

Pioneer Elementary



November 2019

Greetings from Mr. Mac, Principal of Pioneer Elementary

I love the month of November for many reasons. For starters, the neighborhood around our school highlights the natural beauty of fall, with many trees changing colors from green to orange and gold. This month we also take time to honor our Veterans, meet with each other at Parent/Teacher Conferences and enjoy Thanksgiving. Although Thanksgiving is just one day, it gives us an opportunity to pause, reflect and feel gratitude for all we have. -- This month will have several opportunities to connect within the school community and hear about the great things taking place at Pioneer. I look forward to seeing you sometime soon!



Chess Tournament Opportunity

Auburn School District will be hosting a Chess Tournament at Olympic Middle School on December 6 beginning at 3:30 pm.

- Teachers are encouraged to ask their students, at an appropriate time, if they play chess. If the student is interested in participating in this no-cost opportunity, then the teacher needs to let Mrs. Collins know how many flyers they need. Mrs. Collins will then provide each class with the correct number of registration flyers.
- Registration lasts from Nov. 1 through Dec. 3.

Parent Technology Agreement Forms

Due to changes with Google's Terms of Service, parents have been prompted to sign a Technology Agreement form. This form is available on Skyward Family Access and provides consent for students to use Google Additional Services and any ASD-approved tool that requires permission for under-13s or under-18s.

- Parents fill out this form by logging into their Skyward account. Parents should have received an email notification about this new process back at the start of the school year.
- If parents have questions on the Sign In to Skyward, to sign the tech permission, they can call (or drop by) the main office to get their sign in information. (253-931-4986)
- For more information on the various tools for which parents provide consent for use, please visit the "Data Security for Parents" page on the Auburn School District website.

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UPCOMING DATES:

- **Monday, November 4:** PLC Late Start - 9:45 a.m. Start Time
- **Monday, November 11:** No School - Veterans Day
- **Wednesday, November 13:** Pioneer Information Night Open House - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, November 14:** PTA Meeting in Library - 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, November 20 to Friday, November 22:** Early Release at 12:15 p.m. - Conferences
- **Wednesday, November 27:** Early Release at 1:15 p.m.
- **Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29:** No School - Thanksgiving Vacation



Contact Information Updates -

Pioneer Elementary sends email messages to families when we need to inform you of important/emergency information. We keep your email address private and will not release it to others. If we do not have an email address on file, please let us know so that we may keep you up-to-date.

Also, please let the office know if you have made any changes to your address or phone number.

Thank you for your assistance!

Lost and Found



Please mark your child's clothing with their names and we will attempt to reunite the lost item with your child.

Currently, our lost and found bin is very full. It is located in the breezeway near the gymnasium. Please take time to look for any items your child is missing. Any items remaining after conference week will be donated to a local charity.

Change in Immunization Recordkeeping

Dear Families,

The Auburn School District is changing how we manage student immunization records. We are now using the School Module, an online system provided by the Washington State Department of Health.



The School Module allows us to quickly and efficiently check if your child has the vaccines required for school. This will save us time on finding and entering vaccination dates and free up time to work with students. As most health care providers also use this system, it will also save parents time. It will allow your school nurse to quickly verify immunizations without you having to provide new records.

Most children born and/or vaccinated in Washington already have their information in the system. You can access your child's record at any time by signing up for MyIR at <https://wa.myir.net/register>.

As we move to this system, the school nurse may ask you for more information about your child's vaccination history. If your child is missing vaccines in the system, we may ask for a copy of their immunization record. We may also send home a copy of their Certificate of Immunization for your signature. This grants us permission to keep their immunization record up to date. We appreciate your patience as we move to this new record keeping system.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school nurse, at kbenshoof@auburn.wednet.edu or at 253-931-4986. Thank you.

