## Pioneer Slate

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It is hard to believe but there are only 8 weeks of school left. I know the staff will be using that time to its fullest when working with your child(ren). Hopefully the weather will change to spring soon. We are looking forward to our annual tree planting event (in conjunction with Arbor Day and Earth Day) put on by the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. We have a couple of Musicals to be performed this month and we will be rolling out a plan to help the people of Ukraine. The end of the year will come quickly. Please be sure your child(ren) is/are staying up on their work and getting the most out of what time we have left this month and next.

## **Upcoming:**

- April 15 –No School (Easter Break)
- April 29 Arbor Day Event

- May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6 Inservice

## **Other Notes**



**Tornado Awareness**: Each year, the state of Wisconsin holds a week of Tornado awareness culminating in a statewide drill. We ran our drill yesterday (April 7). It provided us with good information since this was our first such drill in the new building.



**Recess and Boots:** Thank you for making sure your kids have boots for recess. Now that the weather could be turning warmer these are not as necessary with the exception of rainy days. There are some days when it rains in the morning and the sun comes out later in the day. There may be some wetness on the pavement. If too much, we'll keep students inside. As much as possible we want students to go outside since recess is important to their development. It may be worthwhile to have students bring rainboots for these types of days.



**Water Bottles:** Parents, we are excited that the weather is moving solidly into spring and its warmer temperatures. That also means the building is getting warmer. Please consider sending your child to school with a water bottle.



**Teacher Request:** As we put together class rosters for the fall, we take into consideration a number of factors including class make up, academic progress and social factors. Additionally, students will spend time with the other class at their grade level during lunch, recess and there will be combining of classes and teachers throughout the day especially with the design of our new building that has grade level classrooms connected. If you have a reason for requesting a teacher for the fall, please complete and return the attached form by April 29. While this request will be given consideration know that it is one factor in creating a good classroom balance.

## **Musicals:**



**K-2:** The K-2 musical is scheduled for Thursday at 2:30. Parents and guests will need to check in at the office, so we encourage you to arrive earlier. You can use any open spaces in the parking lot on the south side of the building. You can use other parking on campus but understand that you will need to enter and check in at the main office doors. After the show's completion, you may take your student(s). If an older sibling would like to attend, please provide an email to the older student's homeroom teacher and Cc the main office (Randi).



**3**<sup>rd</sup>**&4**<sup>th</sup> **Grade:** This event takes place the evening of April 22 starting at 6:30. It will be held in the elementary gym. There is not a need to check in at the main office since it is after regular hours.



**Arbor Day:** The 4<sup>th</sup> grade class is planning our annual Arbor Day event for Friday, April 29. On that date students will be receiving a tree of their own and we will be planting a tree in honor of someone with ties to Sevastopol and the environment. Thank you to Mr. Schauske and Mrs. Neuman for organizing this event.



**Field Day:** At the end of the year, we are planning to hold a field day, but it will have other components to it as well. Students will be put on one of three teams that span the entire elementary. The competition will include in-class events, some academic and some not, culminating in a final day with athletic events on the north playground. We may need volunteers to help runs those events so please watch ClassTag for any requests and details.



**Community of Caring:** Our program that has classes assigned to support different elements of our community will turn its focus to a common goal of helping children in Ukraine. Our plan will be to collect items and plan to have them shipped to that war torn country. This will give our students a tangible way to help those they regularly hear about in the news in a direct way.



**Tundra Tales:** Thank you for supporting your child(ren) in reading. We are happy to share that over half of our students met the challenge of reading 480 minutes over 8 weeks. Those students will be getting their Tundra Tales Certificates and a pass to the Packers Hall of Fame. A special congratulations to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade that saw 100% of the student meet the goal. Next year we will work to increase from this year's 50% mark.



**Literacy Night:** Thank you to those that visited during the annual Literacy Night Event. The staff did a great job putting together activities for the kids and the turnout was wonderful.



**Art Show:** The art show will be held at Sevastopol this spring since we have wonderful new spaces to display the work. It will be sometime in May. More information will be shared in May's SLATE and via ClassTag.