



PIONEER CONNECT

November 2022

PIONEER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, YORKSHIRE, NY

THANK YOU, BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Appreciation Week was observed Oct. 17-21. We thank our Board of Education members for their service and the countless hours they devote to the students of Pioneer School District!



Top row: Mark Kless, Angela Wiseman, Linda Rule, Melissa Nocera-Collins (president), Shawn Hannon. Bottom row: Darla Schwab, Denise Urbino, Wendy Burch, Ed McCarthy (vice president).



BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF BUILDERS

Pioneer High School's Technology program sponsored a recent field trip in which they took 20 students to the Engineering Operators facility in Lakeview, NY. Most of the students have either taken or are enrolled in Construction 2. This event was sponsored by area construction and engineering unions, who provided each student a pair of safety glasses, a hard hat, and string bag.

The Engineering Operators union had skid steers, back hoes, excavators, and two cranes set up for the students to operate.

Every machine had a trained operator there to show the students how to use the equipment. All of the unions had some type of hands-on project set up for the students that represented their trade.

Students could bend conduit, pour concrete, make metal whistles, weld, cut steel, take part in a nail-pounding contest, put screws in drywall, and many other tasks. Some of them also got to run simulators.

Teacher Larry Cook said lunch was provided at the event.

FIRE SAFETY WEEK (Oct. 9-15)

Volunteers from six area fire departments visited Delevan Elementary during Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 9-15).

Chaffee-Sardinia, Delevan, Yorkshire, Farmersville, Franklinville, and Machias sent representatives to speak with students about fire safety and participate in demonstrations.

Some of the Golden Rules of fire safety shared with the kids:

- There are always two ways out
- Practice exiting with your family
- Have a meeting spot to go outside

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Fire Safety Week, held annually around Oct. 9 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire (1871).



UPK STUDENTS MEET MURAL ARTIST

Students in the Arcade Elementary UPK class of Mrs. Lisa Byers were lucky to meet local artist Stacy Gertis, who is also a parent in the classroom. Ms. Gertis told the class that anyone can be an artist!



FINANCE ACADEMY TAKES A JETBOAT TOUR

On October 7th, the Pioneer High School Academy of Finance and accounting students travelled to Lewiston to learn how the Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours started and continue to successfully operate their organization of 31 years.

After a company presentation, students and faculty went on the ride of their life! For more information on the Academy of Finance or business courses, please call the Business or Guidance Department in the High School at 716-492-9300.



Pictured front row left to right: Sarah Morris, Cole Rhodus, Madalynn Pataye, McKenzie Marcheson, Olivia Comisarek, Danyelle Rhoades; second row: Brittany Bliss, Alaina Barber, Kyler Felber, Chloe Raiber; third row: Walker Bekiel, Alexis McElheny, Hannah Drennan, Jordan Dodge; fourth row: Christina Bush, Samantha Shaver, Makenna Chandler, Brooke Dawley, Braedon Goodemote; fifth row: Logan Papke, Michael Fultz, Jackson Woolley, Dylan Hutchinson; sixth row: Mr. Flasz; last row: Brooke Eastman, Ms. Schiener, Alyssa Boldt, Blair French

'READ UNDER THE LIGHTS' WILL BE RESCHEDULED

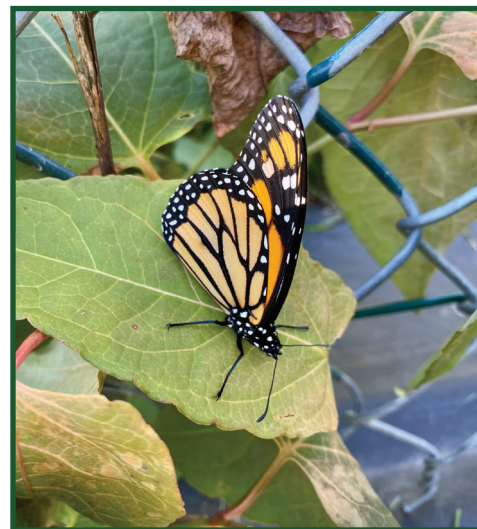
By Colleen Raiber, Arcade Elementary

Our first ever "Read Under the Lights" Night was scheduled for Thursday, October 13th at the High School Turf, but was canceled due to the weather. The night was going to be an opportunity to have Delevan and Arcade Elementary students and their families enjoy some read-alouds from high school students and several teachers, too. Also, both school librarians had prepared a wide variety of books for people to enjoy, too. The event MAY be rescheduled for the Spring, but please watch for news of it coming next fall for sure!

A HUGE thank you to Marquart Farms New York Chips and our local Save-a-Lot for making such generous donations, which will be utilized for upcoming school events.

