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A PSCS NEWSLETTER

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SET YOUR CHILD UP FOR SUCCESS BY BUILDING STAMINA





Next week marks the halfway point in the school year (where has the time gone?!) The second half of the school year is where the magic happens–classes have built their learning momentum, and the concepts and skills that students are exploring really begin to click! You can help nurture your child's academic success by building their stamina for reading, math, and conversations.

Stamina is important because students with stamina are able to concentrate, which increases confidence and learning ability, while decreasing stress.

You can build stamina by carving out family time for shared reading, board games, and engaging conversations. Start small by meeting your child where s/he is at, and then gradually building sustained focus and activity. Follow a schedule so that the routine is predictable. Because video games, social media, and other screen based activities are designed for short attention spans, limit screen time. Finally, lead by example–take time to be fully present and concentrate on an activity such as reading, gardening, or doing your favorite puzzle.

Click here on more information about the importance of stamina, as well as for strategies to use in your home. What activities do you do as a family that encourage stamina? Share on social media and tag #pioneerspringscommunityschool.

SECOND SEMESTER STUDENT PARKING FOR SENIORS & JUNIORS

Pioneer Parents of HS seniors and juniors, we will be accepting applications for second semester student parking starting Tuesday 1/21. Applications can be found on the Pioneer Springs website under Family Resources> Policies> Parking Policy or click here. **Applications will be due by Friday 1/24, noon**. A lottery will be drawn and those who are awarded spots will be notified that Friday. Those awarded spots will then **have until the following Friday 1/31, noon, to make the $50 payment**. I encourage you to read the parking policy and application thoroughly. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Jose at josem@pioneersprings.org

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 20 Jan: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- 21 Jan: HS make-up exams
- 24 Jan: Cabinet of Curiosities
- 27 Jan: Board Meeting
- 29 Jan: WINGS meeting, 9am
- 1 Feb: Report cards issued
- 4 Feb: 9th & 10th grade field trip
- Spring Athletics & Pioneer Plus information
- Academic & Events Calendar
- Who to Contact and When

Join our homegrown PTO, WINGS, to learn about school happenings, volunteer opportunities, and ways to support our school! We will meet from **9-10 am on Wednesday, January 29**. Check-in at the Castle.

SPRING EXTRACURRICULAR AND ATHLETICS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! REGISTER TODAY

Is your student interested in arts & crafts, Dungeons & Dragons, chorus, math, Spanish cooking, or becoming a wilderness pioneer? Register for these spring Pioneer Plus experiences today! **Click here for the registration form, which includes payment information, and meeting schedules.**

Do you have a young fencer, basketball player, cornhole maven, disk golf champion, pickleball aficionado, cross country runner, or a young person who wants to learn more about these sports in your home? You are in luck! Spring Athletics registration is now open! **Click here for the registration form, which includes the practice schedule and payment information.**

Registration for Pioneer Plus and Athletics is due no later than January 26. Questions? Email latoshac@pioneersprings.org.

PSCS Basketball Schedule 24-25

Date	Location	Time
1/11	Simmons YMCA 6824 Democracy Dr. Charlotte NC, 28212	2:00-3:00
1/18	McCrorey YMCA 3801 Beatties Ford Rd Charlotte NC, 28216	2:00-3:00
1/25	Keith YMCA 8100 Old Mallard Creek Rd Charlotte NC, 28262	2:00-3:00
2/1	Simmons YMCA 6824 Democracy Dr. Charlotte NC, 28212	1:00-2:00
2/8	McCrorey YMCA 3801 Beatties Ford Rd Charlotte NC, 28216	1:00-2:00
2/15	Keith YMCA 8100 Old Mallard Creek Rd Charlotte NC, 28262	2:00-3:00
2/22	Simmons YMCA 6824 Democracy Dr. Charlotte NC, 28212	1:00-2:00
3/1	Playoffs TBA	TBA

WHITEWATER CENTER TRIP POSTPONED



Due to the possibility of inclement weather and exceptionally cold temperatures, the 9th & 10th grade Whitewater Center trip has been postponed to 4 February. More information will be sent to 9th and 10th grade families via email and the *Coop Scoop*.

HIGH SCHOOL SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS WEDNESDAY, 22 JANUARY



The first day of the second semester is Wednesday, 22 January. High school students will start their new classes on that day. Second semester schedules will be distributed on Tuesday.

FRANCES LOREN, PARENT EXTRAORDINAIRE, TREATS STAFF TO PHENOMENAL LUNCH







On Monday, Frances Loren, mom to Yukito, surprised all of our staff with a delicious homemade lunch. Frances prepared sandwiches and soup.

Thank you, Frances, for spreading your magic with this thoughtful surprise!

MIDDLE SCHOOL HELLBENDER WINS LOCAL CROSS COUNTRY RACE, BY TOSHA CASINI, ATHLETICS COORDINATOR



River Hazard, a determined 6th grader and Hellbenders Cross Country team member, recently made an impressive mark by winning a 5k race-the Charlotte Jingle Jog- in her age division. Despite being one of the youngest competitors, she ran with a focus and perseverance beyond her years, pushing through the challenging course with a smile on her face. Her training with Coach Katie paid off as she crossed the finish line ahead of her peers. Her victory was not just a testament to her physical ability, but also her mental toughness and dedication. River's accomplishment has inspired many of her team mates, showing them that with hard work and determination, anything is possible.

STUDENT SMILES





Ms. Deepti's class started a project called, 'Be a Teacher.'

This is a 20-minute block where students step into the teacher's shoes and share their knowledge on any topic they choose with their peers. They plan their lessons, gather supplies, and lead the session. So far, we've learned about space, created crafts, explored math, and even discovered coding. It's been amazing to see the students take charge, and hilarious when they realize how tricky it can be to keep everyone on task! They're definitely getting a taste of what it's like to be a teacher!










Mo taught students how mango is seasoned and eaten in Latin America. Students compared how mango is eaten in Mexico and El Salvador, then fused it. Next week they are trying Jicama. Fruit is a large part of the Latin American culture. What is better way to experience a culture than enjoying some fruit? They enjoyed it and most came back for seconds!