

PIONEER WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of September 1, 2025



A note from the Office Team:

MESSAGE FROM THE PEPTC

Use the QR Code to access the PTC Social Media Pages, and to sign up for Volunteering.



ATTENDANCE MESSAGE:

Absences: Please report absences daily by calling the attendance hotline at 584-8831; press 2 to leave a message to let us know the reason for the absence. You can also email the office and send a doctor's note to

pesattendance@puesd.net If a notification is not received from the parent within three days of an absence, the absence will be considered unexcused (AR 5113). Absences exceeding 3 consecutive days requires a doctor's note or the absences will be unexcused. After 6 days in total, a doctor's note will be required every time a child is absent or it will be unexcused.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND NEED ACCESS TO LOCAL RESOURCES, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL AT 559-584-8831, EXT. 1401 OR 1402



Looking Ahead:

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

• Labor Day- No School

- Minimum Day (1 hour early out)
- Student Council Posters Due

PANTHER PRIDE DAY!! WEAR YOUR PANTHER SPIRIT GEAR EVERY FRIDAY!



Upcoming events:

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

PUESD School Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 10th
6pm @ District Board Room

PEPTC MEETING

Tuesday,
September 2nd
6pm
School Library



**Early Out Wednesdays
RELEASE TIMES**

TK/Kinder @ 1:00 pm
1st & 2nd @ 1:05pm
3rd-5th @ 1:45pm



Stay in Touch :



pesattendance@puesd.net



(559) 584-8831,
Ext. 1401 or 1402
Transportation, Ext. 1134



OFFICE HOURS: 7:45am-4:00pm

School Information:

Link to Lunch Menu:

[Lunch Menu Link](#)

Link to Parent/Student Handbook:

[25-26 PES Student-Parent Handbook Final.pdf](#)

LINK TO SCHOOL HOME PAGE:

[PES HOME PAGE](#)


Meet the Counselor Mrs. Uribe



What does a School Counselor do?

- Support student academic, social, and emotional growth.
- Provide individual and small group counseling.
- Teach classroom SEL lessons.
- Collaborate with teachers and families.
- Help with goal setting, conflict resolution, self-regulation skills, and other social skills.
- And so much more!

Contact Information:

 559-584-8831 ext: 1619

 uribep@puesd.net

[Click here to visit Mrs. Uribe's
Counseling Page](#)

Hi families! Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year. I'm Mrs. Uribe, the school counselor here at Pioneer Elementary. This is my 5th year as a counselor and 4th year as a Pioneer Panther. I feel so lucky to do a job I truly love. My passion is helping students build confidence, learn new skills, and discover the power of kindness. I lead lessons, small groups, and school-wide activities that encourage empathy and courage. You'll see me around teaching SEL lessons, kindness projects, and small groups that teach skills for school and life. I can't wait to get to know you, our PES families, and grow together!

Education:

University of Southern California (USC)
M.Ed School Counselor + PPS Credential
CSU Bakersfield
B.A Child Adolescent and Family Studies
B.A Religious Studies

Fun Facts:

- I have three dogs- they are wild!
- I don't know how to ride a bike.
- My first language is Spanish.
- Ceviche and Pizza are my favorite foods!

Coffee with the Counselor

09/26
9:30AM

MRS. URIBE'S OFFICE
ROOM 619



THIS MONTH'S TOPIC **WELCOME + ROLE OF THE COUNSELOR**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU
CHECK IN AND RECEIVE A
VISITOR PASS.**

Questions?
(559) 584-8831 ext: 1619
uribep@puesd.net

RSVP BY 09/22



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A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring stylized books in blue, red, and yellow, along with green leaves and branches.

Welcome back TO THE LIBRARY!

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS ABOUT THE LIBRARY:

- Books are due every week. Please keep your child's book in their backpack when not reading.
- Keep all food, drinks, and pets away from books. Damages will result in a fine and your child will be unable to check out new books until the fine is paid.
- Fines may be paid online through Infinite Campus, or by paying with cash or check in person. We do not carry change.
- Notices for late or damaged books go home weekly. Please check your child's backpack for any notices.
- The best way to reach me with any questions is through my email: atkinsonj@puesd.net

*Thank
you!*

**YOUR PIONEER
LIBRARIAN,
MISS A.**

PIONEER

OFFICIAL SPIRIT WEAR STORE

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

SALE

**SAVE
25%**

SHOP NOW

USE CODE:
SCHOOL25



SHOP AT: 1STPLACE.SALE/14625

**Get The BEST DEALS
From Your Official Store**

- T-shirts
- Hoodies
- Polos
- Headwear
- Backpacks
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- And More...

