

PIONEER WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of October 13, 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

PEPTC FUNDRAISER CONTINUES

District Parent Advisory Council
6pm @ District Board Room

Early Release (1 hour early)
Cancer Awareness- Wear PINK

PANTHER SPIRIT DAY
Wear Your SPIRIT GEAR!



Early
Dismissal
Day!



Upcoming events:

SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING

PUESD School Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 22nd
6pm @ District Board Room

PEPTC MEETING

Tuesday,
October 14th
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](#)

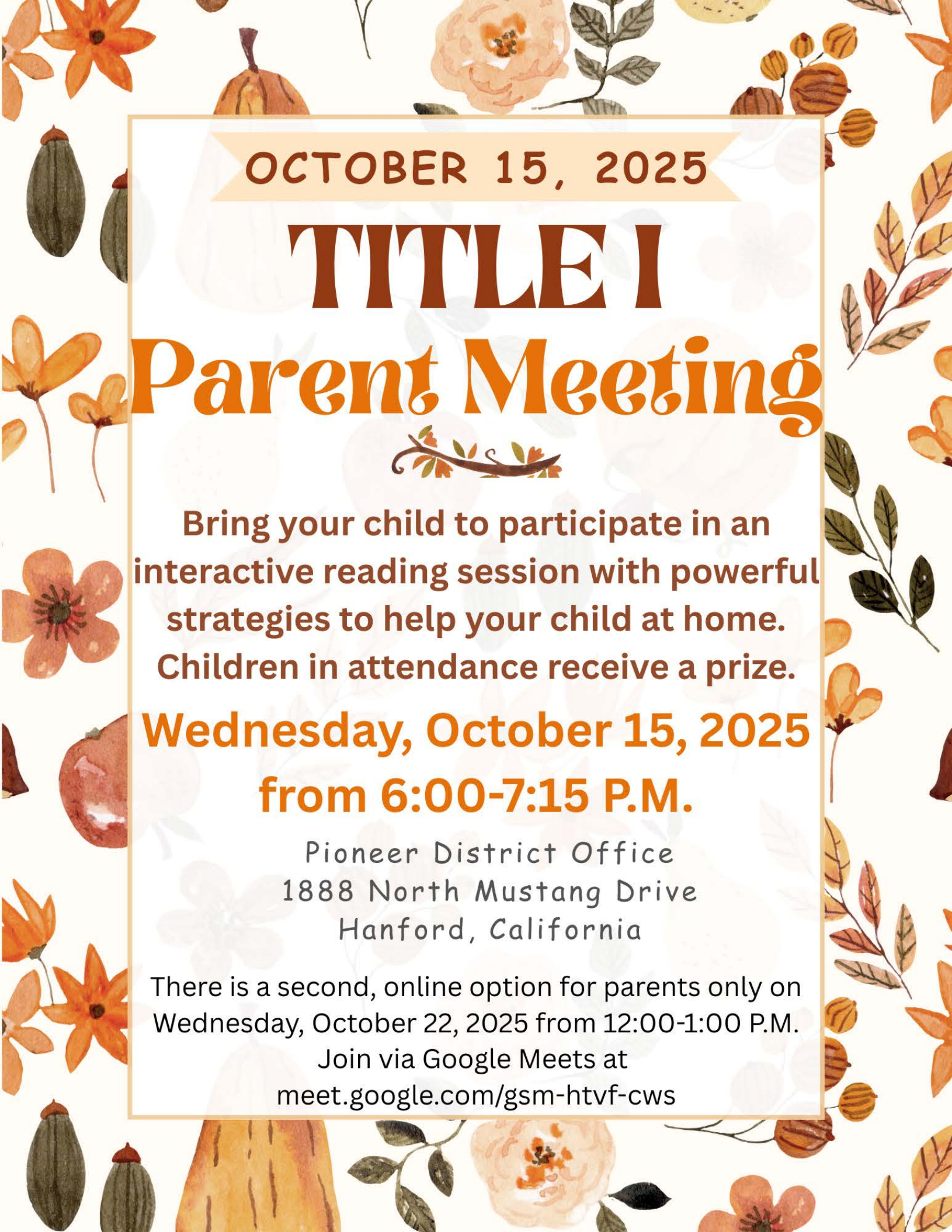


Link to Parent/Student Handbook:

