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# PIONEER *Connect*



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# Herrick is Student Rep to Board of Education



**Danielle Herrick** is the 10th student representative to serve on the Pioneer Board of Education.

Danielle, a senior, succeeds Kelsey Matuszak, who served in that role during the 2018-2019 school year. Miss Herrick was approved at the regular meeting of the board on September 3. Danielle is the daughter of Louise and William Herrick of Bliss.

The student representative position was created in 2009-2010. Students earn a half-credit for their time on the Board of Education. They can also use the experience as an example of community service on college applications and their resume.

Student representatives are nominated by faculty, and their applications are reviewed by administrators. They are required to attend one board meeting a month during their tenure. They are also asked to give a report at each meeting they attend, and present a final report at year's end.

Miss Herrick said, "I feel I am very qualified to hold this position because I have a lot of experience with formal meetings, and some with board meetings as well. I am also

a member of the Pioneer FFA Parliamentary Procedures team, so I have a very good understanding of the way a meeting should be run and how to properly conduct business."

Danielle has been a Wyoming County Dairy Princess, is secretary of National Honor Society, is president of Pioneer FFA, is a member of the soccer and softball teams, and is one of the top academic performers in the Class of 2021. She is also treasurer of Pioneer's student government.

Danielle said she plans to attend college to become an agricultural lawyer.

On her appointment to the board, Danielle said "I believe I would bring a unique perspective, because I am very active within the school and I associate with many different groups of students. I also think that my extracurricular knowledge would be a good asset to the board because it has made me well-rounded and more personable. I have also had the opportunity to make a lot of connections that could be beneficial to the board, as well as the school."

## CAPITAL PROJECT 2019: An Update

Summer 2019 was a key time for progress in the Pioneer Central School District's current capital improvement project.

The \$10 million project was approved by voters in July 2018. Work began shortly before the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Director of Buildings and Grounds Nicholas Titus provided the following update on what's been done and what's yet to come:

### ***Delevan Elementary***

- The drop-off circle has been completely rebuilt along with the parking lot in front. The sidewalks have been replaced and snowmelt tubing was installed in the sidewalks from the drop-off circle close to the playground stretching all the way around to School Street. The new parking lot configuration in front of the school created an additional 20 parking spots. Drainage has been added and improved from the drop off circle as well as the parking lot.

- Drainage has been added to the playground area.



**Delevan Elementary's parking lot and sidewalks received major upgrades this past summer.**

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## Capital Project -- From Page 2

■ The bus lane sidewalks have been rebuilt with snowmelt tubing stretching from School Street to the loading dock. They also patched the asphalt along Olmstead Ave. in the bus lane.

■ The loading dock has been updated. There is a new concrete slab as well as a new ceiling in place. The contractor also fixed the brick on the pillar at the dock and the bricks around the dock.

■ The mechanical contractor continues to work in Delevan replacing the burners and controllers on the boilers and tying in the snowmelt system.

### Arcade Elementary

■ The heat pump loop for the heating and cooling system has been overhauled to make the heating and cooling process more efficient. The work was very involved and required removal of ceilings throughout the building to get to the piping. Most of the classrooms were impacted.

■ The mechanical contractors are continuing to work on the heating components of the system including adding an additional boiler. They are also working to tie in the existing snow melt system that runs through the sidewalks at the bus lane in Arcade.

■ Numerous plumbing upgrades have taken place.

### Pioneer Middle School

■ The contractors have built the Music Suite practice rooms. They have also reconfigured a classroom and office space in the E-wing to accommodate the upgraded Music Suite.

■ A set of boys and girls bathrooms were eliminated as part of the project. The faculty bathrooms in the E-wing are now student bathrooms, and new faculty bathrooms are under construction.

■ The contractors are erecting steel and will continue to work on the Music Suite constructing the walls, floors and an additional practice space. The target completion date is late October.

■ The Middle School kitchen has seen an upgrade as well. The area has been reconfigured to fit a new freezer, as well as a new cooler.

### Pioneer High School

■ The temperature controls contractor is currently working to replace

the building control system. The control system replacement will continue throughout the school year.

