



## Pioneer Pleasant Vale School, Dist. 1-56

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Parents,

Pioneer Pleasant Vale Schools is aware of a social media hoax that originated on August 30 concerning a "Cat In The Hat" hoax. The Oklahoma Counter Terrorism Intelligence Center has been in contact with all Oklahoma districts to share important information about the hoax.

On 30 August 2026, OCTIC was informed of a nationwide hoax involving "The Cat in the Hat." This trend utilizes AI-generated images and videos, and may include lists of various communities, schools, and student names as text. OCTIC is currently unaware of any explicit threats to schools or communities but will continue to monitor."

The claim was a hoax, and neither the greater Enid area nor Pioneer Pleasant Vale Schools were included. We will monitor our school sites closely and inform students in grades 7-12 today that they are safe at school. We will also reiterate that if they ever see or hear of anything that doesn't sound right or look right to please notify a school employee as quickly as possible. Due to your support on past bond issues and the support of the legislature earmarking funds for school security, PPV has been able to invest heavily in our school campus security in the last three years. We are confident that your students are safe while at school.

Pleasant Vale Elementary and Pioneer Jr/Sr High School will continue to be on the lookout for any suspicious behavior. We prepare for events such as this through intruder drills and having a plan for whatever may arise. We also have very strong communication and relationships with the county, local, and state police departments.

Lastly, we are happy to announce that Pleasant Vale Elementary will be receiving a full-time School Resource Officer in the month of September. This is through an agreement between the Enid Police Department and Pioneer Pleasant Vale Schools. We are grateful for Chief Johns of the Enid PD and his commitment to making our schools safer.

Thank you for your time, and please reach out to us if any of you hear of any future threats to our school system. We are grateful for the community we live in and appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Brent Koontz  
Superintendent  
Pioneer Pleasant Vale Public Schools