



PUESD NEWSLETTER



From the Desk of John Raven

Communication Protocols & Aide Training

As part of our continued focus on strengthening systems across the District, Pioneer will be implementing expanded training opportunities for instructional aides and support staff during the upcoming school year.

Training will focus on areas such as active supervision, student support strategies, professionalism, confidentiality, and communication expectations to help ensure consistency and strong support for students across all sites.

Safety & Security Camera Upgrades

Student and staff safety remains a top priority throughout the District. Over the summer, Pioneer will be installing upgraded camera systems across all school sites to improve campus safety and security.

These upgrades will provide improved coverage and monitoring capabilities to help support safe learning environments for students and staff.

Budget Update

Like many school districts across California, Pioneer continues to face financial challenges related to declining enrollment and rising operational costs. District leadership continues working carefully to monitor spending, evaluate staffing needs, and make responsible financial decisions that prioritize students and maintain long-term stability. We appreciate the continued support and partnership of our staff, families, and community.

End of Year Superintendent Message

Dear Pioneer Families,

As we close out the school year, I want to personally thank you for the support and partnership you have shown throughout my first year serving as Superintendent of Pioneer Union Elementary School District.

This year, I have had the opportunity to visit classrooms, attend events, and see firsthand the dedication of our students, staff, and families. I am grateful to be part of such a supportive and caring community.

As we move into the next school year under our District theme, "Laying the Foundation," we will continue focusing on strong systems, positive learning environments, and student success.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. I hope you and your family have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Student Cell Phone Expectations Reminder

Pioneer Union Elementary School District would like to remind families of our expectations regarding student cell phones and personal electronic devices at school.

In accordance with **Board Policy 5131.8** and **Assembly Bill 3216**, school districts are required to adopt policies that limit or regulate student smartphone use during the school day to support student learning, well-being, and school safety.

At Pioneer, student devices must remain turned off (or silenced) and kept out of sight during the school day, including during:

- Class time
- Recess
- Lunch
- Passing Periods



Devices may only be used with staff permission for instructional purposes, approved medical needs, or emergencies.

We appreciate our families' support as we work together to maintain safe, focused, and positive learning environments for all students. **If you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the school office.**

Summer Preparations Underway Across District Facilities

The MOT Department is busy preparing for the end of the school year and the upcoming summer projects. Recent achievements include the successful repair of two major water leaks. Meanwhile, custodial staff are managing heavy workloads and resolving issues with aging chemical dispensing systems. Grounds crews are adjusting irrigation for warmer weather and awaiting a new mower for Frontier. Looking ahead, the department is gearing up for a full summer schedule of painting, pressure washing, concrete grinding, & stucco repairs across all campuses.



Pioneer Elementary Celebrates a Successful School Year!

As Pioneer Elementary wraps up another successful school year, students, families, and staff celebrated with memorable events and achievements. Family Picnic Night brought the school community together for an evening of games, karaoke, face painting, hot dogs provided by the Kings County Fire Department, and the school's first annual car show.

The school also celebrated the Pioneer Parent Teacher Club for receiving the Starfish Award at the 2026 District Awards Dinner in recognition of their dedication and service. Staff Appreciation Week honored Pioneer employees for their continued commitment to students, while the final Panther Pride Rally recognized students for Integrity, Confidence, and Caring.

As the year comes to a close, Pioneer students are looking forward to end-of-year activities, including field trips, Field Day, the Talent Show, fifth-grade celebrations, awards ceremonies, and more. Staff is also preparing for an exciting 2026–2027 school year with expanded student and family events and additional academic support programs in ELA and Math. We look forward to another amazing year ahead at Pioneer Elementary!

A Season Full of Fun at Pioneer Preschool & Latchkey!

Pioneer Preschool has been busy making special memories with fun activities like our Mother's Day celebration and preparing for our upcoming graduation festivities!

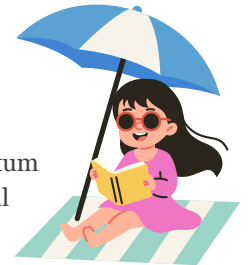
Our Latchkey program has also been hard at work planning an exciting and fun-filled summer for our students.



Fun-filled Summer Activities!

Summer is an important time for students to rest, recharge, and continue learning through everyday experiences. We encourage families to support reading at home, practice academic skills, and help students stay active and engaged throughout the summer months.

Whether through reading, family activities, outdoor play, or community programs, continued learning opportunities can help students maintain momentum as we prepare for another successful school year.



We hope all of our students and families have a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer.

Closing out a Fantastic Year at Pioneer Middle School!

As we close out an exciting school year, our middle school students and staff are celebrating many memorable events and accomplishments! Following a successful state testing campaign filled with dress-up days and afternoon treats, we are now looking forward to Panther Pathways College and Career Day, Academic Awards, the 8th Grade Banquet and Graduation, our Beach Bash Dance, Field Day for 6th and 7th grades, and our annual Talent Show on the last day of school. It has been a fantastic year full of school spirit, achievement, and Panther pride!

Frontier is Celebrating Staff, Students, & Special Memories!

Frontier Elementary staff felt truly valued during Staff Appreciation Week, thanks to the generous support of the Frontier PTC. Throughout the week of May 4th, staff members enjoyed a variety of treats, refreshing drinks, and even a special taco celebration. The week also included a heartfelt recognition of three retiring teachers—Mrs. Bentley, Ms. Clement, and Mrs. Jost—whose years of dedication have made a lasting impact on the Frontier community. During the final staff meeting of the year, Mr. Johnson's third-grade students sang a special song for the honored retirees titled, "In my Life" by The Beatles. At the same time, students were preparing for upcoming state testing, showing their excitement by creating motivational posters displayed throughout the school hallways. With the school year quickly coming to a close, the Frontier community is looking ahead to a well-deserved and exciting summer.