■ The serving area in the cafeteria will be updated this fall during one of the breaks.

■ Parking lot patch work and catch basin replacement has been done at both the High School and Middle School.



The new Middle School music suite is targeted for a late October reopening.

### Fireworks Again Planned For Homecoming

On Friday, October 11, Pioneer High School will host the Homecoming football game at the Memorial Stadium. Following the game, there will be a fireworks display. Due to the close proximity of homes near the high school, the district is making our neighbors aware of the fireworks forecast for the night of October 11.

# High School Building Turns 50

The building that symbolized the merger that created Pioneer School District opened 50 years ago this fall.

Pioneer Junior-Senior High School threw its doors open to over 1,600 students in September 1969. The decision to construct a junior-senior high school was one of many hurdles the new Pioneer school board faced following the merger of the former Arcade and Delevan-Machias school districts in 1966.

The \$4.6 million building was the first such facility for a reorganized school district in New York State.

Things did not go smoothly when the high school opened. Support staff members had to work out of boxes and had bare bones furnishings, if any at all. Students had to bring their lunches until the cafeteria was ready, and several classes were held in hallways until classrooms were completed.

For seventh-graders and seniors alike, entering this school was a whole new experience. The Class of 1970 in particular faced the challenge of turning two junior classes into one senior class, and to ease the transition, the class had two sets of officers and advisors.

As for those finding their way, specially trained student guides helped keep things moving in the school, which for newcomers even today can be hard to navigate.

Sports teams, musical ensembles and clubs from the two buildings had to be merged into one, and two faculties had to work as one. The first year was certainly not without its difficulties, but they were offset by the spacious classrooms, the large auditorium and gymnasium, and a swimming pool. Even the pool caused a controversy just before school opened, when it was announced that boys in physical ed classes would swim in the nude. That proposal was soon modified.

A dedication of the junior-senior high school was held in April 1970. The school stopped being a junior-senior high with the construction of Pioneer Middle School a few years later.

**IN PHOTOS - Scenes from the opening of the Pioneer Junior-Senior High School in September 1969 show students moving boxes, a library without shelves or books, and classes that met in the hallway.**



## 'Elements of Music' Theme of 2019 Field Band Show



The love of music has inspired the 2019 Pioneer Marching Panthers field show.

"Elements of Music" is the theme of the show, which saw its first run on September 7 at West Seneca East's "Music in Motion" competition (*see photo ABOVE*).

The band director is April Woolley, assisted by Jared Burch. The color guard is headed up by Carolyn Kosinski. This year's drum majors are Cora Blackwell and Anthony Bostwick.

The Marching Panthers have been polishing up their show since the summer. They finished second out of four teams at West Seneca, with several more opportunities to improve on that showing in the coming weeks.

The group also attended marching band competitions at Jamestown and Medina. They will be at Lancaster (Sept. 28). And after Pioneer homecoming (Oct. 11), they appear at Orchard Park (Oct. 19) before the state Field Band Conference in Syracuse closes the season on Oct. 27.

The Marching Band said farewell to 16 seniors last year. However, many new members have joined the ranks, with the color guard up to 21. Total membership among the middle and high school students is 55.

"Elements of Music" highlights a variety of textures and emotions. It features a rich weave of basic musical elements in an attainable, compelling work. There are various solo moments and a rousing rocking closer.

So far in 2019, the Pioneer Marching Band has two second place finishes and a first place to show for their efforts.

**Other credits:** *Visual Design* - Aarron Hines; *Percussion* - Zach Wiedemann; *Assistant Color Guard* - Caitlin Kennerly and Jessica Dowling; and *Music* - Bradley Meholick.

## Center for Positive Solutions Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The 2019-20 school year is the 10th anniversary of the Center for Positive Solutions, a resource for families in the Pioneer Central School District. The partnership between families and the district promotes positive change by supporting and mobilizing family strengths.

The Center is staffed by Licensed Master Social Worker Kay Kilburn, and Licensed Clinical Social Worker Sheri Bell-Beyer. In addition to holding social work licenses through the New York State Office of Professions, Mrs. Kilburn and Mrs. Bell-Beyer are both state-certified school social workers. The pair have worked in the mental health field with families and children, and have over 45 years of combined experience.