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

LINK TO SCHOOL HOME PAGE:

[PES HOME PAGE](#)

The poster features a decorative border with various autumn-themed illustrations including orange and yellow flowers, green and brown leaves, and pumpkins. The central text is enclosed in a white rectangular box with a thin orange border.

OCTOBER 15, 2025

TITLE I

Parent Meeting



Bring your child to participate in an interactive reading session with powerful strategies to help your child at home. Children in attendance receive a prize.

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
from 6:00-7:15 P.M.

Pioneer District Office
1888 North Mustang Drive
Hanford, California

There is a second, online option for parents only on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 from 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Join via Google Meets at
meet.google.com/gsm-htvf-cws



PIZZA PURPOSE

• *HELP US RAISE FUNDS!* •

**Thursday, Oct 16, All day
Pieology Hanford
1693 West Lacey Blvd, Suite B**



**Come Help Us Support:
PIONEER ELEMENTARY**

Order in-store, online, or via the PieLife App.* Use promo code **RAISEFUNDS** at checkout. Please present flyer or mention organization name at register.

Coffee with the Counselor

10/24
9:30AM

MRS. URIBE'S OFFICE
ROOM 619



THIS MONTH'S TOPIC **HELPING KIDS WITH BIG EMOTIONS**

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

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

RSVP BY 10/22



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Pioneer Elementary School



Our Organization ID:
26344

REGISTER. SHARE. SHOP. SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

Check-off your holiday gift list today and help our important cause.
From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more, our online
store has something for every occasion - even if it's just for you!



1. REGISTER

REGISTER now as a
participant at
www.registercw.com
to access our handy
invitation tools in the
Participant Dashboard.
Very Important!

2. SHARE

INVITE 10+ friends and
family to support our
cause! Share a link to
our sale using TEXT &
EMAIL invitation tools.
Don't forget to share on
SOCIAL MEDIA, too!

3. SHOP

SHOP online and help
us reach our GOAL
today! With over
2,500 gift ideas there
is something for
everyone, including
you!



PEPTC PRESENTS
**PIONEER'S
FALL CARNIVAL**

**NOVEMBER
08**



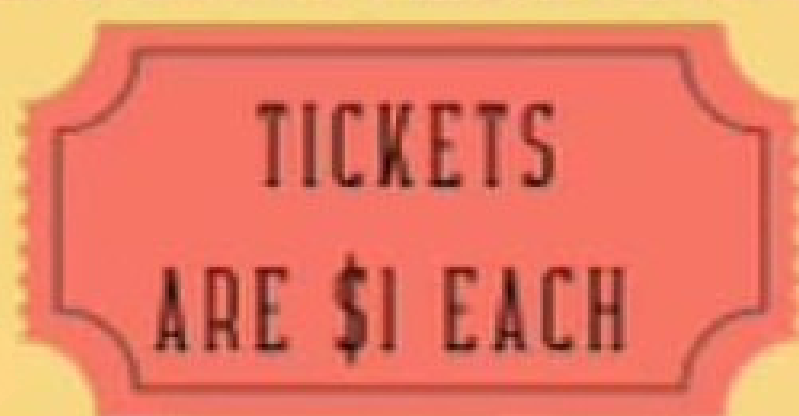
**1 - 4
P.M.**

Pioneer Elementary School

Carnival Games in the Trunk N' Game area with candy prizes,
and a Dance Party with West Coast DJ are free to the public!

