Happy Mother's Way to the mother's who: wake up early to pack lunches, wait patiently in carpool lines, work in the classrooms, volunteer at events, bring their energy to meetings, stay up late sewing for fundraisers. To the mother's who can't do any of those things because they are caring for parents or work multiple jobs. To the mothers who fall into bed each night with unfinished to do lists and sticky floors. To the mothers who started this school for a better education for their children, and all of yours. May you all feel celebrated, enough, and embraced by the strength and beauty of this community.

May brings flowers and Poetry!

7th grade

7th grade has been studying figurative language, rhyme, and repetition and how they help create meaning in poetry and other types of writing. Students began by sitting outdoors and just observing, writing down everything they saw, heard, felt, and smelled. Then, they turned three of their observations into figurative language (simile, metaphor, or personification). Finally, they used their examples of figurative language to write their own original nature poems. Enjoy!

"Nature" by Emory Land, 7th Grade

Everyone stared at their phones unnoticed by nature.

They stare blankly into the blue screens of technology like little statues in a museum. As the flowers sway with the wind as once buds now they become beautiful flowers and as once a steady breeze becomes a huge storm.

As the pinecones once grew on a tree until it's time to leave the home and as it falls to the ground with a tiny bump soon its home is a tiny stump.

And on this day with no date on a black street dusk but for the silver of the sun here and there a lonely little piece of grass trailing with the breeze of shadows.

While silently the trees sway and the kids play while the world secretly blooms.

"A Walk Through the Forest" by Corben Gammon, 7th Grade

The trees swaying in the wind were like people waving hello, on my walk through the forest. I saw an old stone wall on the path and I ran my hand against it and it felt like ice, On my walk through the forest. I heard birds chatting like happy children, On my walk through the forest. I saw flowers of all colors and shapes, And I saw the sun breaking through the treeline and With its blinding light of beauty that gives life to

A message from 9th grade:

this rock we call home.

We are the PSCS class of 2024, and we are here because of poetry. We are on a task to bring you our poetry and the poetry of others. We hope you have an entertaining time. Follow us on Instagram at @pscspoetry

"Nature Course" by Abby Krapish, 7th Grade

I see grass it's as green as the leaves on the trees I see flowers blooming on bushes as if it were a baby learning to grow into a mature adult. Nature takes its course as the trees sway Nature take your course let the birds chirp and calm people's minds.

I walk I explore seeing beautiful things. Forevermore I want to explore the forest, the trees as they sway to the birds' lovely song May I walk

Can I lay to stare at the clouds.

Nature take your course.

As I walk

As I talk about the beauty the forest holds.

So nature please take your course,

Let the leaves blow

Let the trees show the beauty of the forest.

So please nature take your course.

"My Time in Nature" by Anonymous 7th Grade Student

I see squirrels running around like horses in a race I feel the cold wind against my face I hear the pond singing me a song It's really beautiful, great, and calm I see trees, I see bushes When I touch the wet soil, it mushes I hear birds chirping away Nature is beautiful every day I see insects of all kinds The outdoors make me happy every time I see and hear roses, singing with the wind I'm sorry to say it but this is the end

> Open Office Hours Thursdays 10-11am www.pioneerzoom.com

What's coming up...

Ms. Bethany's Bday

Mr. Audie's Bday

10-14

K-2 turn in devices

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Ms. Kara's Bday

Board of Trustees Meeting 17-21

Grades 3-5 turn in devices

8th Grade Graduation

Ms. Margaret's Bday

Grades 6-9 turn in devices

5th Grade Graduation

Ms. Kat's Bday

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Last day of School

27-28

Pioneer HOME students turn in devices

See page 2 for testing schedule

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Mother's Day Garden Sale



The Homespun Market was a beautiful success in giving us an opportunity to bring people to campus, enjoy the connections and positive intentions of our staff, students and families and generating over \$3000 in funds! Thank you to everyone who came to support the market by shopping, volunteering and/or creating this amazing and much needed experience.

We had multiple requests to open up the orders for the incredible pastries we have been selling via the Pastry Lady. We will be sending a link to this order form plus the ordering deadline of Sunday, May 16th at noon along with details around the Homespun market opening for a limited time both Thursday and Friday mornings after

drop-off in an email early this week.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped and shopped at the Mother's Day Garden Sale! We have so much gratitude for the following people:

Our plants and supply donors:

Farrell Moose (Ms. Margaret's brother) of Dutch Buffalo Farms for giving us such a great discount, Dearness Gardens, Harris Teeter, Carolina Cones, Ace Hardware, Whole Foods, Janae Lowe, Neal Mc Lester

Creators and volunteers:

Susan Montague, Holly Kuzin, Emily Cunningham, Elka Martin, Stephanie Costas, Marc Brooks, Jesse Hale, Sarah Moore, Caitlyn Boyle, Anna and Naia Pierce, Shannon Arney, Harper Giles, TJ Giles

3rd grade entrepreneurs, Ms. Kara and Ms. Shelli



3rd Grade Entrepreneurs

3rd grade has been learning about entrepreneurship in a market economy. They created a business, Pioneer Sprinkles, and sold peace rocks and cats eyes at the Plant Sale.



Summer **Camp 2021** Register on our website Click here

End of Grade Testing Schedule Thursday, May 13th 3rd math, 4th reading, 5th reading Friday, May 14th 3rd reading, 4th math, 5th, math Monday, May 17th
6th reading, 7th math, 8th math;
Tuesday, May 18th 6th math, 7th and 8th reading Thursday, May 20th 8th science Friday, May 21st 5th science Monday, May 24th Makeup testing and RTA

Tuesday, May 25th

Math I EOC and makeups



Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week included food, a new fancy coffee/tea station and a whole lot of gratitude! Let's continue to show the love via Padlet- Leave a note, picture, or meme for your child's teacher to let them know that they are appreciated! https://padlet.com/pagee12/ pxiy9ncvzxot89d6

Congratulations to our RAFFLE WINNERS!

J Welch's world is about to get very clean as the winner of the the **Power Scour** package Marnee McLester will be hosting movie night with her Watch the Stars prize and Pioneer grandparent Katie Corbett can now be found on the lake with her new paddleboards!

End of Year Calendar Notes

The last day of the school calendar is Wednesday, May **26th**, and we will be on campus for aregular day.

As part of the effort to collect those materials and devices distributed at the start of the year, the following schedule will be utilized to collect items through each homeroom. Teachers will provide more specific information about collection in their upcoming newsletters.

- K-2 students will turn in school materials, including schoolowned devices and chargers, during the week of May 10-14th
- 3-5th grade students will turn in materials during the week of May 17th- 21st 6th-9th grade materials will be collected on May 24th

Pioneer HOME materials and devices as well as any other dropoffs will be scheduled on May 27th and 28th at the main office.