



PIONEER CONNECT

November 2023

PIONEER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, YORKSHIRE, NY

HOMECOMING/SPIRIT WEEK FESTIVITIES

Pioneer High School students and staff had a great celebrating the tradition and pageantry during Spirit Week and Homecoming, held Sept. 25-29.



CLASS OF 2024 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Pioneer High School Scholarship Booklet will be available to members of the Class of 2024 beginning Wednesday, November 15, 2023. The Scholarship Booklet holds over \$70,000 worth of scholarships and awards from various organizations throughout our school and local community. Scholarships will help to lessen the impact of costs related to furthering education (college, trade school, etc.). We encourage all seniors to take advantage of these opportunities because the majority are only available to Pioneer students.

Students are encouraged to submit their scholarship applications as early as they would like. The final deadline for all applications is Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 3:30pm.

Scholarship recipients will be honored at Achievement Night on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. More information will follow.

Important Dates:

- November 15, 2023 – Scholarship Booklet Released
- December 6, 2023 – Afterschool Scholarship Application Help (Guidance Office)

- January 9, 2024 – Afterschool Scholarship Application Help (Guidance Office)

- February 13, 2024 – Afterschool Scholarship Application Help (Guidance Office)

- February 15, 2024 – Scholarship Applications Due (no later than 3:30pm)

- June 5, 2024 – Achievement Night

Additionally, there are numerous Western New York, New York State, and National Scholarships available with various deadlines. More information about these scholarships can be found on our Pioneer High School Webpage under the “Guidance Office” tab. This section is regularly updated as we become aware of opportunities.

Pioneer High School sincerely appreciates all the local organizations who contribute and make these opportunities possible for our students.

Please contact our Scholarship Coordinator, Allison Gilbert, with any questions at agilbert@pioneerschools.org or (716) 492-9343.



GIRLS ON THE RUN RETURNS AT DELEVAN

This fall at Delevan Elementary marked the return of Girls on the Run, a running club for third and fourth grade girls. The club focuses on building positive relationships with peers and adults. Sarah Wisniewski, advisor with Jenna Driver and Kayleigh Jordan, said the runners meet two times a week and learn lessons about positive growth mindset, how to build and keep positive relationships, and how to problem-solve difficult challenges that may occur. They also challenge themselves by setting goals and trying to achieve them by running, walking, and even skipping. GOTR is working toward running a 5K in November where members can celebrate the growth they have achieved both mentally and physically over the previous two months.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT-MUSICIANS SELECTED FOR AREA ALL-STATE

8th grader Neil Boldt and 7th grader Alex Rupp will represent Pioneer Middle School for the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Area All-State Band.

This past May both Neil and Alex auditioned at a solo festival hosted by Fillmore Central School. As a result of their audition, both students were chosen to participate in the Zone 1 Area All-State Junior High Band in Akron on November 4.

“Zone 1 includes four counties and it is a huge honor to be chosen out of the thousands of students who auditioned,” said band teacher Jared Burch.

Neil plays clarinet and Alex plays mallets in the percussion section.



Alex Rupp and Neil Boldt.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2023

In September, Pioneer High School teamed with Country View Embroidery and Arcade Chamber of Commerce for the Student of the Month program. Acting Principal Joseph Cappadonia would like to recognize the following Students of The Month:



Maeselle Westfall



Mackenzie Hutchinson



Trinity Smith



Aaron Pawloski



Alexis Simons



Evan Heckathorn



Alison Mott



Alex Green



Valerie Gilbert



Danyelle Rhoades



Chloe Phetteplace



MS SCAVENGER HUNT IS OUT OF THIS WORLD

A recent activity tested Pioneer Middle School students' teamwork skills and provided lessons about a famous classical music piece.

Students in Ms. Lynda Croft and Mrs. Jennifer Kibler's classes have been studying the composer Gustav Holst and his famous piece, Planets, in music class. Sept. 28 was the final music class on Holst, so the class split into teams for a scavenger hunt around the

school.

The Adaptive Music Class is taught by Mrs. Donna Catalano and Dr. Kimberly Higgins.



FIREFIIGHTERS VISIT DELEVAN

Delevan Elementary School celebrated Fire Prevention Week with visits by volunteers from Delevan, Franklinville, Yorkshire, Machias, Farmersville and Chaffee-Sardinia fire departments.



FIREFIGHTER HEROES VISIT PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students in the Pioneer Middle School Family and Consumer Sciences classes of Mrs. Jody Zacaroli and Mrs. Lindsey Lobianco recently completed their unit on Fire Safety with an exciting visit from the Yorkshire Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chiefs Brandon Barber and Johnny Hill, along with firefighters

Madisen Sonner and Nate Scrivani, reinforced fire safety knowledge, stressing the importance of every home having a fire escape plan. Students were able to see various fire equipment and hear about the many responsibilities of a firefighter. Many thanks to these brave and selfless individuals who keep our community safe.



Students from Mrs. Kibler and Mrs. Croft's class pose before the fire truck. Fire Chief Johnny Hill is in full fire gear.



Ryan Wojtaszczyk, assisted by Chief Brandon Barber, tries on a portable air tank.

NOTHING BETTER THAN INSLEY'S OOBLECK



In the Arcade Elementary 2nd grade class of Ms. Brigid Insley, students recently completed a science unit on matter (solids, liquid, gas). With help from adults, students made Oobleck, discovering that it is a non-Newtonian fluid, mean-

ing it has properties of both a liquid and a solid. Students mixed 1 cup of cornstarch with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water to create Oobleck. The ingredients came from a C-A BOCES science kit titled "Matter Matters."



RIF DAY CELEBRATED AT DELEVAN

RIF stands for Reading is Fundamental, and RIF Day is an event Delevan Elementary students look forward to every year. Students get to “shop” for a book to keep, and community volunteers visit to read to students in their classrooms. Delevan is so grateful to Navient Corp. (formerly Pioneer Credit Recovery) for donating to our students!



DELEVAN PRE-KINDERGARTNERS MAKE PIE IN A CUP

Students in the Delevan Elementary UPK class of Mrs. Katie Dryndas recently used sequencing words to follow a recipe to make apple pie in a cup.



GRANDPARENTS CELEBRATED AT ARCADE

On Sept. 29, the second-grade classrooms at Arcade Elementary celebrated Grandparent's Day with some very special visitors. Grandparents, alongside their grandchildren, participated in a variety of centers focused around reading, writing, and math. Grandparents and Special Visitor's day has been a second-grade tradition since it first started over 15 years ago. Thank you to the families that were able to attend and make it one the students will always remember!



Centers in action



Family of Ben Uhteg



Family of Kaydence Howk



Family of Emma McGarvey

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PIE THE PRINCIPAL

As a result of their overwhelming support during Spirit Week/Homecoming, the sophomore class earned the chance to throw pies at Acting Principal Joseph Cappadonia.

