



Pioneer Union Elementary School District

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SEASON'S GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Pioneer Parents and community members,

On behalf of the District staff and the Pioneer Board of Trustees, I wish you all a very wonderful, safe and memorable holiday with your family and friends. I am pleased to share that all of our campuses participated in community service and hosted opportunities to share our good fortune with those that are in need this year. Some of the activities included; A coat drive at the Middle School; canned food drives; and several classes district wide participated in writing letters of support and collected decks of cards to send to our service men and women overseas. Thank you for your donations and support during these endeavors!

Please be safe this holiday season and Happy New Year! Don't forget that this year our holiday vacation is from December 21-January 8, 2010. See you all back on Monday, January 11, 2010!

Sincerely,

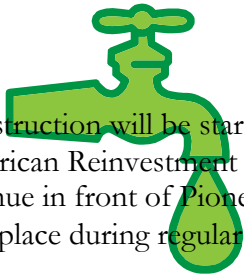
Diane J. Cox, Superintendent

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

The Board took action and voted to have Linda Wright continue to serve as Board President and Phil Perkins to also continue to serve as Clerk of the Board for the coming year. Our regular monthly meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. with second meetings as needed on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. We thank our Board of Trustees for their service for 2009 ☺!!

\$ CALIFORNIA BUDGET UPDATE \$

As of this publishing date, the only news to report is the bleak outlook for the next few years. The budget deficit for the State is expected to be as high as 21 billion for 2010-2011. We are anxiously awaiting the release of the Governor's budget for next year which is expected to come out in January. As well as awaiting the final word on mid year cuts and program allocations. We are keeping a tight rein on expenditures, watching the legislature very carefully, and being ultra conservative with our dollars to ensure our students and learning.



WATER WELL UPDATE

Construction will be starting up again, possibly before the end of 2009, as we have secured the funding through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act to continue! Soon you will see signage showing the project details on 14th Avenue in front of Pioneer Elementary School. Those that live near the project, please be assured that the work will take place during regular business hours—so no more midnight drilling to keep you awake at night ☺!

SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE

By now you have seen the structures set in the ground for our panels to be set upon—they are expected to complete the project by the end of December if all goes according to plan. This will mean that as soon as January/February we will start earning some solar credits towards our electricity bills. The panels are considered to be quite durable and as part of our agreement with the company; the replacement, maintenance and repair of them is taken care of by Conergy (the company we are in the project with).

Looking forward to an official Solar Ribbon Cutting ceremony in January of 2010!

NEW STAFF

Pioneer is pleased to welcome the following new employees: Rejeanna Clark, Latchkey Aide; Andrew Moore, Computer Technician; Rebecca Moore, Health Aide; Tricia Zenone, Instructional Aide.

FOGGY DAY HOTLINE

585-2450

Hanford Masonic Lodge No. 279

Cordially invites you to the Grand Lodge of California Free & Accepted Masons **Cornerstone Dedication Ceremony** for

Pioneer Elementary School
Frontier Elementary School
Pioneer Middle School

Date/Time: Friday, January 15, 2010 at 1:00 pm
Place: Pioneer Elementary School
8810 14th Avenue, Hanford, California



Light refreshments served immediately following Dedication Ceremony
Please **RSVP** to Debby Sorrick, District Office 585-2400 ext. 4100