ARCADE CLASS IS ALL ABOUT BUTTERFLIES

Third grade students of Ms. Brigid Insley released its monarch butterfly on Oct. 5. The class spent three weeks learning about different life cycles, including the final butterfly phase. They even witnessed the caterpillar transform to a chrysalis during class. They named the butterfly Lucky and discovered he is a male because males have a small black spot on the top of their hindwings. During a virtual field trip, students constructed a butterfly rod puppet.



DELEVAN STUDENTS PLAY SKEE-BALL

Delevan Elementary students were excited to play Skee-Ball during a recent Physical Education unit.



LETCHWORTH IN THE FALL FFA FRUIT & CHEESE SALE

Pioneer High School students of Ms. Jessica Lussier and Ms. Julie Smith visited Letchworth State Park on October 17. Students were able to check out the Autism Trail and explore the fun activities along the way.



Pioneer FFA is excited to put on our annual fruit and cheese sale. We are featuring five types of products for this year's annual sale: citrus, cheese, meat, nuts, and honey! Our fruit and nuts are from Florida and California, and the cheese is from Kutter's and Cuba Cheese, both local companies. Croghan Bologna is famous from FFA Camp Oswegatchie, and the honey is from locally owned and operated beehives.

Back by popular demand this year is smoked gouda cheese and mozzarella cheese sticks. We are also offering 2/5 bushel boxes of navel oranges and red grapefruit again. This year, we are excited to be able to offer a 4/5 mix box again. Two-pound blocks of Muenster have been discontinued. New this year we are offering 2-1/2 lb. Cuba Cheese cheddar blocks.

Profits from these sales help fund the following activities: New York State and National FFA Convention, Agriculture Literacy Day, Camp Oswegatchie Education Center, and community service activities.

We expect delivery the week of December 12. Pick-up will be at the high school ag shop. Please follow signage when you arrive at the high school and your order will be brought to your vehicle. Students will call you or leave a message to confirm pick-up times.

Order by Nov. 11 at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/pioneercommunity>

Or scan the code below:



HAVE NO FEAR, MARCHING PANTHERS ARE HERE

The Pioneer Marching Panthers have had a great season so far. They have competed at West Seneca, Lancaster and Victor. At Victor the band came in third with a score of 73.1—only .25 points behind second place.

Director April Woolley said this year's show is entitled Phobic and was written specifically for Pioneer. There are three movements of the show: Fear of Heights, Fear of the Dark and Fear of Spiders.

This year's drum majors are Jackson Woolley, Kayla Price and Madison Hewitt.



READING BUDDIES AT DELEVAN



A program called Reading Buddies teams up older students with younger ones just learning the skill. Shown here are 4th graders of Mrs. Kristina Lavelle with buddies from Mrs. Rebecca Clinch's UPK.



NOISES OFF! Nov. 17-18-19



'NOISES OFF' IS DRAMA CLUB COMEDY

The Pioneer High School Drama Club presents the comedy "Noises Off" Nov. 17-19 in the Pioneer High School Auditorium.

Performances are at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, and Friday, Nov. 18, and at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19. Tickets are \$9 presale (our.show/phs/noisesoff) or \$11 at the door.

"Noises Off" is a play within a play. It is about an ambitious director and his troupe of mediocre actors. The cast and crew are putting together a silly comedy titled, "Nothing On" - a single-set farce in which lovers frolic, doors slam, and embarrassing hi-jinks ensue.

UPCYCLING LESSON IN FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE

7th Grade students in Mrs. Jody Zacaroli's Family and Consumer Sciences class were challenged to upcycle old textiles into new designs. One group upcycled four old neckties into a crop top.



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP INFO NOW AVAILABLE

Pioneer High School's local scholarship booklet is available to seniors starting this November. The booklet is a collection of applications for various scholarship organizations through the school and local community. Scholarships will help to lessen the impact of tuition costs.

Seniors may obtain a copy of the booklet in the following ways:

- A copy will be emailed to all seniors on Nov 17.
- A copy will be posted on the school website and on the Class of 2023 guidance page on Microsoft Teams on Nov 17.

• A paper copy will be delivered to all senior English classes before Thanksgiving break.

Pioneer High School would like to thank all local scholarship organizations and committees that continue to offer these opportunities to our students.

All applications are due by Thursday, February 16, at 3:30pm.

Please contact guidance counselor Chelsea Buszka (716 – 492 – 9338) in the high school guidance office with any questions.

COACH DUPREY NOTCHES 100TH FOOTBALL WIN

For Pioneer High School varsity football coach Jim Duprey, the timing of career win no. 100 could not be more sweet.

The Panthers notched a regular season-ending 49-0 victory Oct. 20 over Lewiston-Porter. It was the team's third straight win, and Pioneer finished at 6-2.

