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A PSCS NEWSLETTER

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SANDWICH SWAP | FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13



On Friday, February 13, K–5 students will participate in Sandwich Swap, a schoolwide learning experience that uses food as a doorway into understanding who we are, where we come from, and how our stories connect. Across grade levels, students explore how family and community foods reflect traditions, culture, history, and the movement of people over time.

Each grade approaches Sandwich Swap in a developmentally appropriate way. Younger students notice similarities and differences in family foods and traditions, while older students examine how local, state, and national food traditions are shaped by geography and history. Together, these experiences build curiosity, respect, and thoughtful listening while deepening students' understanding of our diverse and interconnected community.

A Pioneer Springs Tradition

Sandwich Swap is a long-time and much-loved Pioneer Springs tradition, and we are excited to revisit it this year with a stronger instructional focus. Years ago, students even created a short film inspired by The Sandwich Swap, which you can watch here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlB0cxN9vfk

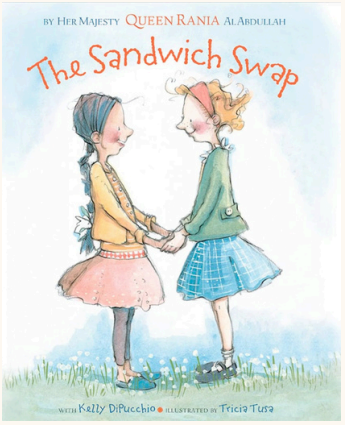
This year, we are intentionally strengthening connections to social studies standards while honoring the spirit of sharing and learning together.

Please be sure to watch classroom teacher newsletters for important details related to food sharing, ingredients, and allergy-related guidance as the day approaches.

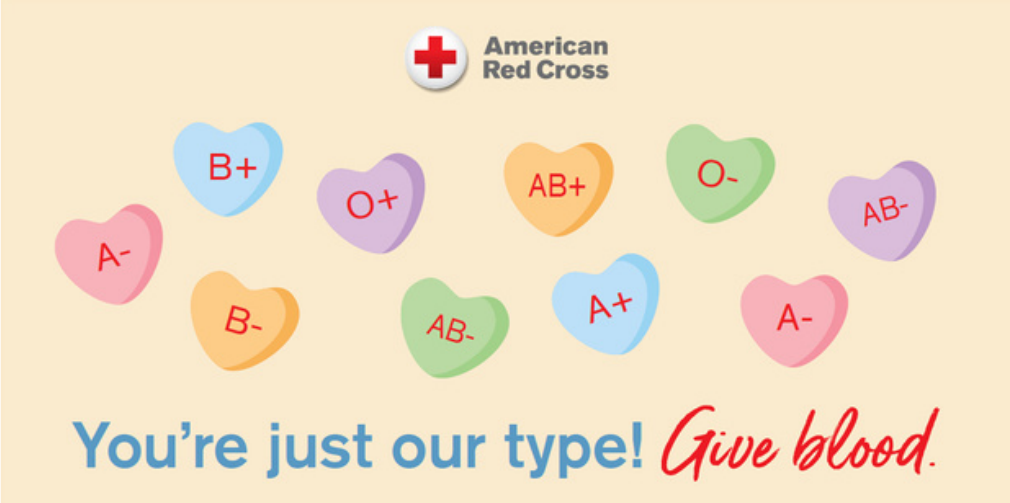
We look forward to another meaningful Sandwich Swap that celebrates our traditions, strengthens learning, and reflects the rich community we share.

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 19 Jan: MLK Day - No School for staff & students
- 20 Jan: Staff Workday - no school for students
- 29 Jan: HS Snowtubing field trip
- 11 Feb: Blood Drive, 9am-1pm
- Fridays at 12pm: Director's Open Office Hours
- Sign up for before/after care
- Academic & Events Calendar



THE BIG RED BUS WILL BE HERE, WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY



The blood drive is, simply put, the gift of life. We partnered with OneBlood again to host a blood drive on campus on **Wednesday, 2/12 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 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.

ATHLETICS & PIONEER PLUS: SPRING SEMESTER

Pioneer Springs is pleased to offer many exciting opportunities for our scholars this school year! Designed to build individual as well as collaborative skills and to culminate in competitive engagements, the Pioneer Plus & Athletics program support the **mission** of Pioneer Springs by developing individual student interests toward keeping the "desire to learn burning bright."

Families can expect an email with more information after they sign their student up. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Tosha at latoshac@pioneersprings.org.



To view **Athletics offerings, click here**.

To view options for **Pioneer Plus, click here**.



STUDENT SMILES








Ms. Alex's high school Holocaust and Genocide Studies students each chose a Holocaust survivor that eventually immigrated here to the state of North Carolina. They spent countless hours researching their chosen individuals to be able to tell their story through a piece of art. Each student is designing a shoe to memorialize that individual and share their story of survival.









Ms. Deepti's class took math and science learning outdoors by experimenting with paper balls weighted with natural materials. Students explored how weight affected motion, measured distances in feet, and converted them into inches and back again, connecting measurement, force, and nature through hands-on learning.