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A PSCS NEWSLETTER

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THE SANDWICH SWAP: A CLASSROOM PICNIC AROUND THE WORLD

Our elementary **Sandwich Swap** brought families into classrooms to share favorite foods and the memories behind them. Thank you to every parent, grandparent, and caregiver who came to sit with students, explain recipes, and invite children to try something new. The conversations were just as important as the tasting. Students practiced asking thoughtful questions, noticing similarities across cultures, and showing respect when something was unfamiliar.

Many students also created impressive projects and presentations to teach others about their food's origins, traditions, and geography. The day beautifully highlighted our Social Studies learning standards as students connected culture, community, and history to real experiences they could see, hear, and taste.

Moments like this turn learning into something lived instead of assigned. The Sandwich Swap helps children understand that people are shaped by traditions, and that differences are something to explore, not avoid. We are grateful for the time and care our families gave to the day. Our school felt wonderfully connected because of you.







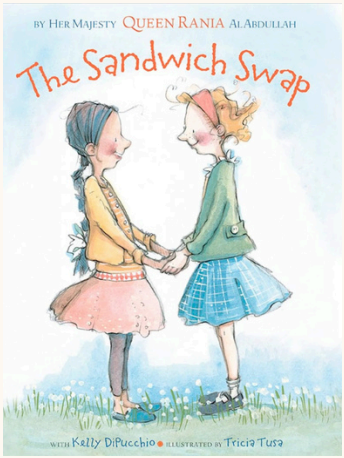






IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 25-27 Feb: 7th/8th grade camping trip
- 5-6 March: **School Photos**
- 13 March: 4th/5th grade day camp
- 20 March: 2nd/3rd grade day camp
- 27 March: Staff Workday - **NO SCHOOL** for students
- Fridays at 12pm: Director's Open Office Hours
- Sign up for before/after care
- Academic & Events Calendar



PIONEER SPRINGS COMPETES AT THE 2026 NC STATE ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

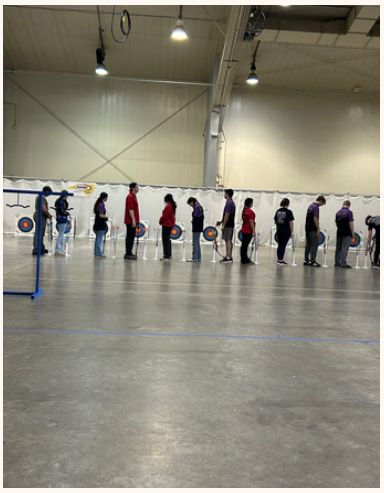
On Saturday, February 14th, five Pioneer Springs High School Students competed in the 2026 NC State Archery Tournament in Winston Salem. These students represented PSCS well at the tournament, which had 550 archers from across North Carolina. Sophia Lewis was the top shooter for PSCS scoring a 243 out of 300. Giving her NC High School rank of 52nd and ranking her 14th for 12th grade girls. Emma Atria left the tournament ranked 14th among 11th grade girls with a score of 224. Nate Silver shot a 235 giving him a 23rd ranking among 10th grade boys. Alex Tally's 215 and Eli Smith's 209 ranked them 31st and 34th among 9th grade boys. We are proud of all of you. Archery season will start again in the Fall. We are always looking for student archers to join the team!

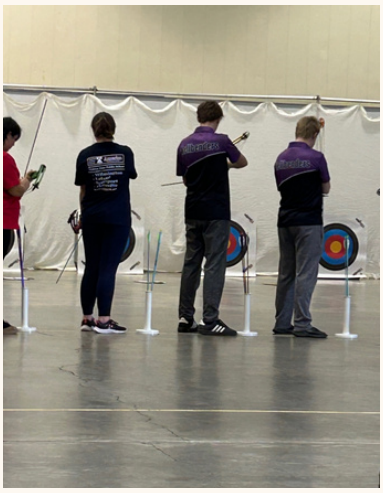












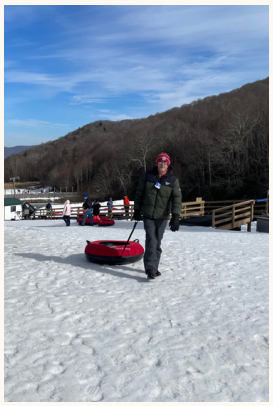
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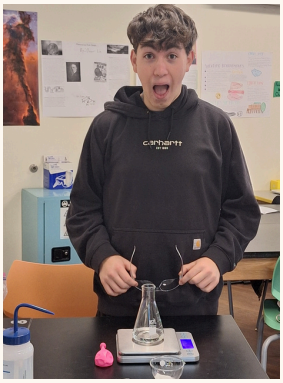


In 7th grade science, students dissected leaves, carrots, and celery to observe dermal, vascular, and ground tissue found in plants.

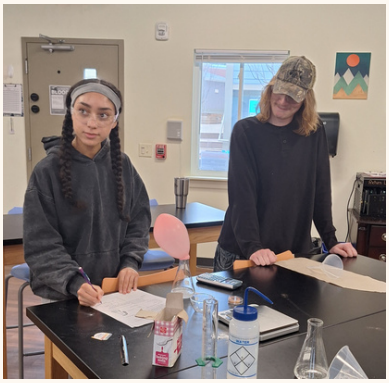




PreOneers participated in PSCS's Great Backyard Bird Count! Students searched for birds in different areas. They learnt how to find a quiet spot, use silence to listen for the birds first, then used binoculars to find them. The class had lots of fun and found some really cool birds!









After all the snow and remote days, Chemistry students finally got to do their first lab. Students investigated the Law of Conservation of Mass, the difference between physical and chemical changes and different types of evidence of a chemical reaction. Students used a tried and true reaction of baking soda and vinegar across an open and closed system, and determined if their results supported the Law of Conservation of Mass.