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A PSCS NEWSLETTER

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JANE FLIESBACH, BY HAYDEN, 8TH GRADE STUDENT

MS. CHARISSA'S ELA CLASS WROTE ESSAYS ABOUT WWII HEROES







Could you picture yourself in the sky, flying a plane in the intense time of the forties as a woman? You are having to work so much harder than a man to fulfil your dream. Well, Jane Fliesbach, my great aunt, did just that! Jane was a pilot who endured lots of struggles as a female when she went through training to reach her goal of being a pilot in WASPs during 1943-1944.

You are probably thinking, what even is WASPs? Well, WASP was Women's Airforce Service Pilots and it was founded in 1943 and was discontinued in 1944. When WASP first began training, Jane Fliesbach described how she had never seen so many women together in one place. She spoke of how there were women from all over the country and from all different backgrounds such as: a model, champion swimmer/ diver, a Hollywood stunt pilot, a lot of deputies, and teachers. What was most surprising was the amount of married women but this made sense for the women with husbands overseas.

In the training, the women did what used to be a "man's job", so everything was designed for men. This included their aircrafts which were usually BT-13 and an AT-6. And their flying clothes were also sized and made for men. There was also a ground school for training, where the women were taught things like how to understand the different types of radios, engines, morse code, navigation, etc...

All of Jane's hard work finally paid off! Jane Fliesbach was graduating and announced, "I think this is the proudest moment of my life, getting my wings!" Jane said the most magical part of that moment was having her dad pin her wings on her as her dad also served for the United States in World War I as a Naval Aviator. Following graduation Jane had gotten the base that she wanted and was now a pilot for WASPs. Some of the roles of the female pilots were to fly planes from manufacturing to airfields and then have the men in service pick them up. One of the craziest jobs that Jane and other women had to do was pull targets behind their aircraft and have the men practice shooting them while in the air with live ammunition. In the end the 1,000 women flew a total of 60,000,000 miles towing targets, transporting responsibilities, ferrying aircrafts and personnel. WASP flew all military aircrafts, even Boeing B-17 and B-29 bombers. During the time of WASPs unfortunately 36 girls were killed and 2 more during Jane's course of training. In the end there would be 25,000 women that applied for WASPs, 1,800 were accepted, and 1,000 graduated. Jane Fliesbach would be a part of that graduating class.

"The Army was tougher on us than on the Cadets, so many were convinced that women couldn't do the job and were out to prove it. I believe the WASPs more than proved their ability in every way - their record was equal to, often above, that of men. We tried harder! All of us joined because we loved flying, but we felt too that we were serving our country and were proud to do so." This was said by Jane Elizabeth Bombgardner Fliesbach and she persevered, was progressive, and is a pioneer!

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 14-18 April: **Spring Break**
- 21 April: Staff workday - **NO SCHOOL** for students
- 21 April: Board meeting, 6pm
- 22-25 April: Earth Week
- 23 April: Blood drive, 9am-1pm
- 23-25 April: 10th & 11th grade backpacking trip
- 26 April: EarthSprings, 10am-1pm
- 28 April-2 May: Benchmarking
- Summer Camp information
- Academic & Events Calendar

__Help Wanted__ **EOG/ EOC proctors**: help make testing smooth and efficient (leaving more time for fun teaching and learning) by being a proctor. Training will be at 8:30 am on May 7. Check-in at the Castle.



INTRODUCING EARTHSPRINGS

An arts festival celebrating our interconnection with the natural world!

Saturday, April 26 from 10 am to 1 pm on the Pioneer Springs Camp

Theatre, music, artisans, growers, class exhibits, pop-up art projects, and more!







When: Saturday, April 26 from 10 AM to 1 PM
Where: Pioneer Springs Campus
Come **see** and **engage** with all the amazing work our students have been creating! Students in grades K-8 and high school theatre students have been working with their classes on performances and exhibits, so the more students involved, the more **vibrant** and **exciting** the performances will be! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors to cheer them on!

EarthSprings also includes a **local artisan fair**—sign up here for a booth! WINGS, our homegrown PTO, will also host a **plant sale**.
Questions? Email heidim@pioneersprings.org.

Help make EarthSprings festive by **donating supplies** and **volunteering**!





Wanted: your cardboard boxes and cereal boxes for EarthSprings projects. Drop your items off at the Castle

DANCE, DANCE

Middle School Spring Dance – Starry Night

Join us under the stars for a magical evening at our **Spring Dance on Friday, May 2nd from 7–9 PM** on the **Hive Deck**! With twinkling lights and cosmic vibes, it's sure to be a night to remember.

Tickets are **$15 per person** and can be purchased online or at the castle. **Ticket Link**
8th graders may invite one guest—guest approval is required from a middle school teacher or Ms. Alex.

Dress to shine and come ready to dance the night away beneath a Starry Night sky!

