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A PSCS NEWSLETTER

ECOSCHOOLS U.S. 2025 NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

16 October 2026

HS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN DUAL ENROLLMENT WORKSHOP









Career and College Promise (CCP) is a state-funded program that lets high school students take community college courses for free while enrolled in high school. For students who plan to attend a four-year college, this saves time and money because they can transfer their credits. For students who plan to start a career immediately after high school, dual enrollment provides career pathway training that leads to industry-recognized certifications that prove they are job-ready.

From the initial planning, dual enrollment was intended as the cornerstone of the high school program at Pioneer Springs. We partnered with Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) in 2021, and since that time we've had seniors every year who have earned an associate degree by the time they graduated high school.

On October 2nd, CCP representative Kara Imani Moss was on campus with Pioneer staff members to assist thirty-two (32) high school students enroll in the program and register for classes. Students reported that they felt confidence after completing these tasks and excitement about the program. Currently 50% of our juniors and seniors are in the dual enrollment program, as compared to the overall North Carolina participation rate of 38%.

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 21 Oct: Kindergarten field trip
- 22 Oct: Staff workday - no school
- 23 Oct: Fall Break - no school
- 30 Oct: Blood drive, 9am-2pm
- 30 Oct: Fairy Tale Festival
- 10 Nov: 7th grade field trip
- 11 Nov: Veterans Day - no school
- 12 & 16 Nov: School Picture Days
- 24 Nov: 3rd grade field trip
- Academic & Events Calendar

We are currently looking for substitute teachers to help support our school when staff members are absent.

If you are interested in becoming a substitute, or if you know someone who may be interested, we would love to hear from you! This is a great opportunity to support our students and our school community.

Please reach out to Glenda Cheek, Director of Operations, at glendac@pioneersprings.org for more information or to express your interest.

✨ Fairy Tale Festival! ✨

Join us for a day of wonder, imagination, and celebration at Pioneer Springs' beloved Fairy Tale Festival, happening **Friday, October 30th, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm! Your student's schedule will come from your homeroom teacher in the weekly email.**

Fairy Tale Features this year:

WINGS Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boutique (spirit gear sale)
Dragon's Cove (Sustainable Business pop-up shop)
Paper Pie Book Sale



Looking for donations of pumpkins, mums, asters, and straw bales the week of the event!

📯 HEAR YE, HEAR YE! 📯 Brave volunteers are needed to bring the magic of the Fairy Tale Festival to life! Those ready to join the quest should email Margaret at margaretannem@pioneersprings.org to pledge their service!



Costumes: Start Planning Now!

Costumes are one of the most joyful parts of the Fairy Tale Festival! From simple paper creations to imaginative masterpieces, the magic is in the student-made touch.

For most classes, costume creation is homework and requires family involvement. This is the kind of meaningful homework we value at Pioneer Springs: learning that brings school and home together through creativity, conversation, and collaboration.

Costumes must be inspired by fairy tales, folk tales, myths, or legends and should be student-made whenever possible. Think cardboard, fabric scraps, paper crowns, repurposed clothing, and plenty of imagination!

Please avoid store-bought movie or comic characters.
Scary or gory costumes or designs will be asked to change.

Students may wear costumes to school, but pieces that make learning tricky can stay in backpacks until the parade.

Nothing sparkles quite like a student proudly wearing something they helped create! ✨



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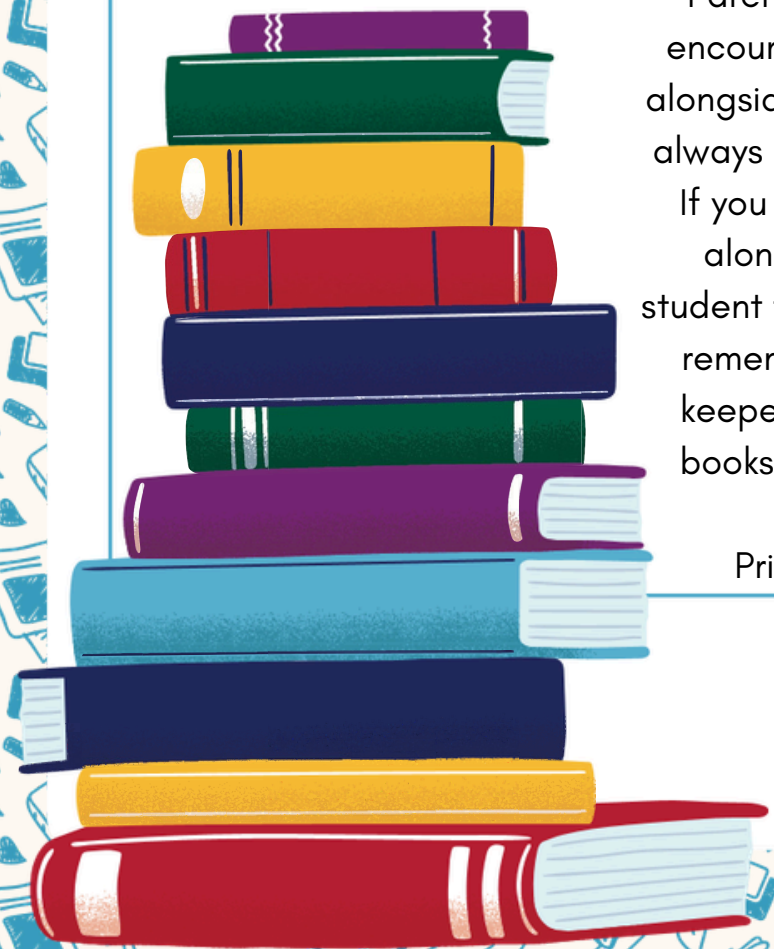
The PaperPie Learning BOOK FAIR is coming. Don't miss out!

