

Pioneer School Press



Weekly News: September 25, 2014

- October calendars are coming home today. Remember you can view the calendar anytime online at our website- <http://www.pioneerschool.com/calendar.html>
- Thanks to our Scholastic book fair co-chairs- Linda Barr and Shannon Wasson. The book fair is Nov. 3-7 so mark your calendars, offer to help, and buy books for family and friends. It's the perfect time for Christmas shopping!
- If you need winter storage (boats, RV's, Motorcycles, etc.) CW Boat Storage, located in the Spokane Valley and owned by a Pioneer parent, has agreed to give 5% of its sales to anyone who mentions Pioneer. Services, fees and all details are at www.boatstoragespokane.com
- Today we honored students who demonstrated the virtue of **Respect** during the month of September. Congratulations to Avisha Patil (Pups), Ben Wartinger (Pathfinders), Kate Sestero (Explorers), Varun Ambalavanan (Scholars), Neharika Sharma, Brooklyn Side (Pioneers).
- We will be participating in Operation Christmas Child as a school community service project. More information will come home in the coming weeks.
- Only 2 families participated in **scrip** this month so the shipping costs were more than our profit. If we are going to continue offering this fundraiser, we need more participation. Attached is a new scrip sheet showing more store options. The next order date is October 7th.

In the Spotlight

- **Overnight trip to Fort Walla Walla** is scheduled for October 16-17. We will leave between 2:30-3:00 (regular school day) on Thursday the 16th. It's about a 3 hr. drive. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM in Fort Walla Walla Park and we will camp overnight. The evening includes a living history presentation inside the museum. There will be a campfire to circle our tents around. If you have a camper you are welcome to bring it. There are also motels nearby if camping is not your thing. We will continue our introduction of the Pioneer topic with an exploration of historic Fort Walla Walla on Friday and leave to return home at 3 PM on the 17th. Siblings are welcome. Trip is optional for kindergarteners as they must be accompanied by an adult chaperone to attend. If you choose, you may leave home at 6 AM on Friday morning and meet us for the Fort Walla Walla History Museum tour at 9:00 AM. We will



have picnic lunches and then tour the Whitman Mission National Park in the afternoon.

- **10/3- Sierra Silver Mine**, Wallace, Idaho- all school, all day, again, lunch, closed toe shoes, and a light jacket as it is cold down in the mine (like the caves) Young siblings (under 5) are **NOT** allowed down in the mine for safety reasons (mine regulations). We plan to tour the train depot, Mining Museum, ride the trolley to the mine, and do a walking tour of Wallace and eat a picnic lunch by the train depot grassy area.
- **Math is Cool** starts on Tuesday, October 7th from 3-4. Students in 2nd grade and up can participate with a signed behavior contract. Not all students who participate will make the competition team in the spring. We rely on parent volunteers to staff this activity.
- October is **Fire Safety Month**. Classes will be doing a variety of fire safety activities that include visits from local fire agencies. If your child is sensitive to noise, fire trucks, etc. please prep them for their class visit (see calendar).
- We need to borrow **little red wagons** for our Pioneer topic, on Nov. 3. If you have one, please let Betty know.
- **We need drivers for the following upcoming field trips**. Please sign up in the office.
 - **10/10- Dishman Hills** geology trip (Tina's Pups class is NOT going, they will stay at school and have Super Hero day) led by our own resident "expert" Mr. Chris, discover the Natural area of Dishman hills at Camp Caro. Lunch, water bottle, long pants, sturdy shoes.
 - **10/16-10/17- Walla Walla**- see detailed info on page 1.
 - **10/31- Sky High 1-3PM**

Upcoming Events

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9/26- Deep Creek Hike• 10/1- Chess Club 3:15-4:15, Pizza Hut hot lunch | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10/3- Wallace Idaho silver mine tour |
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Community Events

- October 4th @ 1:00 PM- KPBX Kids' Concerts- Urban Coyote Bush Band- Folk Songs from the British Isles & the Australian Bushland + Kids Craft by Mobius Children's Museum: 808 W. Main Ave.
- Just Between Friends Sale is this weekend Sept 26-28 @ the Spokane County Fairgrounds
- Touch a Truck- Saturday, September 27th, 9-2 @ Spokane Community College- \$4 with a canned food donation.
<http://www.jlspokane.org/Page/touch-a-truck.aspx>