While the Center for Positive Solutions is a school-based program, confidentiality is maintained by the therapists for all families who participate in the program. Information about any family being seen at the Center is not released to others -- including the school -- without the family's consent. This provides the family a safe therapeutic environment to

discuss and work on any issues that need to be addressed.

The office for the center is based at Pioneer High School; however, ALL district families are eligible for the center's free services, which are by appointment. Evening hours are also available.

**The Center for Positive Solutions can assist families in a number of ways:**

- Providing short-term counseling for individuals, couples and families
- Linking families with resources in the community
- Focusing families on common goals by identifying strengths and resources that families already possess
- Encouraging and supporting parents' involvement in their children's education
- Offering parent education groups

The therapists provide family counseling three days a week -- Thursday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mondays from noon to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays from noon to 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Kilburn has been working with students and families at Pioneer since 1999. She said, "We try to get families in to see us as soon as possible, but sometimes there could be a two- or three-week wait for an appointment."

The Center for Positive Solutions stresses a team approach to finding solutions to the challenges faced by families and children. *To contact the Center, please call 716-492-9485.*

### School Closed on . . .

Oct. 14 - Columbus Day

Nov. 8 - Half Day at Elementary School

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

Nov. 26 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov. 27-29 - Thanksgiving Recess

Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 - Winter Recess

Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

# Pioneer FFA members kept busy over the summer months!

By Karlie Putt, Pioneer FFA Reporter

During the seemingly short summer months, Pioneer FFA members participated in a number of agricultural events to broaden their experience as FFA members and young adults.

Nineteen Pioneer students attended Camp Oswegatchie; many were returning campers. However, we welcomed many students who would be experiencing their first year at the educational center. While students enjoyed all activities during their short time at Oswegatchie, some favorites included horseback riding, hiking, playing gaga, and even arts and crafts.

Another one of many important events was Empire Farm Days, where FFA members competed in a variety of career development events (CDEs). In tractor driving, Trevor Hulton placed second for the senior event and Aaron Fisher placed first for the junior event. Great job, boys!

In the welding event, the Pioneer team placed second overall. Individually, Patrick Fontaine placed second and Kaleb Keith placed fifth. Job well done!

A number of teams also competed at the New York State Fair. The Agronomy team placed second overall. Individually, Grace Heppner placed second, Aaron Fisher placed third, and Kamrin Owens placed fifth. Exceptional!

The Diesel Troubleshoot team placed first as a team. Individually, Kaleb Keith placed first and Caleb Morales second.

The Electricity team placed second and third, respectively. Individually, Kaleb Keith was second, Abby Heitzman was fifth, Caleb Morales was sixth, and Janette Grizer was seventh.

The Poultry team placed sixth. The Meat Identification team placed fifth, and Karlie Putt placed fourth individually.

All members displayed a tremendous amount of hard work in their events. Congratulations, FFA members!

FFA members also participated in the Wyoming County Fair. The chapter officers dedicated time and effort into a fair booth that took top honors. Hard work pays off again!

The annual chicken barbeque and tractor pull held at Strawberry Fields gave Pioneer the perfect opportunity to sell raffle tickets for our Ford 8N pink tractor. Proceeds will be donated to breast cancer research. Tickets



Shown with some of their awards from the State Fair are FFA members Abby Heitzman, Kaleb Keith, Janette Grizer, and Caleb Morales, along with state FFA officer Emily Carey.

were also sold at the steam show by attending members. We plan on raffling off the tractor on Friday, October 25th.

It's been a great summer for all FFA members, and we can't wait to see what the future holds in store for us!



Pioneer FFA is once again having its weekly New York State Farmer's Market behind Pioneer High School. Each Friday, 2:30-4:30 p.m., FFA will have a variety of fall harvest items along with jams, jellies, syrup, New York potato chips and autumn decor.

