

# Pioneer School Press



## Weekly News: October 22, 2015

- It feels like fall is finally here so please make sure your child(ren) **dress for the weather**. We go outside for 2 recesses per day unless it is raining or below freezing. PE is outside on Thursday too.
- On Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a **Veteran's Day assembly** in Judy's room that you won't want to miss. Join us at 8:30AM for a singing and signing celebration. Have a family member who is a vet? We'd love to honor them so please bring them along.
- We are using a website called **Artsonia** to store and display your child's special artwork this year. You should have received an e-mail inviting you to activate an account giving you and any family/friends you choose access to see your child's artwork. We will upload one special masterpiece a month that you can share, print, and/or turn into a special gift. A portion of all items purchased from Artsonia goes back to Pioneer's art program.
- We love our parents and how awesome they are about taking and sharing pictures of all of our Pioneer School activities. We love to print pictures for students' yearbooks (and we know some of you still print pictures too) and the pictures on Facebook do not print well. So, one of our parents, Crystal Folkins, has set up **online albums for all of our learning expeditions and events at Costco.com**. All you have to do is login and upload your pictures and then we will all have access to print them at will. Please help us to preserve these precious memories.
- **Operation Christmas Child**- Operation Christmas Child provides a shoebox full of gifts to a child in a third world country who may have never received a present before. Some children wait for years to receive this once in a lifetime gift. You can enrich the experience for both your child and the receiving child by paying the \$7 shipping fee which includes following your box online. Last year many children got to see exactly where they box was delivered and one child even received a letter from their recipient. The box can easily be filled with items from the Dollar Tree. For a list of suggested and banned items please visit- <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/#gift-suggestions>. **Boxes can be picked up in the office starting today and must be returned by November 16<sup>th</sup>.**

- **Pioneer Ski Check-out- T/Th.-** want to borrow ski gear for your child for the upcoming ski season? Shop the Pioneer Bargain Basement before heading off the Ski Swaps. This free rental service is available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3-4PM ONLY on a first come, first serve basis on October 20, 22, 27, 29, and Nov. 3 and 5 or until equipment lasts.
- **Afterschool safety-** Please supervise your children after school on the blacktop and in the parking lot. We have had several injuries in the last few weeks from unsupervised students rough housing. Students are not allowed on the back playground unless they are being supervised by an adult. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

### In the Spotlight

- We will be eating lunch at school before this week's trip to C'dA.
- When we return to school from learning expeditions, **please check-in with a teacher before leaving your carpool students at school.** Several students were left at school last week with no adult supervision.
- **Scholars & Pioneers Parents-** please turn in your \$100 per person (student & parent) non-refundable deposit for Port Townsend by 10/30. The school had to put down large non-refundable deposits up front for the trip.
- Due to space constraints, **classes will be traveling in 2 separate groups to the Spokane Valley Heritage Museum on 11/13.** Pups, Pathfinders, and Explorers will tour the museum from 12:30-1:30 then Scholars and Pioneers will tour from 1:45 to 2:45. We need separate drivers for both groups of students. Please sign up in the office.

### Upcoming Events

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10/23- Museum of N. Idaho 12-3</li> <li>• 10/27- Math is Cool, 3-4PM</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10/28- Sweeto Burrito, Chess 3:15-4:15PM</li> <li>• 10/30- Walter's Fruit Farm- 10:15-1:30</li> </ul> |
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### Community Events

- 10/24: Fall Compost Fair & Leaf Festival @ Finch Arboretum 11-2- complete activities and take home a free compost bin.
- 10/24: Haunted House Construction @ South Hill Library, 10-6: Help us construct and decorate a haunted house out of cardboard. We will leave the house up through Halloween. We will provide the materials. You bring your creativity. FREE