Wristbands include unlimited access to:

**BOUNCE HOUSE-2 TICKETS
BUNGEE RUN-3 TICKETS
TRAIN RIDES-5 TICKETS
FACE PAINTING-2 TICKETS**



**OBSTACLE COURSE W/SLIDE-3 TICKETS
BUNGEE COURSE-3 TICKETS
CAKE WALK-3 TICKETS
MECHANICAL BULL - 5 TICKETS**

Available to Purchase Separately

Food Vendors-Cash or Venmo

Bake Sale- Cash or Venmo

Silent Auction Items- Cash, Card, or Venmo

DISCOUNT WRISTANDS ON SALE NOW

PRE-SALE \$20

\$30 at the event

Discount Bands are only available thru VENMO until October 31st
Please Venmo with your oldest child's name and teacher
in the comments. Wristbands will be sent home with your child on
11/6



Pioneer Elementary School

Unity Day

Let's "unite" and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusivity on our PES campus.



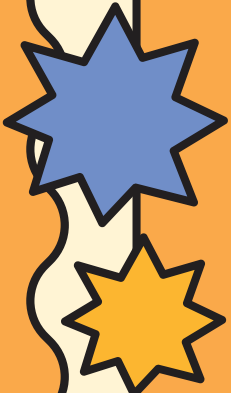
October 22nd, 2025

Unity Day- Wear Orange

At lunch recess students can sign and decorate a paper pumpkin for our "Pumpkin Patch" that will be on display in the cafeteria..

Kindness Crew members will be on the lookout for those "caught being kind" throughout the day and will receive an orange paw sticker.

Don't forget to show your paws and spread kindness everyday.



Pioneer Elementary Red Ribbon Week October 27-31

LIFE IS A PUZZLE -- SOLVE IT DRUG FREE

Monday 10/27

TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS

Wear your favorite shirt or team jersey

Tuesday 10/28

**SWAP OUT DRUGS FOR
A BETTER LIFE!**

**Students dress as staff--
staff dress as students**

Wednesday 10/29

**YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME
DOING DRUGS**

**Wear anything and
everything camo!**

Thursday 10/30

**PEACE OUT TO DRUGS!
Wear tie-dye**

Friday 10/31

**SAY BOO TO DRUGS!
Wear your
Halloween costume**

PIONEER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

FOR 3RD-5TH
GRADERS ONLY!

31

OCTOBER

ONE ENTRY PER
STUDENT

SPORTIEST PUMPKIN
PANTHER PRIDE PUMPKIN
SCARIEST PUMPKIN

**PLEASE NOTE: PUMPKINS MUST BE
DROPPED OFF BEFORE SCHOOL ON
10/31 AND PICKED UP BY 3PM ON 10/31**



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
- Drinkware
- And More...

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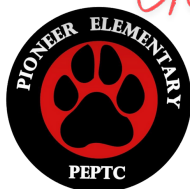
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TO ORDER**

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



DON'T FORGET

Scan Our code
to stay up to date
peptc@yahoo.com



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.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Student Safety is our number one priority at Pioneer Elementary. We are asking for everyone's help to keep our parking lot safe.

- Please follow all safety signs posted.
- Please do not use the parking lot as a drop off and pick zone. It is not safe. We have had some near misses of students being hit.
- We ask that you use the designated drop off/pick lane. You may also use the middle gate to enter, park, and walk your child up to the gates. Please turn right when exiting to keep traffic moving.
- If you need additional time to unload your child, please park and unload or pull up to the blue benches so that the line doesn't get backed up in the morning.
- We kindly ask that parents who park and walk up to get their child to wait in the designated areas (i.e., grass area next to benches or by the crosswalk).
- Please use the crosswalk and do not cut across traffic to get your child at the benches.
- We prefer parents not to drop off and pick up in the back of the school. There is not a guarantee that an adult will be present to assist your child.
- The Bus Lane in the back of the school is off limits to any traffic. It is a violation of Educ. Code to enter a Bus Zone.

We appreciate your help with ensuring student safety.