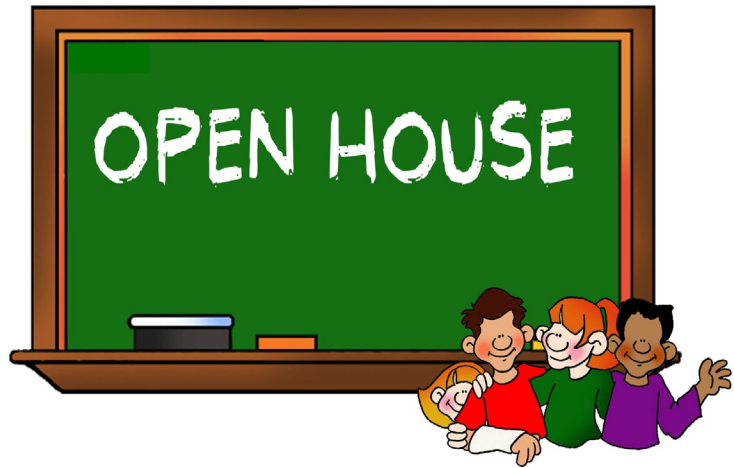
Kelly A. Benshoof, MSN, RN

Parent/Student Handbook -

The Pioneer Parent/Student Handbook is available on our website in the “Our School” section. The handbook includes many pieces of helpful information on a variety of topics such as student drop-off and pick-up instructions, communication with Pioneer staff, and what to do in the event of inclement weather/early dismissal/school closure.

Pioneer Information Night -

Drop in between 6-7 p.m., November 13th for an open house to learn all about the new Pioneer! Come meet the architect, see the plans and get a sneak peek of our new building. We hope to see you!



Help Name Elementary #15

Every new school needs a great name! Please help name the Auburn School District's newest elementary. Elementary #15 will be located at 5701 Kersey Way S.E. and opens in September 2020. Students, staff and the community are invited to submit suggestions for the new name. Suggestions can be submitted [here](#).

Paper submission forms in Spanish, Ukrainian, Russian, English and Marshallese are available in the school office. The suggestion window will be open through November 30. In December, a superintendent-appointed committee will choose 3-5 names to forward to the ASD School Board for consideration. The Board will choose the new name at the January 14 board meeting.

PTA

We are having our second PTA meeting this year on Thursday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Childcare will be provided by Right at School. We are also opening up our invitation to everyone that is interested in joining the PTA. We are interested in hearing your voice and your community thoughts in our school. Being a part of the PTA will also provide the opportunity to be a part of school and community events. Everyone is welcome! Please get involved!

Elida Castellon - Family Engagement Liaison

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Neighborhood Help

At Pioneer, we always strive to be good neighbors to those who live near our school. Here are a few ways you can help:

- Please avoid doing U-turns in neighbor's driveways. Instead, please drive around the block.
- When using street parking, please park along sidewalks. (Please do not block driveways.)
- At K Street SE, please only park in spots along the school fence line. (Please do not park on the grass/front lawn of our neighbors.)

Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support in getting your students to school every day. Perfect Attendance at Pioneer Elementary means Perfect. That means students do not arrive to school late and they don't leave early. For the month of September, I was able to recognize 143 students for Perfect Attendance! I am looking forward to recognizing students for Perfect Attendance for the month of October.

This year we have established community partnerships with Papa John's Pizza and Papa Murphy's Pizza. Students earning Perfect Attendance in the future will be receiving coupons to free pizzas at these locations.

Here are some ways to help your child be successful with attendance:

1. Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
2. Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.

Your child's school is also an excellent resource for attendance support. Please let us know how we can help.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Collins—Assistant Principal



Want to Work for the Auburn School District?

Come to our Job Fair for Classified Staff between 4 and 6 p.m., November 7. Classified staff are all of the non-teaching staff. We are looking for bus drivers, para-educators and more!



The event will be in the JPF Administration Building, 915 4th St NE, Auburn. Come see what opportunities we have.

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.