

Message from Mayor Missey - September 2023

The following is an excerpt from Mayor Missey's speech at Pioneer Path's Centennial Celebration:

Happy birthday Pioneer Path!

I was thrilled when Dr. Henkle asked me to speak at Pioneer Path's 100th birthday celebration. Honestly, though, I had a hard time collecting a lifetime of memories and deciding where to begin. So much of my childhood is wrapped up in this school, and this building in particular. Memories like the early days of "hot lunch," offered across the street in the Methodist Church basement. Memories of Norval Galloway's kind smile for the smallest of children. He was truly a dedicated and proven leader as superintendent of a growing school district. And we learned! Academics, surely, but about life, too. We learned what community means.

As with so many Channahon residents, I have my own memories of attending, and then of bringing my own children here, too. Pioneer Path has shaped so many generations of this community.

Channahon District 17 has always offered an excellent education. An exemplary group of dedicated educators offered education and information, guided us, challenged us, and prepared us for the world. This school district has been the common thread binding us all together through time, especially for those of us who are old enough to remember when Pioneer Path was the only school. I look back and realize how fortunate we were...how fortunate I am to have been offered the gift of a Channahon District 17 education. I'm proud to be a Channahon Indian!

It is my honor as Mayor to declare September 14, 2023 as Pioneer Path Day in the Village of Channahon. And I have one other little surprise: Congressman Jonathan Jackson, who represents Channahon in the United States Congress, graciously sent a resolution for me to present to District 17 in honor of Pioneer Path's 100th birthday.

So, Happy Birthday Pioneer Path! Cheers to the thousands of graduates who have walked these halls, and best wishes for great success as you continue to educate our future.

Best wishes,
Mayor Missey Moorman Schumacher