# Tech-free Lunch Periods get a Trial Run at Middle School

Lunch was just like any other day on one recent Tuesday at Pioneer Middle School: Students enjoying healthy meals, visiting with their classmates, and having positive interactions with staff. The one thing missing was technology -- the ubiquitous personal devices like phones and tablets that students are not allowed to have in classrooms.

Principal Melissa Prorok said the school is experimenting with Tech-Free Tuesdays and Thursdays, during which students and staff are asked to leave all electronic devices out of the cafetorium in order to encourage face-to-face conversations with friends.

Tuesdays are referred to Teacher Tuesdays, and Thursdays are Conversation Thursdays. According to Ms. Prorok, there is increasing evidence which shows student over-attachment to technology can be detrimental to social skills and mental health.

Cell phones and technology have been allowed at middle school lunches for several years, but in an effort to teach students how to socialize better with each other, the school initiated this new program. Teachers stop in to converse with students, play a game with them or eat their lunch.



On Thursdays, conversation talking points are posted on the projector and students talk about them.

On a recent Thursday, the conversation starters were “Would you rather have it rain

nails or bowling balls? Why?” Also, “What is something that made you laugh recently?”

So far tech-free Tuesdays and Thursdays are off to a great start.

## Pay for Student Meals Online with MySchoolBucks

Pioneer School District is excited to offer **MySchoolBucks**. This online payment service provides a quick and easy way to add money to your student's meal account using a credit/debit card or electronic check.

You can also view recent purchases, check balances, and set-up low balance alerts for **FREE**.

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■ **Control** - Set low balance alerts, view account activity, recurring/automatic payments and more!

■ **Flexibility** - Make payments using credit/debit cards and electronic checks.

■ **Security** - **MySchoolBucks** adheres to the highest security standards, including PCI and CISP.

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1. Go to [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com) web-site link and register for a free account.

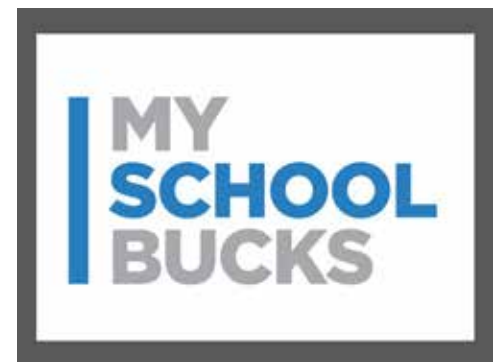
2. You will receive a confirmation email with a link to activate your account.

3. Add your students using their school name and student ID.

### **Things to know:**

■ If you have more than one child in the District you can handle all online prepayments from the same online account.

■ In order to use the online prepayment service, a small convenience fee for each transaction will be assessed to cover the bank fees. The convenience fee is \$2.49 per deposit transaction. Parents placing money into multiple meal accounts will only be assessed the \$2.49 fee once per deposit transaction. Pioneer Food Service does not profit from this transaction. Please Note: Each transaction total cannot exceed \$120. If you wish to make a payment of more than \$120, the total must be split into multiple transactions.



If you have any questions, please contact **MySchoolBucks** directly at:

[parentsupport@myschoolbucks.com](mailto:parentsupport@myschoolbucks.com)

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We are confident **MySchoolBucks** will benefit you, your child and our District.

If you have any questions about this new service, please feel free to contact the Food Service Department at 716-492-9347.

# Pioneer Launches New Website, App

Pioneer Central School is launching a new mobile app that helps students, parents, and community members know what is happening on campus, right from their phones.