Drop Off & Pick Up Safety

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

When to Keep Your Child Home from School or Child Care



Below are suggestions for when to keep your child home when they are not feeling well. Contact a health care provider if your child needs medical care. A doctor's note is generally not required to return to school or child care. For more information, please visit the [CDPH guidance page](#).



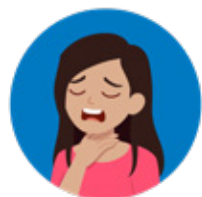
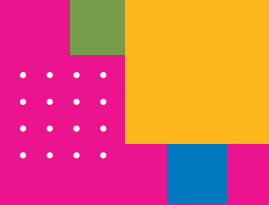
Symptom of Illness	When should my child stay home and when can they return?
Overall, not feeling well	STAY HOME IF any new illness or symptom prevents a child from participating meaningfully in routine activities.
Fever	STAY HOME IF a fever is of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher. RETURN WHEN fever went away over the night and is gone in the morning without the use of medications such as Tylenol®, Advil®, or Motrin® (acetaminophen or ibuprofen).
Vomiting	STAY HOME IF vomiting has occurred 2 or more times in 24 hours. RETURN WHEN vomiting has ended overnight, and your child is able to hold down liquids and food. Recommend frequent handwashing.
Diarrhea	STAY HOME IF your child's stool is likely to leak from the diaper, or if they are unlikely to make it to the toilet in time (if potty trained). If the stool looks bloody or black, seek medical attention. RETURN WHEN improving. Recommend frequent hand washing.



Scan the QR code find the latest version of this flyer.



When to Keep Your Child Home from School or Child Care



Symptom of Illness

Sore throat

When should my child stay home and when can they return?

OK TO ATTEND WITH MILD SYMPTOMS. Please consider wearing a mask if age 2 years or older.

STAY HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION for difficulty breathing or swallowing, or continuous drooling.

RETURN WHEN IMPROVING. If an antibiotic is prescribed, take the first dose at least 12 hours before returning.



Cold symptoms, such as cough, stuffy/runny nose, sneeze

OK TO ATTEND WITH MILD SYMPTOMS. Please consider wearing a mask if age 2 years or older.

STAY HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION for severe symptoms, including a bad cough, difficulty breathing or trouble catching their breath, or wheezing when not controlled by medication (like albuterol).

RETURN WHEN IMPROVING. If your child will need medication after returning, contact the site to let them know.



Ear or eye irritation, including pink eye

OK TO ATTEND WITH MILD SYMPTOMS. Recommend frequent handwashing.

STAY HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION for difficulty seeing or hearing, an eye injury, or pain they cannot tolerate.



Rash

OK TO ATTEND WITH MILD SYMPTOMS.

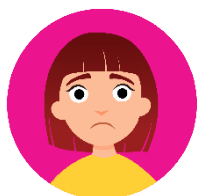
STAY HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION if rash is worsening, causing pain, has blisters, or is not healing.

RETURN WHEN IMPROVING or as guided by health care provider. In general, for conditions such as lice, impetigo, ringworm, scabies, and pinworms, your child may return as soon as they start appropriate treatment.

Cuándo no enviar a su hijo a la escuela o a la guardería



A continuación, se encuentran sugerencias sobre cuándo su hijo debe quedarse en casa si no se siente bien. Comuníquese con su proveedor de atención médica si su hijo necesita atención. En general, no se requiere una nota del médico para regresar a la escuela o a la guardería. Para obtener más información, visite la [página de pautas del Departamento de Salud Pública de California \(CDPH\)](#).

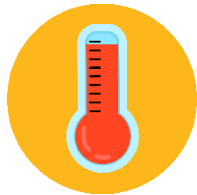


Síntomas de enfermedad

Malestar general

¿Cuándo mi hijo debe quedarse en casa y cuándo puede regresar?

QUEDARSE EN CASA SI cualquier nueva enfermedad o síntoma le impide participar de manera considerable en actividades de rutina.



