



November 2020



Auburn School District #408

Pioneer Elementary

Greetings from Mr. Mac, Principal of Pioneer Elementary

Fall greetings Pioneer! November is an important month in our school year. This month we take time to honor our Veterans, mark the end of the 1st trimester of school, meet with each other at Parent/Teacher Conferences, and enjoy Thanksgiving. I encourage you to take time this month to pause, reflect and express gratitude for the special people in your lives.

I am thankful to be able to serve as the principal at Pioneer Elementary. This is a special community, with amazing students, supportive parents and dedicated teachers and staff members! Thank you for your role in making Pioneer such a welcoming and wonderful place of learning.

Sincerely,

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

Family Help Videos for Technology Use

The Auburn School District uses a variety of online resources for families and students. While technology is an amazing and helpful tool, we recognize that at times it can feel daunting to navigate through technology tools. Don't worry, we are here to help!

We encourage you to visit the “ASD Technology for Families” section of the Auburn School District website. ASD has put together great resources, including several videos to help families become comfortable using Skyward, Symbaloo, Google Classroom, Clever and Remind. [CLICK HERE](#) to view videos and written communication in English, Spanish, Marshallese and Ukrainian.



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UPCOMING DATES:

- **Monday, November 2:**
PLC Late Start - 9:40 a.m.
Start Time
- **Monday, November 9:**
PLC Late Start - 9:40 a.m.
Start Time
- **Wednesday, November 11:** No School -
Veterans' Day Holiday
- **Monday, November 16:** PLC Late Start - 9:40
a.m. Start Time
- **Wednesday, November 18 to Friday,
November 20:** School Conferences - Early
Release at 11:25 a.m.
- **Monday, November 23:** PLC Late Start - 9:40
a.m. Start Time
- **Wednesday, November 25:** Early Release at
1:10 p.m.
- **Thursday, November 26 to Friday, November
27:** No School - Thanksgiving
Vacation
- **Monday, November 30:** PLC Late Start - 9:40
a.m. Start Time
- **Monday, December 7:** PLC Late Start - 9:40
a.m. Start Time
- **Monday, December 14:** PLC Late Start - 9:40
a.m. Start Time
- **Monday, December 21 to Friday, January 1,
2021:** No School - Winter Vacation
- **Monday, January 4, 2021:** PLC Late Start - 9:40
a.m. Start Time



Hello Pioneer Families,

This is Mrs. Collins with some information on attendance. As we mentioned last month, here are 2 important pieces of information that have been shared with all students at Pioneer regarding attendance:

1. Please attend your Google Meets on time, every day. This includes attending every Google Meet scheduled for the day and not skipping any.
2. If you know you will be absent from a Google Meet, have your adult reach out to the teacher and let them know. Then do any missed work and share with your teacher. This way you are not marked absent.

We want to recognize our students for their attendance efforts. Here are just a few highlights:

- For the PM Program, Ms. Solomonova's 3rd grade class had the best attendance for 3 weeks in a row.
- Mrs. Verlander's class had PERFECT ATTENDANCE for the week of October 19-23.
- Papa John's Pizza has generously agreed to provide FREE pizza coupons for all students who have PERFECT ATTENDANCE for 3 months in a row! (So if you have perfect attendance for the months of September, October and November, you will receive a pizza coupon in early December.)

If you have any questions about your child's attendance, please feel free to reach out to the school for support.

Thank you,

Mrs. Collins
Assistant Principal



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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!

Congratulations Mrs. Tretyak!

Mrs. Lina Tretyak, K-3 support teacher at Pioneer Elementary, was recently awarded a full graduate scholarship to attend Ashford University's College of Arts & Sciences to receive her Master's degree!

The "No Excuses University" network of schools and Ashford University have partnered together to offer full ride scholarship opportunities to educators in NEU networks who are committed to improving their schools and increasing student achievement. Mrs. Tretyak applied for this scholarship, and was chosen as a top educator who will continue to educate each of her students and prepare them for college.

We are excited for Mrs. Tretyak, as she pursues higher learning which will benefit her instructional practice and student achievement at Pioneer Elementary. Way to go Mrs. Tretyak!

On a different note... This has been a busy fall for Mrs. Tretyak and her husband, as their first child was born a few weeks ago. Congratulations Tretyak family!



Hello Pioneer Families!

My name is Elida Castellon, and I am your Family Engagement Liaison at Pioneer. I am here to assist you in a variety of ways. First and foremost, I am here if you need support or have any concerns about your student. Currently, due to our situation, volunteering at our school, or during after-school activities, is not a possibility. However, I am still available to assist you with outside resources. If your student needs school supplies, clothing, or any other items, please feel free to reach out to me. As always, I am here to support you and what your students need to succeed in school.

Below is a list of current local resources for clothing, food banks and COVID-19 testing in our area.

COVID-19 Testing

2701 C St SW - Auburn, WA 98001 (next to the water tower)

Monday to Saturday - 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Food Bank and COVID-19 Testing

Auburn City Seventh-Day Adventist

402 29th St SE - Auburn, WA 98002 (the center is located in the building at the back of the SDA Church parking lot)

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

South East Auburn Food & Clothing Bank

404 D St S - Auburn, WA 98002

Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Revive Church: Drive-Thru Food Pick Up.

Outlet Collection Mall (outside Dave and Buster's)

1101 Outlet Collection Dr SW - Auburn, WA 98001

Sundays - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 am and 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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.

FREE flu shots

no cost to you with most insurance¹



Get your Flu shot

Walgreens Pharmacists will administer flu shots

at this location:

Auburn Public Health Center

901 Auburn Way N., Suite A

Auburn, WA 98002

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020

Time: 1:00pm-5:00pm

Cost: Free (but if you do have insurance, please bring your insurance card with you.)

No appointment necessary. Walk-ins are welcome.



Face coverings are required. Please bring one with you.

Public Health
Seattle & King County



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at this location:

Kent Public Health Center

25742 104th Ave. SE

Kent, WA 98030

Date: Friday, November 6, 2020

Time: 1:00pm-5:00pm

Cost: Free (but if you do have insurance, please bring your insurance card with you.)

No appointment necessary. Walk-ins are welcome.



Face coverings are required. Please bring one with you.

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