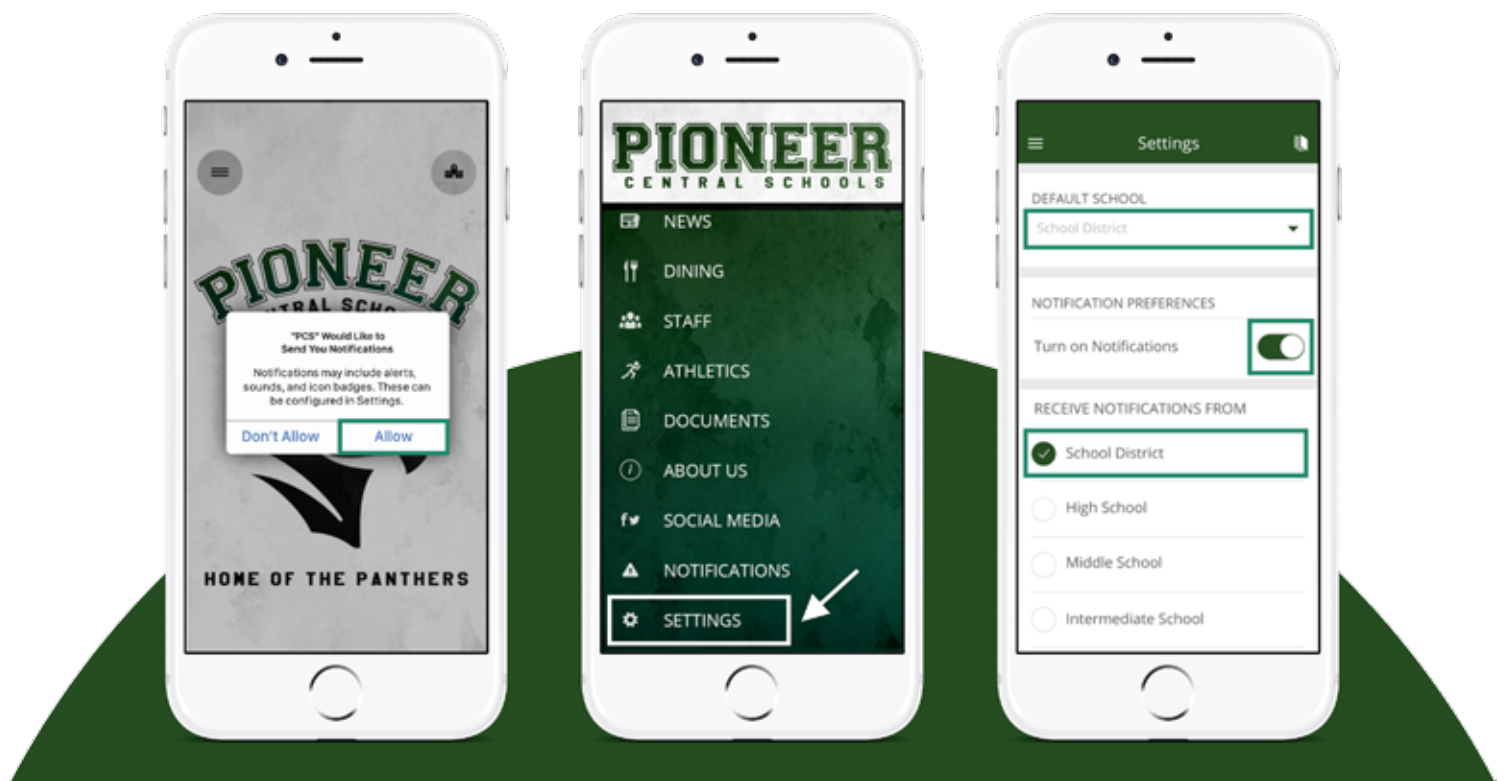
“We know that families are using smartphones as a primary means to communicate,” said Superintendent Benjamin Halsey. “That’s why we’ve created an app that is custom-built for mobile.”

On the app, available for iPhone and Android, you can find cafeteria menus, sports menus, contact information for staff, and event information. You can download the app for free.

In addition, the new website at <https://pioneerschools.org> has many new features while retaining a lot of material from the old site. Check out the new Pioneer app. It’s everything Pioneer, in your pocket.

## Follow these steps when downloading the mobile app:

1. Search '**Pioneer Central Schools, NY**' in your phone's app store and download the app
2. Select '**ALLOW**' when prompted on initial download to ensure you receive notifications
3. Open the PCS app, and navigate to the left-side menu for '**SETTINGS**'
4. Ensure your settings are turned on and your school is selected



## World Language News

*Bienvenue!*

Welcome (back) Spanish and French students! Your language teachers have spent a lot of time throughout the summer getting ready to make this another great year. Once your teachers' websites are up and running again, there will be plenty of useful information and helpful resources to facilitate your language studies!

