



# PIONEER CONNECT

September 2021

PIONEER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, YORKSHIRE, NY

## AFTER A BUSY SUMMER FOR CAPITAL PROJECT, THINGS SETTLE DOWN A BIT

Pioneer's current capital improvement project continues but not quite "full speed ahead."

Summer 2021 saw extensive work at Pioneer High School on multiple fronts, including the physical education locker rooms, front foyer expansion, installation of a video screen on the auditorium stage, and roof replacement.

Delevan Elementary saw the next-greatest amount of work,

with replacement of carpeting in most classrooms with tile flooring.

This fall, work continues at the high school, particularly on second shift. Next year, Pioneer Middle School will see improvements in the library media center and home & careers classrooms.

The \$30 million capital project is slated to be largely complete by Fall 2022.



### NEW MAIN ENTRANCE PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL



*Architects Gordon Jones Associates shared this rendering of Pioneer High School's new look.*

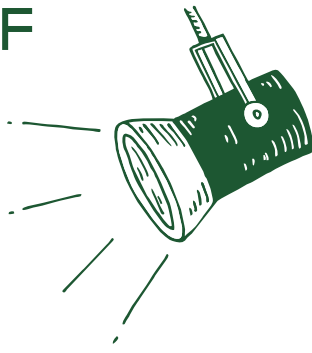


# BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS





# DELEVAN STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Delevan Elementary sends a 'thank you' to Mr. Brandon (Stearns) and Mr. Jesse (Scripp) for going above and beyond to make a connection with our students. The children look forward to being greeted every morning at arrival!



# 'MANNERS MATTER' NEW ELEMENTARY INITIATIVE

At Pioneer Elementary Schools, good manners are the focus in 2021-22

We are working on saying 'please' and 'thank you' and table manners. These small moments of kindness mean so much in the lives of our children.

This is part of our school-wide positive behavior initiative at Arcade and Delevan. We recognize the things students are doing well and reinforce those behaviors.

Each month we will have a different focus on the theme of manners. We will also continue with our Student of the Month program and many family events. We are excited to see the positive impact that this focus will have on our community.

Parents and care-givers are encouraged to help us support good manners!

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# WRIGLEY IS THE LATEST PANTHER IN TRAINING AT PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Over nearly 14 years, Pioneer Middle School has had a long succession of therapy dogs, from Lucy and Mike, to Brinley and Louie (to name but a few). And now, the next generation is getting a start.

Wrigley (or Riggs for short) has started visiting the middle school to meet everyone. His handlers say his mother is a therapy dog in Winter Garden, FL, and his father is a champion show dog in Spain.



*Wrigley is the latest in a long line of quality therapy dogs at Pioneer Middle School.*

Students were eligible to enter a naming contest at the counseling center. On Sept. 21, all the top 10 names were tossed on the ground, and he chose the slip with Wrigley at random.

Therapy dogs have played a key role at school, especially since the pandemic began in spring 2020. Dogs have been shown to reduce stress, anxiety and blood pressure. The dogs are also used as incentive for students with attendance or behavioral problems.

# FREE PARENTING CLASSES AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

Cattaraugus-Allegany Regional Parent Education & Support announces free parenting classes this fall and winter via Zoom. This year has presented a number of challenges for parents and caregivers. This series was designed to provide a safe and supportive network for everyone.

Join other parents within the region to connect, learn and support one another. All sessions will follow a similar format and structure.

Sessions will be hosted monthly, via Zoom. The beginning of the session (15 minutes) will allow for connection & support. The rest of the session will be focused on education and new learning (40 minutes). Finally, the closing of the session will be designated to sharing resources and Q&A.

The following are the topics, dates and descriptions:

## **Social Emotional Learning (SEL) for Parents & Caregivers - October 26, 2021 6-7 PM**

This session will provide an overview on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and the five SEL competencies. Parents and caregivers will explore the importance of SEL within their child's education, as well as in the home. Join us to learn some specific SEL strategies and resources that can support students and their wellbeing.

- Join us on zoom at:  
<https://caboces-org.zoom.us/j/96299601336>
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## **Resilient Families - November 30, 2021 6-7 PM**

This session will provide parents and caregivers with a basic understanding of trauma & the brain, and how both impact development and learning. In addition, we will learn about 'protective factors' and how specific strategies can help to build resilience in your child(ren).