Kane Miller Books · Learning Wrap-ups · SmartLab Toys · Usborne

Location: Castle Patio

Date: 30th Oct - Fairy Tale Festival

Time: 9am-2pm Students will visit with class after performance



Parents and guardians are warmly encouraged to wander the Book Fair alongside their young explorers, for it is always more enchanting when shared. If you cannot attend, you may send along a bit of treasure with your student to spend as they please. Please remember that staff cannot be the keepers of coins or the choosers of books—those quests belong to your child alone.

Prices range from $4 to $30

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HELP CELEBRATE OUR STAFF ON NOVEMBER 6TH!



On Friday, November 6th, kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade families will celebrate teachers by hosting our first staff appreciation event of the school year. We are kindly asking parents and families of kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders to volunteer their time, resources and/or skills to make this day a success.

The event will be a chili, soup and side salad luncheon for all staff members. This will take place in The Castle (admin building) kitchen area.

Thank you so much for your support! Please sign up below to donate and/or volunteer:



Staff Appreciation Sign Up

OUR VERY OWN 5K WINNER!



Congratulations to fifth grader, Lise Stover, for placing third in the 19-and-under age group at Southern Strain Run Club's Run for the Pils 5K! Way to go, Lise!

ONEBLOOD CHAIRPERSONS EVENT CELEBRATING MS. AVA









On Thursday, October 8th, OneBlood held a Chairpersons Appreciation Event celebrating the top Blood Drive Coordinators in the area; Ms. Ava and Pioneer Springs were among them!

Ms. Ava received an appreciation certificate for her work in helping PSCS collect 177 units of blood since 2017, impacting 531 lives. She was able to tour the lab and watch the process from when the blood donations arrive at their corporate office and lab to when the blood donations are ready to be delivered to hospitals.

Ms. Ava received such positive feedback on how much OneBlood employees love the school. The staff on the Big Red Bus, representatives, and management all commented on PSCS. OneBlood staff were invited to join our Fairy Tale Festival on October 30th.

Additionally, the Big Red Bus will once again be on campus Friday, October 30th, during the Fairy Tale Festival, from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Sign up using the link below and recruit family and friends to come out and donate. Donors will receive refreshments and a OneBlood Halloween T-Shirt at both blood drives.

https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/scheduler.html?locationId=1781016

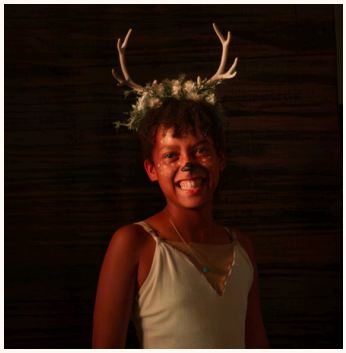
High School Students who are 16 years old or older can donate with parents' consent and must bring a consent form to the bus on the day of the blood drive. All donors and prospects must have a picture ID showing their date of birth.

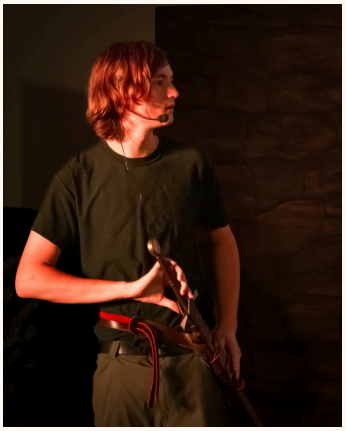
OneBlood strongly encourages all donors to have a good breakfast or meal and drink plenty of water before and after donating.

STUDENT SMILES

Celebrating Ms. Allie and the Pioneer Players' sold out production of,
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe













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