The high school and middle school are celebrating National Hispanic Heritage month

this September and all students will have the opportunity to participate in various cultural activities.

At Pioneer Middle School, the World Language Club will be celebrating Peace Day on Monday, September 23, by gathering around the Peace Pole located outside of the main entrance. A special thank you to Mrs. Kristi Bockhahn for freshening up our Peace Pole! We hope to foster the notions of acceptance and harmony throughout the entire



Pioneer School District. The international Day of Peace is set for September 20, 2019.

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

*Gracias*

*Merci*



## Bucket-Filling Back as Part of Character Ed

Pioneer Central School at Delevan Elementary will once again encourage students to be bucket-fillers in 2019-2020. As part of Delevan's PBIS (Positive Behaviors, Interventions and Supports) program and character education, the school's kindness initiative will draw from lessons found in the book, "Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids" by Carol McCloud.

Through this book, students learn everyone in the world has an invisible bucket which holds all their good thoughts and feelings. When you do something kind for someone, you fill their bucket and yours gets filled up too. When you do something hurtful or unkind, you "dip" into someone else's bucket, but you can't take those good feelings for yourself.

"In the last three years, we have learned that filling buckets is easy, doesn't take much time, doesn't cost any money, and feels good. Also that kindness is contagious," said Delevan Principal Tiffany Giannichi.



Parents can play a big role by urging bucket-filling at home, modeling efforts by the school. It is easy to do—just start your own bucket to fill.

For more information on the book and related products, visit [www.bucketfillers101.com](http://www.bucketfillers101.com).



## Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Each September, the Second Grade Team at Arcade Elementary organizes and hosts Grandparents/Special Friends Day. So on Friday, September 13, we welcomed grandparents and special friends from the community into our school to spend time with our children. The visitors engaged in a variety of activities and learned about what goes on here at Pioneer at Arcade Elementary. This is one of our very favorite events of the year.

*Thanks, grandparents and special friends for coming!*

## K-4 Snackpak Program Returns for Second Year

In collaboration with community partners, Arcade and Delevan Elementary Schools are continuing the Snackpaks for Kids Program this school year.

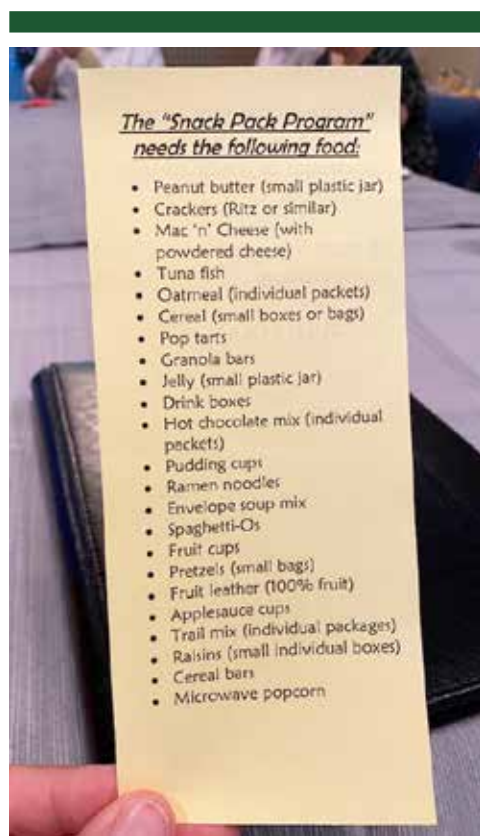
Many children who receive no-charge school meals are left without adequate nutrition on weekends & holiday breaks. Our program is designed to fill this gap by providing healthy, kid-friendly, and easy to prepare foods to children at risk of weekend hunger.

The hope in supplying food is not only to fill a hungry belly, but also to give children the focus to be ready to learn come Monday morning without the worry of hunger.

Contact your school for details.



Here's what a SnackPak might look like.



A list of items sought by the SnackPak program to sustain our students.



## Spreading Kindness at Delevan Elementary

"I will be the I in kInd!"