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SHIPPING
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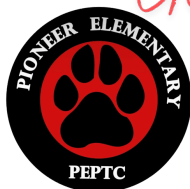
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PIONEER ELEMENTARY

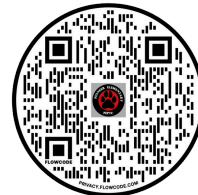
PARENT TEACHER CLUB

Co- Presidents
Amanda Ruch
Courtney Smith

Co- Vice Presidents
Candace Nelson
Melissa Cole



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Co- Secretaries
Christy Balderama
Brenda Yanez

Treasurer
Nicole Kopitzke
Amanda Augustus

2025-2026 PIONEER EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

*ALL DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

AUGUST

Back to School Night 8-12
First Day of School 8-13
Coffee with the Crew 8-13

September

Labor Day (no school) 9-1
PTC Meeting at 6pm 9-2
PD Day No School 9-19
Panther Store 9-26

October

PTC Meeting at 6pm 10-14
Panther Store 10-24
Kinder Pumpkin Patch 10-27
Halloween Classroom Parties 10-31

November

PTC Meeting at 6pm 11-4
Fall Festival 11-8
Panther Store 11-14
Thanksgiving's Break 11-24-11-30

December

Holiday Shop 12-2-12-4
Winter Break 12-22-1-11

January

Winter Break 12-22-1-11
PTC Meeting 1-13
MLK Day (no school) 1-19
Panther Store 1-30

February

Lincoln's Birthday (no school) 2-9
PTC Meeting at 6pm 2-10
Valentine's Day Parties 2-13
President's Day 2-16
Family Paint Night 2-18
Panther Store 2-27

March

PTC Meeting at 6pm 3-3
ShamWalk Jog a thon 3-17
PD Day (no school) 3-13
Panther Store 3-22
Spring Break 3-30-4-6

April

Spring Break 3-30 -4-6
PTC Meeting at 6pm 4-7
Book Fair 4-13-4-15
Open House 4-15
Panther Store 4-17

May

Staff Appreciation 5-8
Panther Store 5-15
Memorial Day (no school) 5-25

June

Field Day 6-1
5th Grade Celebration 6-3
Talent Show 6-4
Last Day of School 6-5

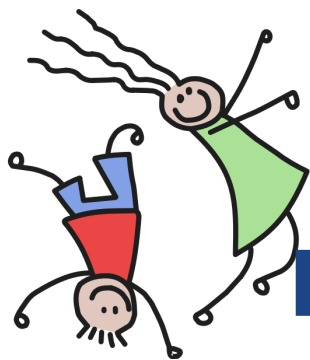


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to stay up to date
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School!!! Labor Day!!! <i>Labor Day</i>	2 Cereal Raisins Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Corn Applesauce	3 Buttermilk Twin Bar Apple Mini French Toast Pork Sausage Green Beans Blueberries	4 Mini Cinnis Cranberries Chicken Sandwich Potato Wedges CA Blend Mixed Vegetables Apple	5 Donut Fruit Cup Cheese Pizza Salad Mix Carrots Orange
8 Cereal Banana Taco Beef Stick Refried Beans Corn Nectarine	9 Muffin - Banana Raisins Grilled Cheese Sandwich Potato Tots Mixed Vegetables, 4-Way Strawberries	10 Cinnamon Bun Apple Pasta & Meat Sauce Mozzarella Cheese Green Beans Dinner Roll Fruit Cup	11 Apple Frudel Cranberries Popcorn Chicken Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Apple	12 Honey Bun Fruit Cup Cheese Breadsticks Pasta Sauce Salad Mix Carrots Orange
15 Cereal Banana Corn Dog Baked Beans Corn Plum	16 Benefit Bar - French Toast Raisins Mini Waffles Pork Sausage Green Beans Blueberries	17 Buttermilk Twin Bar Apple Beef Teriyaki Dippers Steamed Rice Dinner Roll Cooked Carrots Fruit Cup	18 Mini Bagels - Strawberry Cranberries Pulled Pork Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Vegetables, 4 Way Apple	19 No School!!! PD Day!!!
22 Cereal Banana Pork Tostada Shredded Cheese Refried Beans Corn Grapes	23 Muffin - Chocolate Chip Raisins Grilled Cheese Sandwich Potato Tots Green Beans Strawberries	24 Cinnamon Bun Apple Chili Shredded Cheese Cornbread Muffin Cooked Carrots Fruit Cup	25 Mini Cinnis Cranberries Meatball Sandwich Mozzarella Cheese Potato Wedges Cooked Broccoli Apple	26 Honey Bun Fruit Cup Cheese Breadsticks Pasta Sauce Salad Mix Carrots Orange
29 Cereal Banana Double Dog Baked Beans Corn Pear	30 Benefit Bar - Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Raisins Mini Pancakes Pork Sausage Green Beans Blueberries		Pioneer Union Elementary School District *This institution is an equal opportunity provider. *Menu is subject to change without notice!	Breakfast Lunch Assorted Assorted Fruit Veggies & Juice Fruit Milk Milk



PASE



Pioneer After School Enrichment

What is PASE? PASE is a FREE after school program for *qualifying* families for students in grades TK-6.