Fiebre

QUEDARSE EN CASA SI tiene fiebre de 100.4 °F (38 °C) o más.

REGRESAR CUANDO la fiebre haya desaparecido durante la noche o por la mañana sin usar medicamentos como Tylenol®, Advil® o Motrin® (paracetamol o ibuprofeno).



Vómitos

QUEDARSE EN CASA SI ha vomitado dos o más veces en 24 horas.

REGRESAR CUANDO los vómitos hayan finalizado durante la noche o el niño pueda tolerar líquidos y alimentos. Se recomienda lavarse las manos con frecuencia.



Diarrea

QUEDARSE EN CASA SI es probable que las heces de su hijo se escapen del pañal o si es probable que su hijo no llegue al baño a tiempo (si sabe ir al baño solo). Si las heces contienen sangre o son negras, busque atención médica.

REGRESAR CUANDO mejore. Se recomienda lavarse las manos con frecuencia.



Escanee el código QR para encontrar la versión más reciente de este folleto.



Cuándo no enviar a su hijo a la escuela o a la guardería



Síntomas de enfermedad

Dolor de garganta

¿Cuándo mi hijo debe quedarse en casa y cuándo puede regresar?

PUEDE ASISTIR CON SÍNTOMAS LEVES. Considere colocarle una mascarilla a su hijo si tiene más de dos años.

QUEDARSE EN CASA Y BUSCAR ATENCIÓN MÉDICA si tiene dificultad para respirar o tragar o babea de manera continua.

REGRESAR CUANDO MEJORE. Si se receta un antibiótico, debe tomar la primera dosis al menos 12 horas antes de regresar.

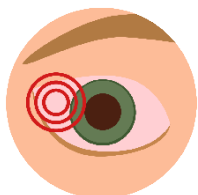


Síntomas de resfrío, como tos, congestión nasal, secreciones nasales

PUEDE ASISTIR CON SÍNTOMAS LEVES. Considere colocarle una mascarilla a su hijo si tiene más de dos años.

QUEDARSE EN CASA Y BUSCAR ATENCIÓN MÉDICA para síntomas graves, incluida tos intensa, dificultad para respirar o sibilancias que no están controladas con medicamentos (como albuterol).

REGRESAR CUANDO MEJORE. Si su hijo necesitara medicamentos luego de regresar, comuníquese con el lugar para informarles.



Irritación en los oídos o los ojos, incluida conjuntivitis aguda

PUEDE ASISTIR CON SÍNTOMAS LEVES.

Se recomienda lavarse las manos con frecuencia.

QUEDARSE EN CASA Y BUSCAR ATENCIÓN MÉDICA cuando su hijo tenga dificultad para ver o escuchar, una lesión ocular o dolor que no puede tolerar.

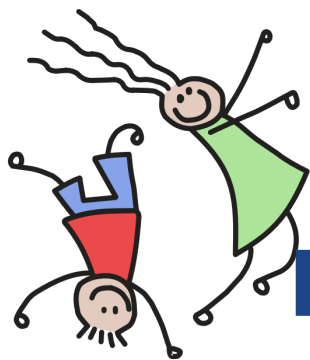


Erupción

PUEDE ASISTIR CON SÍNTOMAS LEVES.

QUEDARSE EN CASA Y BUSCAR ATENCIÓN MÉDICA si la erupción empeora, causa dolor, tiene ampollas o no se cura.

REGRESAR CUANDO MEJORE o según las indicaciones de un proveedor de atención médica. En general, para afecciones como piojos, impétigo, tiña, sarna y oxiuro, su hijo puede regresar apenas inicie un tratamiento adecuado.



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**



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.

- ✓ Psychiatric Crisis
- ✓ Access Services
- ✓ Just to Talk
- ✓ 24 hours per day
- ✓ 7 days per week
- ✓ 365 days a year



**KINGS COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**



KINGS VIEW

A decorative border surrounds the central text, featuring stylized illustrations of 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,
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