High School Prom – The Mad Hatter's Masquerade

Step through the looking glass and into a night of whimsy and wonder at **The Mad Hatter's Masquerade**—this year's unforgettable **Junior/Senior Prom**! Join us on **Friday, May 30th from 7:30–10:30 PM** at the enchanting **Manjal Manor** for an evening filled with magic, mystery, and dancing. Tickets are **$60 per person** and can purchased online or at the castle. Ticket prices will increase by $10 on May 10th, so be sure to purchase your tickets early! **Ticket Link**



This event is open to **Juniors and Seniors only**, unless invited by a Junior or Senior. Each Junior and Senior may invite up to 2 guests.

Don your finest attire, add a mask, and don't be late for this very important date!



OUR 2025 YEARBOOK IS LIVE!



Yearbook pre-sale is now live! **Please follow this link to purchase yours today**. Cost is $35 for a limited time, so get them early as this price will go up in the future. There is also a limited quantity of yearbooks, so don't delay. Get it now!

GIVE HOPE THIS SPRING AND GIVE BLOOD WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL



Pioneer Springs is excited to announce that we are partnering with One Blood to host a blood drive on Wednesday, 23 April. **You can sign-up to donate here**.

OneBlood will make a contribution to Pioneer Springs on behalf of blood donors. Additionally, donors will receive a OneBlood t-shirt.

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 date of birth. **Click for Eligibility and Consent Forms.**

CALLING ALL PSCS FAMILIES:
HELP PIONEER SPRINGS COMMUNITY SCHOOL CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK!



Adopt a fruit tree! To celebrate Earth Week 2025, we are planning on replanting our Pioneer Springs Community School Orchard. When we built our High School, the original school orchard had to be removed. The orchard will consist of a variety of fruit trees and serve as a learning laboratory for our students. **What better way to celebrate our Earth than to plant trees?** Young trees absorb CO2 at a rate of **13 pounds** per tree, each year helping offset our carbon footprint. Students will learn about tree stewardship, the benefits of trees, and fruit production.

Pioneer Springs Community School is asking each grade to adopt a fruit tree. Classes will learn about their adopted tree, prepare the planting site, and then celebrate their adoption by planting the tree with the help of the Horticulture 1 class.

How can you help? We are asking each grade level to raise $45 to adopt a fruit tree. Each student is asked to donate $1.00 to help reach their grade level's goal of adopting a fruit tree. Teachers will have a donation collection envelope in each classroom. Once each grade reaches their goal, an apple, peach, or pear tree will be ordered from the Arbor Day Foundation to plant in the school orchard!

Families can also choose to sponsor their students' grade level adoption fee by donating $45.

What? Adopt A Fruit Tree

When? April 2025

Where? Pioneer Springs Community School

Why? We are celebrating Earth Day, Arbor Day, and the benefits of trees.

How? Donate $1 to raise the adoption fee of $45 by April 21, 2025. Send cash or a check, payable to PSCS with your student, or drop your donation off at the office.
You can also pay online by clicking this link.

A MESSAGE FROM WINGS: ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES



We have an exciting event coming up we wanted to share with you. On Friday, May 9th, our High School families will be hosting the upcoming all staff teacher appreciation event. The theme for this event will be a Spring Salad Bar.

We are kindly asking for High School families to sponsor this all staff appreciation event by donating supplies, food and/or volunteering (the sign up link is below). We are so grateful for your support and we thank you for helping to make this event a success.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094DACA62FA0FF2-56142113-staff

STUDENT RUN POP-UP COFFEE SHOP, TUESDAY AFTERNOONS



High school sustainable business students have created a pop-up coffee shop, named after the upper school's Hellbender mascot, Bender's Beans and Brews!

Visit the coffee shop Tuesday afternoons from 1:20-2:30 at the Davis General Store!

LEARN ABOUT OUR SUMMER CAMPS AND REGISTER TODAY







Summer camp registration is now open! Sign-up today to ensure that you have a spot!! From Camp PreOneer for rising Kindergarteners and First Graders to cooking and building camps, as well as camps exploring our National Parks, Milan, Tokyo and more! Our summer offerings are sure to excite wonder for students in preK through Sixth Grade.

Click here for more information and to register.

STUDENT SMILES


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Necessary Learning

The Class That Keeps History From Repeating Itself

Please **click here** to take a look at the newest edition of Pioneer Springs' student-run newspaper, "The Nature Journal" to see what's happening on the ground from the authentic voices of our high school journalism students.



An EarthSpring art preview by Ms. Jen!



Marine science students were recently learning about the great ocean gyres which are circular currents that bring material to the center of the ocean basins. They also learned about about the huge volume of plastic and microplastics that are also carried on these currents. In particular , they learned about the extent of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch as well as the five other garbage patches that exist in all the other ocean basins. The students worked in groups to create a model using playground sand to represent seawater, beans and rice to represent lantern fish and Squid and sprinkles to represent plastic bits. The groups then simulated feeding sessions of the Laysan albatross trying to feed their baby chick the nutritious food without also catching the pieces of plastic. Students soon realized how difficult it was to avoid catching the plastic.
The simulation made it very real for students how their own discarded plastic waste could impact the lives and deaths of birds hundreds of miles away.