How do I know if my child qualifies? Each year you must complete the online Interest Form *AND* the Free and Reduced Meal (FRM) Application which is part of the Annual Update in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you qualify for FRM status, you qualify for PASE!

**Frontier Elementary and
Pioneer Middle**



**To start the process,
please follow the QRC and
complete the Interest Form
that goes with your school.**



**Pioneer Elementary and
Pioneer Middle**



Panther Pride Qualifications



3RD- 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

PANTHER PRIDE CRITERIA (TRIMESTER GUIDELINES):

- ❖ **NO DISCIPLINE REFERRALS DURING CURRENT TRIMESTER**
- ❖ **MUST HAVE ALL “CONSISTENTLY” MARKS AND/OR NO MORE THAN 2 “MOST OF THE TIME” ON THEIR WORK HABITS ON THE REPORT CARD FOR THE TRIMESTER IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**
Accepts responsibility for own behavior, Follows Directions, Respects other's rights/feelings/ property, Uses time effectively, and Completes and returns homework.
- ❖ **NO MORE THAN 4 CLIP CHART POINTS (I.E. ENDING ON PINK OR PURPLE).**
- ❖ **ANY NEW STUDENT MUST HAVE BEEN ENROLLED BY THE BEGINNING DATE OF THE PROGRESS REPORTS.**
- ❖ **NO MORE THAN 2 COMBINED ATTENDANCE MARKS DURING THE CURRENT TRIMESTER IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES (EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED):**
 - ABSENCES
 - TARDIES
 - EARLY SIGN-OUTS

***Please Note:** Students on IEPs will be considered meeting the above criteria for Citizenship if they are making progress towards meeting their individual IEP goals.*

Be Proud, Be Aware, Be Wise, Be Safe

Student Birthdays



In an effort to encourage our students to develop a healthy lifestyle and protect students with food allergies from accidental exposure, and the changes in the **federal nutritional requirements**, **we will not allow food treats (including candy and juice)** for birthday snacks. Parents are still encouraged to celebrate student birthdays by offering an alternative to food treats such as providing an item for all students in the class with pencils, erasers, crayons, etc. Another fun idea is to donate a hardback book to the library in honor of your student. Please contact your child's teacher or school office in advance with a description of the birthday goodies. Parents will need prior approval before sending items to school. ***If food treats are brought to school, they will be returned since they are not allowed at school. Balloons, flower deliveries, etc. are not permitted for students.*** They will be refused if brought on campus, as it is a distraction to the learning environment.



Visiting Campus

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS, all visitors must report to the office to **check in with their driver's license**, which is run through our security database RAPTOR. Parents are welcome to have lunch with their child/children in a designated location (**no fast food**) or volunteer in classrooms (if coordinated with the teacher). If you are flagged within RAPTOR, you will not be allowed to enter campus during the school day. However, you are allowed to pick up/drop off your child within the office or outside the gates. When you are ready to leave, you will return your pass to the office and sign out.

We do ask that other arrangements are made for your younger children and that they do not accompany you during your time on campus.

Regulation 5132: Dress And Grooming

Status: ADOPTED

Original Adopted Date: 08/07/2019 | **Last Revised Date:** 02/08/2023 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 02/08/2023

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Board of Trustees policy and administrative regulations. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed.

Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

School officials may prohibit any apparel, accessory, hairstyle or cosmetic, etc., even if not specifically mentioned in this regulation, that:

1. Creates a safety concern
2. Draws undue attention to the wearer
3. Detracts from the learning process
4. Causes a disturbance
5. Is considered gang related

In addition, the following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals must have heel straps. Thongs or backless shoes or sandals are not acceptable. Military style boots, steel toes, cleats, slippers, shoes with rollers, and high heels are prohibited.
2. Clothing, jewelry and personal items (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
3. Headwear other than hats, caps and visors will not be allowed at school. Hats, caps and visors must be removed in the classrooms, offices or other school facilities. Knit caps and the hood of a sweatshirt may be worn outdoors if the ambient temperature is sixty degrees or lower.
4. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through fabric, halter tops, off-the-shoulder, and spaghetti straps are prohibited. Shorts, shirts and dresses, can be no shorter than the level where the student's closed fist strikes the thigh when standing with arms straight down and at their side with shoulders relaxed. Holes in clothing may not be above this measurement. Clothing that becomes revealing to the midriff, pubic area, buttocks, or chest when standing, sitting, or moving is prohibited.
5. Physical education clothing may not be worn in classes other than physical education.
6. Earrings must be small and worn in ears. Body piercings are limited to studs.

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)

NEED HELP? CALL (559) 247-HELP

(559) 247-4357



KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CALL CENTER & MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE

Trained operators are standing by to help if you are experiencing a psychiatric crisis, just need a listening ear, or want to access County mental health or substance use disorder services.

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