To help spread the message of being kind, each student in Mr. Jason Wilkie's third grade class was asked to write a paragraph explaining how they could be kind.

"Spreading kindness is the best way to make new friendships at the beginning of the school year!" Mr. Wilkie said. "It is so important for students this young to learn how to be kind to one another for a better future."

# 50 Years of Pioneer Field Hockey

A milestone in Pioneer High School sports -- and women's athletics in general -- occurred 50 years ago with the debut of the Panthers' field hockey team.

To mark the occasion, the field hockey program will host a special **Alumni Game** at the Memorial Stadium on **Saturday, October 12**, at noon, with all former players invited to take part. The Homecoming Weekend activity will be followed by a reception at the field.

For more information, visit 50 Years of PCS FH on Facebook.

Current Field Hockey Coach Jana Landahl is also a former team manager and player. She is in the final year of coaching (and teaching Health), having taken over 33 years ago. She is retiring later this school year.

Mrs. Landahl said the program has had its highs and lows over a half-century. She guided her 2003 team to the state's final four in Syracuse (still the highest team achievement for Pioneer athletics), and more recently coached the 2018 squad to a Section 6 title.

With a half-century under its belt, Pioneer field hockey has grown and matured, with the addition of a junior varsity level, as well as a modified team for grades 7-8.

"The players come to the varsity sport with much more experience than ever before. And we have our kids in off-season opportunities to improve their game," Mrs. Landahl said.

Valerie Relyea -- "the mother of Pioneer field hockey" according to Mrs. Landahl

-- was fresh out of college and starting a job teaching health at Pioneer in 1969. Although field hockey was not her primary sport, she saw the limited number of competitive sports for girls and decided to take action. Other early sports for PCS girls included cheerleading, synchronized swimming, and gymnastics.

Mrs. Relyea credited former athletic director Robert "Buzz" Chaddock for lending strong support. "He helped us get field hockey going as a club sport, then by 1971-72 we were playing games that counted in the league standings," she said.

From field hockey, the choices for women's sports grew dramatically in the mid 1970s, aided by the Title IX federal civil rights law (1972). Soon basketball emerged, followed by swimming, track & field, volleyball, and softball. Later, Pioneer girls played tennis, golf, air rifle, bowling, cross country, and indoor track.

Mrs. Relyea said she is looking forward to seeing her former players at the Alumni Game on October 12.



First Row: Cindy Montgomery, Diane Hope, Diane Felton, Wendy Richardson, Jackie Brueser, Sharon Raines, Marcia Tanner.  
Second Row: Michele Bernatz, Peggy Tanner, Randi Edwards, Helen Welles, Linda Wilkinson, Marge Meyer, Patty Smith, Linda Pettit, Mrs. Relyea.

**ABOVE - The 1970 Girls ECIC Field Hockey Team was one of Pioneer's earliest. Coach Valerie Relyea is shown at right in back row.**

**ON THE COVER - The 2003 PCS Field Hockey Team made it to the New York State Final Four in its class. Coach Jana Landahl is shown at center in middle row.**



## Wall of Fame Calls for Three Former PCS Athletes

Three new names will be enshrined on the Pioneer Athletics Wall of Fame this fall.

Three former Panther athletes will be inducted into the Pioneer Athletics Wall of Fame during Homecoming festivities on Oct. 11.

James Carmody ('89), Kelsey Landahl Levine ('05), and Randy Colling ('08) will make up the wall's Class of 2019.

**James Carmody** played football, basketball, and track & field at Pioneer. He attended Canisius College and was a volunteer coach at St. Mary's School for the Deaf, where he is now Athletic Director.

Mr. Carmody resides in the Pioneer School District with his wife Karen, and has coached his children in Arcade Area Youth Soccer. He currently coaches the Holland Fire (combined Holland/Pioneer) teen soccer team.

Mr. Carmody established the Pioneer record for longest punt return for a touchdown, and once intercepted three passes in a game. He was the 1988-89 winner of the Kenneth Kittleson Award for outstanding male athlete.

