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A PSCS NEWSLETTER

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JOIN MS. JEN FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL MOUNT HOLLY LANTERN PARADE








It's nearly here! **All are invited to the 9th Annual Mount Holly Lantern Parade on October 24th at 7 pm.**

Ms. Jen, our dedicated art teacher, led students in creating 25 beautifully hand-crafted lanterns to represent Pioneer Springs. Families who would like to participate in the parade will meet at 5:30 pm at Ida Rankin Elementary School, 301 W Central Ave, Mount Holly. Otherwise, cheer on PSCS starting at 7:00 pm from your chair or blanket. Please reach out to Ms. Jen at: jenniferm@pioneersprings.org to express your interest.

To learn more, click the link below:
https://www.mtholly.us/departments/parks___recreation/special_events/lantern_parade.php

It's going to be magical!

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 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
- 25-27 Nov: Thanksgiving Break - no school
- 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 Elementary Events ✨

Friday, October 30th, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Volunteers and donations still GREATLY needed
Contact Ms. Margaret at margaretannem@pioneersprings.org ASAP

Costume Parade

Once a year, the characters leap off the page and parade through Pioneer Springs! Our Fairy Tale Festival Costume Parade brings together heroes, creatures, tricksters, royalty, and curious characters from fairy tales, folklore, myths, and legends. Costumes are homemade whenever possible, from clever paper-bag creations to wonderfully elaborate family projects. The magic isn't in perfection, but in students helping dream up and create the characters they have been studying. It's a beloved tradition where literature, imagination, and a little cardboard and hot glue come to life!

Class Performances

Stories aren't meant to stay quietly tucked inside books! Each Fairy Tale Festival, our Kindergarten through fourth grade students bring their studies of fairy tales, folklore, myths, and legends to life through class performances. With costumes on and imaginations switched on, students act, move, speak, and create together for a real audience. These performances have been part of Fairy Tale Festival since our earliest years, turning learning into something our whole community can see, hear, and celebrate.

Les Saluts Circle Dance

Each grade level ends its Fairy Tale Festival performances with one of our favorite traditions: Les Saluts! Students, staff, families, and visitors are invited to form a great big circle and walk, skip, march, clap, gallop, and wave together. The dance happens again and again throughout the day, giving every grade level its own joyful finale. It's part performance, part celebration, and a wonderful reminder that at Pioneer Springs, everyone gets to be part of the story.

Treasure Awaits by the Castle

After the final twirl of Les Saluts, the adventure continues by the Castle! Classes will have a chance to visit the WINGS Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boutique for Pioneer Springs spirit gear, explore Dragon's Cove, our Sustainable Business pop-up shop, and browse new stories at the PaperPie Book Sale. All three shops are located near the Castle and should be visited directly after each class's circle dance. Each shop accepts cash or card. Students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade will need an adult with them to make purchases at these shops. But never fear, young adventurers! Later in the day, they will have another chance to shop at the 5th grade Fairy Tale Marketplace, where they can spend magic beans instead of cash!

Taking a Student on an Adventure? Sign Them Out First!

If you plan to take a student from their teacher's supervision at any point during Fairy Tale Festival, whether to shop, watch a sibling's performance, or leave for the day, you must first sign the student out. A parent or designated adult will receive a sign-out slip to give to the student's teacher, letting them know the student is officially in your care. If the student remains on campus after being signed out, the accompanying adult is responsible for supervising them until they are signed back in with their class. Please remember to sign students back in with their teacher before returning them to class.

HELP CELEBRATE OUR STAFF ON NOVEMBER 6TH!



PIONEER W.I.N.G.S

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

THE BIG RED BUS WILL BE HERE OCTOBER 30TH!



We partnered with OneBlood again to host a blood drive on campus during our annual Fairy Tale Festival event on **Friday, 10/30 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

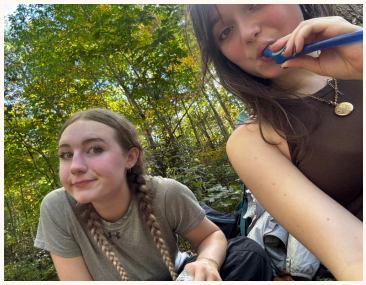
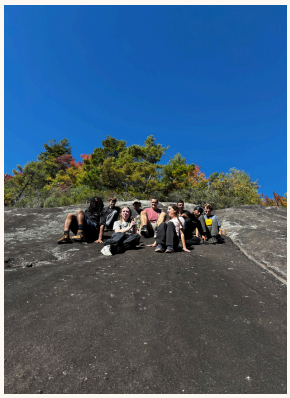
High School Students who are 16 years old or older can donate with parents' consent and must bring a consent form to the bus on the day of the blood drive. All donors and prospects must have a picture ID showing their date of birth.

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

STUDENT SMILES

HS students enjoyed backpacking in the Pisgah National Forest



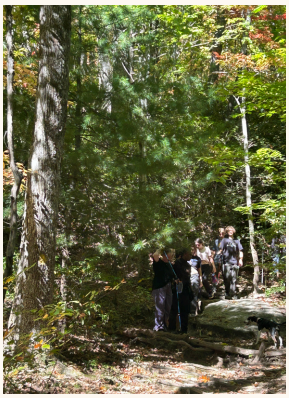
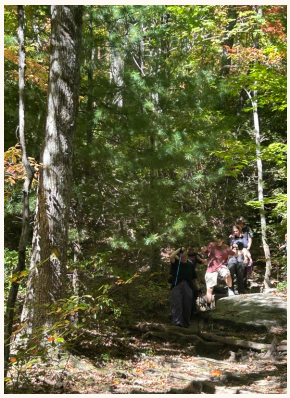














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