

Dear Pioneer Families,

Welcome to a new school year!



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On behalf of the Pioneer Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA), our commitment this year is the same as ever, and that is to serve the students in whatever way is most beneficial to them. Through conversations we've had over the summer as a PTA Board, with school administrators, and with the incoming Pioneer Principal Mr. Thomas, our focus remains the same.

To be sure, what will benefit the students this year is going to look different than it has in previous years. As a PTA we've spent the summer re-envisioning the role we'll play in the lives of students AND parents. Given the somewhat solitary nature of distance learning, this school year the PTA will be focusing more effort in fostering relationships and connections. This will be not only for students, but for families as well.

As with any school year, this year there are new families to Pioneer. Those new families may be new to Davis or California altogether. School as an institution provides not only the opportunity for children to branch out and make new friends, but for parents as well. This year the PTA will be looking at ways to help. For example, by becoming an ambassador to a new Pioneer family. Sometimes a new family may need to know where to go for a pediatrician or where to get an oil change. Whatever it is, let's all be generous with our time and energy and help out when possible.

Last year the Pioneer PTA supported Pioneer Elementary School with not only volunteers, but over \$65,000 for teacher support and supplies, art instruction, math aide support, new books for the library, recess equipment, and other enrichment programs to benefit our students. Although the nature of instruction has changed this year, the schools need of financial support has not. **When the time comes for fundraising, please consider donating generously to the PTA. The money you give to the PTA benefits your students directly. In fact, when you join the PTA online (see the QR code below) there's an option to donate then. Please consider doing so.**

Given the unique challenges we'll be facing this year, being a member of the PTA is more important now than ever. Over the summer several parents have reached out asking how they can help, and the answer is simply to be involved. Participate in the conversation. What has become abundantly clear over the summer is that none of us know how this year is going to go and nobody has the right answer. However, through conversations and collaboration we're able to come together to form more and better ideas to serve our students.

So right now I'm talking to you. PLEASE reach over, grab your phone and scan the QR code at the bottom of this letter. It will take you to a website where you can register for the PTA. We all need each other now more than ever.

Sincerely,

Doug Sulenta
Pioneer PTA President

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