PCV and Hib vaccines prior to starting school.

All school aged children are required to be fully vaccinated or have a valid Certificate of Exemption on file prior to starting school. Any child that is not fully vaccinated or does not have a valid Certificate of Exemption will NOT be allowed to start school on September 6, 2022.

If you are uncertain if your student is fully vaccinated, or if you would like to complete a Certificate of Exemption for your student, please reach out to your student's primary care provider over the summer. You may also register with MyIR (My Immunization Registry) to access and view your student's immunization status at <https://wa.myir.net/>.

You can find more information on the 2022-2023 school and childcare immunization requirements at doh.wa.gov/scci.

Keep in mind, students with summer birthdays will have less time to get vaccinated before the start of school. So, plan ahead and make those appointments early.

Please reach out to the Pioneer Health Room at 253-931-4986 if you have any questions or need any assistance.

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Parents are requested to read and review these rules with their children.

- No loitering or camping
- Use of alcohol, tobacco, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, nicotine delivery devices, marijuana or drugs is strictly prohibited
- Pets and other animals are not allowed on the playground or turf field at any time
- Community members walking pets on grass areas or sidewalks around the school will pick up and dispose their pet waste

We hope you enjoy using this wonderful new space. Thank you for keeping Pioneer clean and in good condition for the students and community to enjoy!

Sincerely,

Paul McKenzie – “Mr. Mac”
Principal, Pioneer Elementary



Mission Statement

At Pioneer we dedicate ourselves to students and their families, to inspire and empower children to achieve their greatest academic and social potential.