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## **Practicing Wellness: Self-Care for Caregivers - December 14, 2021 6-7 PM**

Parenting is hard work, especially so during a pandemic! It is essential that parents and caregivers have the tools they need to maintain wellness through self-care and stress management. Parents & caregivers will connect with one another and learn simple steps that can improve physical, mental & emotional wellbeing.

- Join us on zoom at:  
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## **Interested? Curious?**

Please reach out to Katie Mendell, Community Schools Resource Coordinator, with any questions.

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# Homecoming 2021

*All the Deets*

Pioneer School District will hold Spirit Week October 12-16, culminating with the Homecoming varsity football game on Friday, Oct. 15 vs. Lake Shore (7:00 p.m.).

- Pioneer High School is planning a Homecoming dance for students on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., outside as a semi-formal. Students are reminded to please dress accordingly with the weather and location in mind.

Tickets to the dance will be \$10, and students cannot be failing more than one class. Tickets will be sold for two weeks prior to the dance. Those who want to bring someone from another district will have to fill out a guest pass in the office prior to the dance

- There will be fireworks following the Homecoming game at Memorial Stadium.
- Pioneer Athletic Department will recognize its latest inductee(s) Joelle Connelly, Kathleen Connelly Thomas and Aaron Meyers into the Athletics Wall of Fame during the Homecoming game.
- Along with football, the following teams have home games scheduled during spirit week:
  - Monday, Oct. 11** – Varsity and JV Volleyball at 5:00 & 6:30 p.m.;
  - Tuesday Oct. 12** (all 5pm) – Modified Volleyball, Girls JV & Varsity Soccer, Cross Country;
  - Wednesday, Oct. 13** – Modified Football at 5:00 p.m.; Modified Field Hockey at 5:00 p.m.; Varsity and JV Volleyball at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.;
  - Thursday, Oct. 14** – Varsity Field Hockey at 5:00 p.m.;
  - Friday, Oct. 15** (all 5:00 p.m.) – Modified Field Hockey; JV Girls Soccer.



# CUB HOUSE

The start of the 2021-22 school year marked the debut of Cub House, the before and after school program at Delevan and Arcade elementary schools, formerly Latchkey.

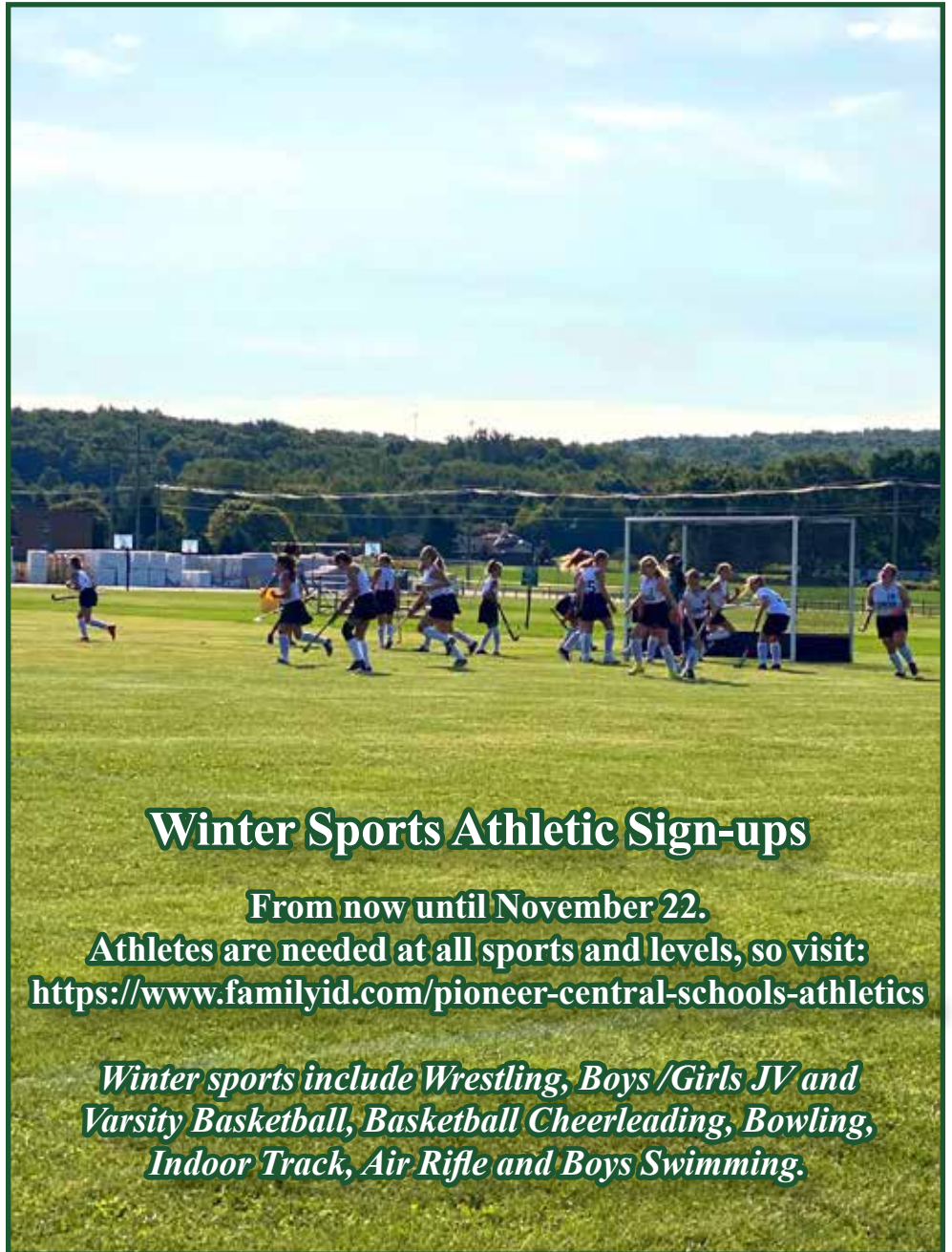
Cub House has expanded staff as well as more engaging enrichment experiences for students, according to officials.

