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A PSCS NEWSLETTER

13 October 2025

REACH FOR THE TREES IS ONLY A FEW DAYS AWAY!













The big week is upon us, and while we only have a few days before the run, it's never too late to give to our Annual Campaign as we are always **accepting donations at this link**. Please check in with your families, friends, and neighbors to help us achieve our goal. Fundraising is an essential part of our community school and although we're off to a great start, we need your assistance getting over the finish line. **It's time for us all to Reach For the Trees**!

We are excited to invite all families to join us on Thursday for the fun run celebration (Friday for High School) where you are welcome to participate with your child(ren). **Please make sure all packets**, **even if empty**, **are turned in by 14th October** so your student(s) can take part in the run. In addition to cheering on our students as they complete the course, you can enjoy Travelin' Toms Coffee and Kona Ice food trucks, give the gift of life at the Big Red Bus for blood donation, and visit our PSCS merchandise table selling various items at a major discount. Raffle tickets will also be up for grabs to win a pair of vouchers to the NC Renaissance Festival. We look forward to seeing you there!

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 14 Oct: 2nd Grade Field Trip
- 16 Oct: 9am-1pm, Blood Drive
- 16-17 Oct: Reach for the Trees!
- 22-24 Oct: HS Backpacking Trip
- 24-25 Oct: Pioneer Players presents "Puffs"
- 31 Oct: Fairy Tale Festival
- 4 Nov: Kindergarten Field Trip
- Fridays at 12pm: Director's Open Office Hours
- Sign up for before/after care
- Academic & Events Calendar



WORK TOGETHER!

✨ Step Into the Magic: Fairy Tale Festival! ✨

Join us for a day of wonder, imagination, and celebration at Pioneer Springs' beloved Fairy Tale Festival, happening **Friday, October 31st, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm!** This cherished tradition brings our school community together to celebrate stories, creativity, and the joy of learning through playful performances, handmade costumes, and time-honored traditions.

Taking inspiration from fairy tales to myths and legends, our students will transform the campus into a living storybook. Kinder through 4th graders will dazzle in costume parades, share their own performances, and join the magical all-community circle dance at the Castle Amphitheatre. 5th grade brings back the Magic Bean Marketplace, where younger students can "shop" with magic beans. Middle schoolers will take the stage at the Croft Amphitheatre. Our high school Sustainable Business and Entrepreneurship Communities in Action group will host the Hellbender's Vendor Magic Fairy Tale Marketplace, where families can explore student-made creations.

New this year: a Book Fair for families to wander and enjoy! Students must be accompanied by an adult to shop at the Book Fair and/ or Hellbender's Vendor.

More details including the full schedule, volunteer and donation opportunities will be shared in your child's homeroom newsletter. Each week leading up to the celebration we'll also highlight a Fairy Tale Festival tradition. This week's spotlight is on costumes!

Costumes

Costumes are one of the most joyful parts of the festival. From simple paper creations to imaginative masterpieces, the magic is in the student-made touch. Costumes should be inspired by fairy tales, folk tales, myths, or legends. Avoid store-bought movie or comic characters, as well as anything scary or gory.



Students may wear their costumes to school, but if an item makes learning tricky, it can be kept in backpacks until the parade. Nothing sparkles quite like a child proudly wearing something they made themselves!

✨ We can't wait to see our school transformed into a storybook world, full of laughter, music, and enchantment at this year's Fairy Tale Festival! ✨

THE BIG RED BUS WILL BE HERE, THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER



The blood drive is, simply put, the gift of life. We partnered with OneBlood again to host a blood drive on campus on **Thursday, 10/16 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**.

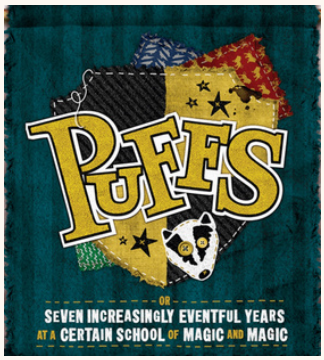
Sign up using the link below and recruit family and friends to come out and donate. Donors will receive refreshments and a OneBlood Halloween T-Shirt.