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## Wall of Fame -- From Page 10

**Kelsey Landahl Levine** was a field hockey and softball standout at Pioneer. She was an All-WNY and ECIC All-Star in field hockey, totaling 25 goals and 36 assists. She was a member of the state Scholar-Athlete team in 2002, and team MVP and captain for Pioneer's state Final Four field hockey team in 2003. She continued her playing career at Hobart & William Smith College.

Mrs. Levine participated in the Empire State Games from 2002-04, won the Section VI sportsmanship award for softball in 2005, and helped the Rochester Blizzards field hockey team advance to the National Pool title at the U.S. Field Hockey Festival.

Her coach (and mom) Jana Landahl said, "Kelsey's dedication to field hockey helped propel Pioneer into the modern game. She took the initiative to learn through camps and participate with the Rochester Blizzard, then shared that knowledge with teammates. In high school, she organized Special Olympics with the National Honor Society."

Mrs. Levine resides in Philadelphia.

**Randy Colling** excelled in football, wrestling and tennis as a Panther. As a wrestler, he finished sixth, second and third in his state tournament appearances. He was a three-time sectional wrestling champion. He was a two-time high school All-American in wrestling, a National Wrestling Finalist, and Pioneer's all-time leader in match winning percentage (112 wins, 5 losses).

In football, Mr. Colling was a first-round draft pick (sixth overall) of the Canadian Football League's Calgary Stampeders. He played for the Arena Football League's Cleveland Gladiators, including the Arena Bowl. Other football accolades included All-State and Division II All-American.

Inductees will be enshrined on the Athletics Wall of Fame at Pioneer High, and will be honored at the Homecoming Game on Friday, October 11.



Pioneer boys soccer players are shown bonding over a pregame meal.

## Having a Ball with Boys Soccer

The Pioneer Boys Varsity Soccer team has had a mixed bag of success so far this season.

Coach Sarah Lawson said, "We are currently five and four with wins over Cheektowaga twice, Mt. Morris, West Seneca East, and Olean. We have a very exciting season ahead."

She added, "We have two exchange students that joined the team: Inigo Castel-Ruiz of Spain and Lucas Soding da Siha of Brazil."

The Panther booters are returning four seniors and are hoping to make a deep playoff run. Seniors include Kaleb Phillips (goaltender), Colton Raiber, Derek Nieves and Karson Hurlburt.



**SUPER SOCCER SENIORS** (left to right) Kaleb Phillips, Colton Raiber, Derek Nieves and Karson Hurlburt.

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## Delevan PTA Seeks Parent Members

Delevan PTA is off to another great start in 2019-2020. PTA's mission is to make EVERY child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Delevan PTA is a group of volunteers that puts in many hours for students and families. It is work, but it is fun!

The PTA leadership team includes president Gina Gasper, treasurer Lisa Ebert and secretary Dawn Burch. This is the second year for these officers.

Delevan PTA has a new office a few doors down from the Tri-County Federal Credit Union, or across from the gym. Visitors are invited to stop by.

Monthly PTA meetings are held in the school's Faculty Room, and the next meeting is October 7 at 6:30 p.m. Key dates on the group's calendar include the annual Fall Fest (now Harvest Carnival on Nov. 15) and Holiday Gala (renamed Winter Wonderland on Dec. 6).

Annual PTA member dues are just \$5, and provide a wealth of benefits. Remaining dates for monthly PTA meetings are: 11/4, 12/2, 1/13, 2/3, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1.

Delevan PTA encourages your participation, keeping in mind the national PTA slogan: "Every Child, One Voice."



## HSA Helping Students Achieve in Arcade



Arcade Elementary School is once again inviting parents to join HSA (Helping Students Achieve). HSA is a parent-teacher organization that funds all of our field trips and extra activities for our children. If you are interested in joining us, we meet every second Tuesday of the month at 3:45 p.m. in the faculty room.

Interested parents are asked to bring their new ideas and an open mind. Children are also welcome. Come join a great group of people who work together to make school fun for kids.

**Upcoming HSA Events:** 10/8 - HSA Meeting at 3:45 p.m. in the Faculty Room; 10/24 - HSA-sponsored Fall Festival. Parent help is needed.