Duprey's 100th win came on a rare Thursday night start, which the Panthers dominated from the start. Dalton Giboo, Devin Matuszak and Kyle Stover all contributed offensively, while

the defense added a safety to put the Lancers behind early. The game was on local broadcast TV, with Buffalo's Ch. 49 providing the live coverage.

Coach Duprey acknowledged he reached the milestone with the help of others. "I'm proud to have had the ability to coach so many great young men over 20-plus years. Our parents and school community are the best; they are the driving force behind our team's success over the years. Our parents have allowed me to have a small part in helping their children

experience the successes, failures, and life-lessons that team sports provide.

"No amount of success happens alone. I'd like to thank all the assistant coaches that have helped our program over the years, and especially retired head coach Larry Slanovich, who gave me the opportunity to begin my career at Pioneer. Most of all, I'd like to thank my wife, Christy, and daughter, Allyse, for supporting me and forgiving me for the hours spent away from them," Coach Duprey added.



Coach Jim Duprey is shown with his staff following his 100th win on Oct. 20.

FRENCH AND SPANISH STUDENTS ARE EXPANDING THEIR WORLD

News from the Pioneer Middle School World Language Program:

French 8 is off to a great start. Students memorized poems over the first four weeks of school. Many students showed an aptitude for this. Please ask your student to recite a poem to you.

We are also working on a project called French in Your World. Students are exploring the world outside of class to see where French is used. If you can share with students how and where you see and hear French, please do.

Lastly, we have started a very exciting exchange that will last all year—we have French pen pals. We have sent our first letters and are anxiously awaiting responses. Students will practice their language skills but will also learn a lot about French culture from students close to their age. (Attached pic, “French 8 poem”)

Our students at the Middle School have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by trying Hispanic dishes in lunch created by Pioneer’s own Food Service Department. All students had the opportunity to taste Patatas Bravas from Spain, Cuban rice and beans, Tacos, and Mexican street corn called Elote.



Students in Spanish class also learned about the toucan, a bird that lives in Central and South America. Not only did students create their own toucan, but in the Spanish language they read about the factors endangering these beautiful birds.

The following week in Spanish class, students created artwork using radial symmetry. This style of symmetry is used in creating Espejos Mexicanos (Mexican folk-art mirrors). (Attached pic, “Spanish 8 tucanes” Left to Right: Camden Felber, Trey Monin, Laine Bragg, Cooper Rhodus, Lillyan Sobczak, Briar Baker)

In 7th grade Spanish, students have been learning about Arte Callejero (street art) in Mexico. Students can describe the art in Mexico with colors and adjectives, then had the opportunity to create their own street art in front of the Middle School during one of our warmer days in October.

(Attached pic, “7th grade Spanish arte callejero” Left To right: Megan Boldt, Liam Johnson, Morgan White, Jenna Whiting, Evan Lanza, Peyton Pierce, Joshua Larimer-Philbrick)

Coming up soon, our 8th grade Spanish students will be able to put their communication skills to use in a Spanish – English language exchange with students in schools from Ecuador and Spain. Students will be having real conversations with each other in both languages using the video recording platform called Flipgrid. This year, they will make videos during class introducing themselves and talking about their school day, what they like to do, school clubs, sports, music and art, favorite foods and snacks, and even clothing and fashion. Our students are very excited to find out what sports and music are like in Spain, and what school and snacks are like in Ecuador.

Stay tuned over the next few months for updates with both French and Spanish students at Pioneer Middle School, including National French Week activities!



7TH GRADE SPANISH ARTE CALLEJERO



YOU'VE GOT MAIL: 4TH GRADERS SHARE WITH PENPALS

A great way for students to practice literacy skills is to write and receive letters. And it's a two-way benefit when the students exchange letters with classes from far away.

Second-year Arcade Elementary 4th grade teacher Cailynn Call said her class is once again writing letters

to students in other states.

"Last year we wrote to a class in Arizona," Mrs Call said. "This year we are writing to a class in California."

Each time the class receives a packet of letters is a day of celebration, and they start working right away on the next exchange.



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GUIDANCE OFFICE HOSTS GUEST SPEAKERS

On Sept 29th the Pioneer High School Guidance Office welcomed Malory Kurtyko, who was our first Career Speaker this year. She discussed her career as a property manager and how her masters degree in economics and finance has helped her pursue her chosen career path. All high school students were encouraged to attend the career speaker series to help make more informed decisions relating to their futures after high school.

The next speaker, Ashley Bartz ('03) visited Oct. 19. Ms. Bartz is a local physician's assistant who was excited to share her perspective and first-hand knowledge of the medical field to interested students.

