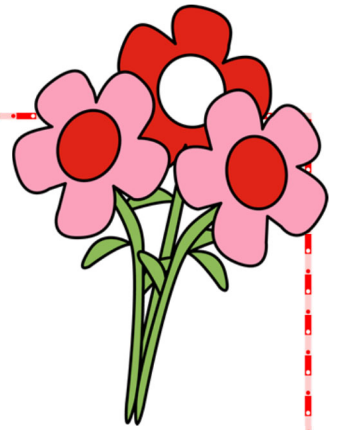


# Pioneer Elementary



# February 2020



Dear Families,

I wanted to share some attendance data with you. As noted in our previous newsletters, students have been recognized every month for Perfect Attendance. In November 125 students had Perfect Attendance compared to December, with only 67 students having Perfect Attendance.

Some highlights of our attendance efforts so far are:

- 143 students had Perfect Attendance in September.
- 106 students had Perfect Attendance in October.
- 125 students had Perfect Attendance in November.
- 67 student had Perfect Attendance in December.

Regular school attendance is so important in helping our students achieve. Some things to consider during these winter months to support your student's attendance are:

- Getting enough sleep. Set a consistent bedtime and wake-up time.
- Wash hands! Encourage your student to use soap and warm water.

If you have questions about sending your student to school versus keeping them home, you can always reach out to school nurse, Kelly Benshoof. Again, our school is an excellent resource for supporting with attendance needs. Feel free to contact us anytime.

Have a healthy February!

Sincerely,  
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**Parents/Guardians -**

We are always looking for parent/guardian involvement at Pioneer! In order to volunteer in a classroom, on a field trip, or in any other area within the Auburn School District, an online background check must be completed and approved. You can do this by visiting <http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/volunteer>. Background checks are only valid for one year and expire at the end of every school year.

If you need assistance, please contact our Family Engagement Liaison, Mrs. Castellon.

Thank you!



### UPCOMING DATES:

- **Monday, February 3:** PLC Late Start - 9:45 am Start Time
- **Monday, February 10:** PLC Late Start - 9:45 am Start Time
- **Monday, February 17:** No School - Presidents' Day Holiday
- **Tuesday, February 18 to Friday, February 21:** No School - Mid Winter Break
- **Monday, February 24:** PLC Late Start - 9:45 am Start Time
- **Monday, February 24:** Early Learning Fair - 6:00 pm (Auburn High School Commons)
- **Thursday, February 27:** PTA Meeting - 6:00 PM (Library)



### Cold Weather at Recess

During the winter months we need help from parents to make sure children are dressed warmly for cold temperatures. When students come to school in shorts and t-shirts or thin sweatshirts, it causes them to be uncomfortably cold during recess. Please make sure your child wears warm clothing and a jacket with a hood to school. Unless the weather is too extreme, students will be outside at recess which provides them time to exercise and socialize. Thank you for your help in this matter.



### Note From the Health Room

Cold and flu season is here! Sometimes it is unavoidable but there are several things you can do at home to help prevent illness and keep everyone healthy. Tips to remember:



**WASH YOUR HANDS!** This is the best defense against illness. Encourage your children to wash their hands frequently, especially after using the restroom and before meals. Be sure to use soap and water and scrub for at least 20 seconds.

**Dress appropriately for cold weather.** Even if the sun is shining, it is still cold and wet outside. Please help your child choose warm, comfortable clothing for school each day, including clean socks. Make sure they are wearing a coat and you may want to consider a hat and gloves too. We still have outdoor recess!

If your child does get sick, cold symptoms are best relieved with rest and fluids. Cold symptoms can persist up to 10 days. If symptoms persist longer than this, your child should see a physician. Please keep in mind the guidelines below when deciding if your child should come to school. Any child with the following symptoms should stay home:

- A fever 100 degrees or higher. A child should not come back to school until the temperature is normal for 24 hours without medication.
- vomiting or diarrhea
- a frequent cough that is wet or productive (meaning the child is coughing up "gunk")
- any rash accompanied by a fever
- ear pain and/or eye drainage
- sore throat with a fever and/or rash

Please call if you have any questions.

Kelly A. Benshoof, RN, MSN  
School Nurse

## Auburn School District Replacement Levies on February 11 Ballot

The Auburn community will vote on two replacement levies in the coming weeks. Look for your ballot soon!