Check out the photos to see what kind of early activities have been taking place in Cub House!





# MODIFIED FIELD HOCKEY



## Winter Sports Athletic Sign-ups

From now until November 22.

Athletes are needed at all sports and levels, so visit:  
<https://www.familyid.com/pioneer-central-schools-athletics>

*Winter sports include Wrestling, Boys /Girls JV and Varsity Basketball, Basketball Cheerleading, Bowling, Indoor Track, Air Rifle and Boys Swimming.*

# WORLD LANGUAGE NEWS

## ¡Bienvenido! Bienvenue!

**Welcome (back)  
Spanish and French students!**

Pioneer's World Language teachers have spent a lot of time throughout the summer getting ready to make this another great year. Don't forget to check Microsoft Teams for useful information and helpful resources to facilitate your

language studies!

The high school and middle school are already celebrating National Hispanic Heritage month, and students will have the opportunity to participate in various cultural activities.

At Pioneer Middle School, the World Language Club will be meeting once a month to celebrate diversity around the world. We hope to foster the notions of acceptance and harmony throughout the

entire Pioneer School District. This year, there will be a limited number of students who can sign up due to social distancing requirements.

Keep your eyes and ears open – we will have more fun events throughout the year.

**Gracias  
Merci**

# MUSIC DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE

The Pioneer Music Department is planning a return to performances for 2021-22. The following dates are tentative and subject to change. Any cancellations or postponements will be announced on our website and social media.



November 9	High School Bands 7:00 PM
November 18	7/8 Band and Orchestra 7:00 PM
December 1	High School Orchestra 7:00 PM
December 2	High School Choirs 7:00 PM
December 8	Arcade Chorus 6:30 PM
December 13	Middle School Choirs at High School 7:00 PM
December 15	Delevan Elementary Chorus 6:30 PM
December 16	6 <sup>th</sup> grade band and Orchestra 7:00 PM
January 13	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Band and Orchestra 7:00 PM
February 16	7/8 Orchestra 7:00 PM
February 17	7/8 Band and High School Band 7:00 PM
March 10	High School Musical 7:00 PM
March 11	High School Musical 7:00 PM
March 12	High School Musical 2:00 PM
March 16	7/8 Orchestra 7:00 PM
March 17	High School Choirs 7:00 PM
April 26	Middle School Choirs at Delevan Aud. 7:00 PM
May 4	Delevan Elementary Chorus 6:30 PM
May 11	Arcade Chorus 6:30 PM
May 19	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Band 7:00 PM
May 24	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Orchestra 7:00 PM
May 25	High School Concert Band and Select Choir 7:00 PM
June 1	High School Wind Ensemble, Chorus, Orchestra 7:00 PM
June 2	7/8 Band 7:00 PM



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## A BANNER YEAR

New banners are greeting people at Pioneer High School. Custodian Bill Smith displays one of the designs before mounting it high on a light pole. Go Panthers!



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