

# Pioneer Slate

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We almost have the first quarter of the school year complete. It is really moving along quickly. Next week we have parent-teacher conferences. These are relatively short though so if you need an extended conversation with a teacher, it might be a good idea to make arrangements to set something up with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) outside of that window. You should have received a message from your child(ren)'s teacher(s) via ClassTag to sign up for a time. Please note that the window to do so closes the morning of Wednesday, October 19.

### Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember:

Thursday, October 20 – In-service (no school for students) – Conferences from 1:00-4:30 & 5:00-8:00

Wednesday, October 26 – Picture Retake Day

Monday, October 31 – Halloween – Eco-Lab Trick or Treat Event (prepared by 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Mrs. Wiesner)

### Other Events:

October 25 – High School Choir Concert – 6:30 pm

November 20 – Arts and Crafts Fair



### Other Notes

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Conferences are from 1:00-4:30 and again from 5:00-8:00. There is a sign up that has been sent via ClassTag from your child(ren)'s teacher(s).



**Door County Trek to the North Pole:** Save the date – November 12. Join the Door Community Child Development Center on a journey filled with scenes and readings from the Polar Express. They will venture through the woods and end at the North Pole where you will meet and get a chance to take a picture with Santa! Follow this link to purchase tickets: <https://www.doorcocdc.org/events/door-county-trek-to-the-north-pole>



**Temperature:** Please be sure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather. It won't be long (unfortunately) and temperatures will be hovering around the freezing point. Students will need to have boots, gloves/mittens and eventually snow gear soon.



**Trick or Treat at the Eco Lab:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class along with Mrs. Wiesner (PE) is putting together an experience at the Eco Lab for all of our students. There is a flyer included with this edition of the SLATE. For Halloween, if your child plans to wear a costume, please have them wear it at the start of the day. Remember that any costume cannot include weapons, gore or masks.



**Bus Change Requests** – Just a reminder, if you plan to make a request to change the bus plan on a given day please do so before 12:00. There are several people that need to be notified – office, bus,

classroom teacher – and if we get the message prior to 12:00 we can make sure these people all receive notification. When it happens after that time it becomes more difficult to ensure that this happens and for this reason, we ask that you make those requests prior to 12:00. Please call the office.



**Doctor/Dentist Appointments:** When your child(ren) has a professional appointment, remember that if you provide the school with a note from that provider noting the date and time of the appointment, we can mark the absence as medically excused. Medically excused absences do not count toward the 10 days a parent can excuse a child per school year.



**Packer Gear Days:** If you want to mark your calendars, Packer Dress Up Days will be –Thursday, 11/17 and Monday, 12/19.



**Child Find:** Sevastopol School District will be hosting a developmental screening on Tuesday, November 15 from 8 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for children ages 3-21 living in our district and not currently enrolled in school. This is the first of two developmental screening dates planned. The second will be scheduled in March or April of 2023. The screening process takes approximately 1.5 hours, so we ask that you register in advance for an appointment by calling Sue Anschutz at (920) 743-6282 Ext. 1132.



**Sevastopol Apparel:** Just a reminder that there is an online store open 24/7 filled with Sevastopol gear. You can order and have it shipped directly to you. Just follow this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/3sbck8v5>



**Fire Prevention / Safety:** The Sturgeon Bay Fire Department presented Fire Safety to our students. A big thank you for coming to Sevastopol and sharing with our students ways to be safe around fire.

#### **Lice:**



It is that time of year when we typically see increased lice reports. Here are some facts about lice and some suggested pro-active steps that could be taken. For starters, it is recommended that you check your child(ren) regularly, regardless of getting a notice from the school of an occurrence. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) mentions that

“Head lice are spread most commonly by direct head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact. However, much less frequently they are spread by sharing clothing or belongings onto which lice have crawled or nits attached to shed hairs may have fallen. The risk of getting infested by a louse that has fallen onto a carpet or furniture is very small. Head lice survive less than 1–2 days if they fall off a person and cannot feed; nits cannot hatch and usually die within a week if they are not kept at the same temperature as that found close to the scalp.”

You may already be aware of this but the CDC outlines the following as steps that can be taken to help prevent and control the spread of head lice:

- Avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play and other activities at home, school, and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, slumber parties, camp).
- Do not share clothing such as hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, hair ribbons, or barrettes.
- Do not share combs, brushes, or towels. Disinfest combs and brushes used by an infested person by soaking them in hot water (at least 130°F) for 5–10 minutes.
- Do not lie on beds, couches, pillows, carpets, or stuffed animals that have recently been in contact with an infested person.

- Machine wash and dry clothing, bed linens, and other items that an infested person wore or used during the 2 days before treatment using the hot water (130°F) laundry cycle and the high heat drying cycle. Clothing and items that are not washable can be dry-cleaned OR sealed in a plastic bag and stored for 2 weeks.
- Vacuum the floor and furniture, particularly where the infested person sat or lay. However, spending much time and money on housecleaning activities is not necessary to avoid reinfestation by lice or nits that may have fallen off the head or crawled onto furniture or clothing.
- Do not use fumigant sprays or fogs; they are not necessary to control head lice and can be toxic if inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

Should your family have to address lice this link can lead you to some additional information and steps that can be taken: <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html> . If experiencing lice, once treated and addressed it is a good idea to try another round of treatment some days later to be sure the nits have also been addressed to prevent them from maturing and thus returning.

There are some additional steps you can take proactively. According to the Mayo Clinic these suggestions require more study however they have shown some signs that certain ingredients in over the counter (OTC) products may repel lice making it less likely to impact your child(ren):

- Rosemary
- Lemongrass
- Tea tree
- Citronella
- eucalyptus

Look for these ingredients in shampoos, lotions, and soaps. For example, use a shampoo with tea tree oil once per week.

Regardless of what is done to treat lice reactively or proactively an infestation can still occur. Hopefully, some of this information is new to you and can be useful. Should you need additional information please go to the following links:

<https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/index.html>

<https://www.healthline.com/health/lice/head-lice-prevention#good-habits>

**Lost and Found:** We have several items in the lost and found. This is a picture of the items, if any look familiar, please stop in the office and we will be happy to help you look at the table.



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TREAT EVENT AS MUCH OF A SUCCESS AS  
THE LAST TWO YEARS! ALL BAGS OF CANDY  
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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**-MS. BORTLE AND MRS. GROOTERS  
2ND GRADE CLASSES**