The Educational Program and Operations (EP&O) Replacement levy will replace the 2016 levy that expires this year. This levy provides 10 % of the ASD budget. Funds from the levy are used for: all athletics and activities and transportation to these events; special education programs and transportation; college and career readiness activities, staffing not funded by the state including nurses, security officers, school resource officers, psychologists and health room staff; and extended learning opportunities.

The Technology Replacement Levy will replace the 2014 Technology Levy that also expires this year. The 2014 levy provided 1:1 technology for students in grades 2-12, expanded the wireless network and other infrastructure upgrades, and improved instructional technology. The replacement levy will continue these efforts and expand 1:1 technology K-12, provide for additional computer science instruction and more.

The tax rate remains stable.

The election is all-mail and ballots must be postmarked by February 11. Please remember to vote!

Detailed information about both replacement levies is available on the ASD district website at [www.auburn.wednet.edu/levy2020](http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/levy2020). If you have questions, please email [levy2020@auburn.wednet.edu](mailto:levy2020@auburn.wednet.edu).

### Inclement Weather and Emergency

As winter weather approaches, Auburn School District will announce information regarding operation of school during snow/ice/emergency conditions through a variety of tools such as:

- School Messenger
- ASD website: [www.auburn.wednet.edu](http://www.auburn.wednet.edu)
- FlashAlert: <http://flashalert.net/news.html?id=4203>
- ASD Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/AuburnSchools](https://www.facebook.com/AuburnSchools)
- ASD Twitter page
- Radio and TV stations



#### Sign-up Today

Make sure your e-mail and telephone number are up-to-date so you do not miss out on inclement weather/emergency notifications or other important school information.

- Sign up for FlashAlert (see link above)
- Email Address Request (see message below)

#### Home Emergency Plan

Each family should have a plan covering what to do when children arrive home early due to an emergency situation. For example:

- What is the best route home if your student cannot be delivered to the normal bus stop?
- Where would they go if you are not at home?
- Who would care for him or her until you arrived?
- Is there someone your student could call to receive help?

For more information on Inclement Weather and Emergencies, [CLICK HERE](#)

Dear Families,

Girls on the Run is coming to Pioneer this Spring! Girls on the Run is a girl empowerment program that teaches girls important life skills while creatively integrating running and walking. This program is 10-weeks long and is for 3rd-5th grade students that identify as female. The program culminates in a celebratory, non-competitive 5K (3.1 miles). Girls on the Run is for every girl –the curriculum includes adaptations for girls with sensory, intellectual and physical disabilities.



Girls on the Run also provides unlimited scholarships, running shoes, and sports hijabs for any girl in need. More information about financial aid can be found here: <https://www.gotrugetsound.org/Program-Registration>. You will be able to communicate your financial aid needs and request shoes or hijabs for your girl within the online registration form. The team size is 8-15 girls. The last day to sign up, if spots are still available, is March 9th, 2020. Here are details for Pioneer GOTR team:

- SEASON DATES: March 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- DAYS/TIMES: Mondays and Wednesday from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
- SITE LIAISON CONTACT INFORMATION: Trinity Tenorio, [ttenorio-guzman@auburn.wednet.edu](mailto:ttenorio-guzman@auburn.wednet.edu) or 253-931-4986
- END OF SEASON 5K EVENT: Sunday, May 17th @ Renton Memorial Stadium

·Sign up HERE <https://www.gotrugetsound.org/Program-Registration>!

Please learn more about the program on Girls on the Run's website or by emailing me. We hope that your girl will participate in Girls on the Run this Spring!

Sincerely,

Trinity Tenorio  
GOTR Site Liaison

### **Early Learning Fair -**

Do you have children ages 5 and under? If so, the ASD welcomes you to the 14th Annual Early Learning Fair from 6-7:30 p.m., February 24 in the Auburn High School Commons.



This **FREE & FUN** event offers family learning activities for children age five and under! Families can connect with many community resources. The event also features BlockFest, dinner, giveaways and live music from children's artist, Eric Ode.

Please register for the Early Learning Fair. There are **3 EASY** ways to register: [Online](#), Email [merickson@auburn.wednet.edu](mailto:merickson@auburn.wednet.edu), or call Lyn Erickson at 253.931.4950

We hope to see you and your family at the Early Learning Fair!

### ***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.