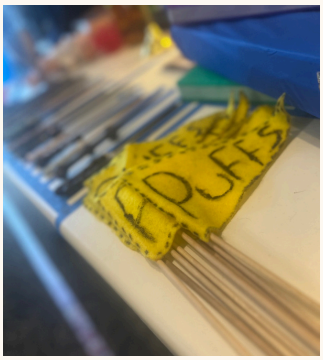
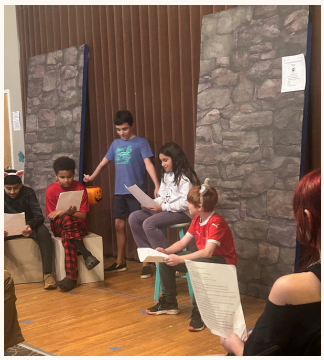
https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/scheduler.html?locationId=1645197

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.

MS. ALLIE AND PIONEER PLAYERS PRESENTS "PUFFS"



Pioneer Players presents "PUFFS", or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic. "PUFFS", written by Matt Cox, is a comedy play that tells the story of the "PUFFS", a group of loyal but often overlooked students, paralleling the classic narrative of a certain boy wizard's journey. The play shifts the focus of "the chosen one" to the secondary characters, allowing the audience to experience a familiar magical world through the eyes of the Puffs. Pioneer Players will be performing the Young Wizard's edition in one act. **Please join us on Friday and Saturday, October 24th and 25th, at 6:30 PM**. A suggested donation of $10 per person or $20 a family is encouraged to support our blossoming program. Thank you in advance, Third or Nothing!

MS. BRANDI & MS. LESLIE'S CLASSES GO TO HUNTER FARM!

The students learned about farm to table farming. They got to watch a cow being milked, feed some animals, pick pumpkins, and ride a wagon!












PIONEER SPRINGS CELEBRATES BANNED BOOKS WEEK

This week, Mr. Nick's Banned Books high school class celebrated the American Library Association's Banned Books Week (Oct. 5-11) by reading historically banned and challenged books across campus. The books read were, *Where the Wild Things Are*, *The Lorax*, The *Perks of Being a Wallflower*, and *1984*. More than 400 students were able to take part in the readings and enjoy this year's theme, "Censorship is so 1984."




















STUDENT SMILES





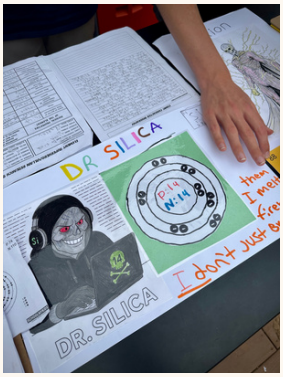
Our third graders worked on building confidence and working as a team with the support of the fabulous Ms. Lorraine's Executive Functioning connects class! The students worked to balance as their classmates encouraged them along the way.



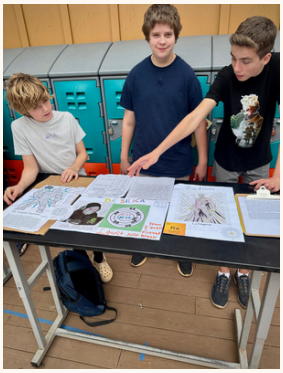
High School Ensemble getting ready for the upcoming Reach for the Trees performance.

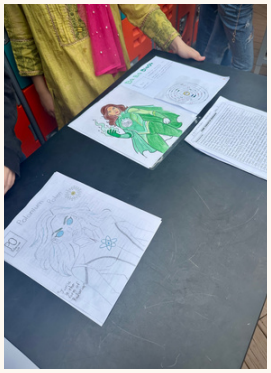



Ms. Min took full advantage of this beautiful fall weather by bringing her English I Macbeth lesson outside!





Ms. Hannah's eighth grade science classes present Element Comic Con! Students each personified an element from the periodic table into a superhero or villain. Their characters' personalities and features are based on the real chemical and physical properties of the element.