THE PIONEER PRESS

Week of November 2–6, 2026

NOVEMBER IS HERE, PIONEERS!

Pioneer Families,
HAPPY NOVEMBER! A new month means new opportunities to learn, grow, and celebrate all the amazing things happening at Mable Barron!
We are kicking off November with something VERY special — the official launch of our **ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK** reading adventure! This is something I have been looking forward to sharing with our entire Pioneer community, and I cannot wait to see our students, families, and staff come together through the power of reading! As we enter this new month, let's continue building on the momentum we have created together. From strong attendance to academic growth and family engagement, we have so much to look forward to!
ONE SCHOOL. ONE COMMUNITY. GROWING TOGETHER!

BIG NEWS! OUR ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK ADVENTURE BEGINS MONDAY!

One School. One Community. One Reading Adventure!
THE WAIT IS OVER, PIONEERS!
This Monday, November 2, we are officially launching our schoolwide **One School, One Book** reading campaign!
Our goal is simple: **Get every Pioneer reading, every family involved, and our entire school community growing together!**
Books will be going home with students on Monday, and we are inviting EVERY Pioneer family to embark on this exciting journey with us!

WHAT ARE WE READING?

TK–6th Grade: THE WORLD ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY by Betty G. Birney
Get ready to meet Humphrey, a curious and lovable classroom hamster who teaches us valuable lessons about friendship, kindness, problem-solving, and understanding others!
Middle School: HOLES by Louis Sachar
Join Stanley Yelnats on an unforgettable adventure filled with mystery, friendship, challenges, and unexpected discoveries!

WEEK 1 READING CHALLENGE — NOVEMBER 2–6

Our reading adventure officially begins this week!
Our challenge: Read for at least 15 minutes each day!
For our TK–6 families reading *The World According to Humphrey*, follow the Week 1 reading schedule available on our reading website.
Monday, November 2: Bring your book home, explore our website, and begin your reading adventure!
Tuesday, November 3 – Thursday, November 5: Continue following the Week 1 reading schedule. Read together, listen to our guest readers, and talk about the story!
Friday, November 6: Celebrate completing your first week of reading! Try one of our family activities or reading challenges!
Middle school families will follow their *Holes* reading schedule shared by the school.

WE HAVE A WHOLE WEBSITE JUST FOR YOU!

That's right, Pioneer Families! We have created a special **One School, One Book Reading Hub** to make sure EVERY family can participate in our reading adventure!
Our website includes:

- **Weekly Reading Schedules:** Know exactly what to read each week.
- **Listen Along:** Enjoy recorded readings from teachers, staff, and special guest readers!
- **Family Activities & Games:** Make reading exciting with fun challenges and activities.
- **Talk About It:** Use discussion questions to spark conversations about the story

VISIT OUR ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK READING HUB HERE:
Whether you are reading together before bedtime, listening to a chapter in the car, or discussing the story around the dinner table, there is a way for EVERY family to participate!

PIONEER FAMILIES, WE NEED YOU!

This is more than just reading a book. This is about building a culture where reading is celebrated, families are connected, and students develop a lifelong love of learning!
We are asking every family to commit to just **15 minutes of reading each day**.
Invite grandparents, siblings, and other family members to join the fun. Ask your Pioneer questions about the story. Share a laugh about something Humphrey did or discuss the challenges Stanley is facing.
Imagine hundreds of Pioneer families reading the same stories at the same time!
LET'S MAKE NOVEMBER A MONTH OF READING, CONNECTION, AND FUN!

NOVEMBER CHARACTER TRAIT — COURAGE!

A new month means a new character trait to celebrate!
Throughout November, our Pioneers will focus on **COURAGE!**
Courage isn't just about being brave when things are scary. It's about doing what is right, trying something new, standing up for others, and continuing to push forward even when things get difficult.

We encourage families to talk with their students about what courage looks like at school and at home.
This month's family challenge: Ask your Pioneer, "What is one way you can show courage this week?"
Whether it's raising their hand in class, trying a challenging assignment, making a new friend, or standing up for someone who needs support, every act of courage matters!
We look forward to recognizing our Courage Award recipients at our November Flag Salute Celebration!

ELA ASSESSMENT WINDOW OPENS NOVEMBER 2!

Pioneer Families, our next English Language Arts (ELA) assessment window opens **Monday, November 2!**
These assessments help our teachers understand how students are progressing in reading and language arts, celebrate their growth, and identify areas where additional support may be needed.
We want every Pioneer to feel confident and ready to SHOW WHAT THEY KNOW!
How can families help?

- Make sure your student arrives at school on time and ready to learn.
- Encourage a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.
- Remind your student to take their time, read carefully, and do their very best.
- Celebrate their effort, growth, and perseverance!

Our goal is not just to improve test scores but to build stronger, more confident readers!
PIONEERS, BELIEVE IN YOURSELVES AND GIVE IT YOUR BEST!

SHOW UP & GROW — WEEKLY ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

Our **SHOW UP & GROW** attendance campaign continues, and we are excited to celebrate another week of classrooms showing up and growing together!
A HUGE congratulations to last week's classroom attendance champions!
1st Place — Ms. Pineda
2nd Place — Ms. Allala
3rd Place — Ms. Ross
Congratulations to these classrooms for leading the way and demonstrating the importance of showing up every day!
Families, we appreciate your continued commitment to making attendance a priority. Every day matters, and every minute of instruction is another opportunity for our students to learn, grow, and

succeed!
Let's keep working toward our schoolwide goal of strong attendance for EVERY Pioneer!
Remember, our **95% Club and Perfect Attendance celebrations** continue each month, so keep showing up, Pioneers!
SHOW UP. GROW. CELEBRATE!

CAMPUS SAFETY — SLOW DOWN, PIONEERS!

As we begin a new month, please continue helping us keep our campus safe during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

- **SLOW DOWN** and watch carefully for students and pedestrians.
- **DO NOT STOP OR PARK IN RED ZONES.**
- Follow all posted traffic signs and directions.
- Be patient, courteous, and mindful of other families.

Our students' safety is everyone's responsibility. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe campus!

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Monday, November 2:** One School, One Book Official Launch — Books Go Home!
- **Monday, November 2:** ELA Assessment Window Opens
- **November 2–6:** Week 1 of Our Schoolwide Reading Adventure
- **Thursday, November 20:** ELAC Meeting, 8:45–9:45 a.m.
- **November:** Character Trait — COURAGE!
- **November:** Continue Our SHOW UP & GROW Attendance Campaign!

Stay connected through ParentSquare for additional announcements, reading activities, and upcoming school events!

A MESSAGE FROM DR. JONES — LET'S TURN THE PAGE TOGETHER!

Pioneer Families,
As we begin November, I want to challenge our entire Mable Barron community to do something special: Let's make reading a family affair!
One of our biggest priorities this school year is strengthening literacy and helping every Pioneer

become a confident, capable reader. We know that this work cannot happen at school alone. It takes all of us — teachers, students, families, and our entire community — working together. That is exactly why I am so excited about our One School, One Book initiative! I want our students to see their teachers reading, their families reading, and even their principal reading! I want conversations about books happening at dinner tables, in classrooms, and throughout our community. And most importantly, I want our students to discover that reading can be FUN!
You don't have to be a perfect reader to participate. You don't have to have all the answers. Just open the book, spend some time together, and enjoy the journey! As we focus on COURAGE this November, let's also encourage our students to take risks in their learning, embrace challenges, and believe in their ability to grow. Thank you for continuing to partner with us, support our students, and help us build something special at Mable Barron. Let's make November a month to remember, Pioneers!
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Dr. Leonard Jones
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