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WHY FOCUS ON THE ARTISTIC PROCESS?












"It is art that makes life, makes interest, makes importance...and I know of no substitute whatever for the force and beauty of its process." - Henry James

Visit a music, theatre, or visual arts class at Pioneer Springs, and you will see the artistic process in action. You might see theatre students analyzing how costumes impact the meaning of a play by experimenting with a range of costumes while practicing a scene. Music students might be adjusting the tempo of a piece to find the right sound. Visual arts students might be experimenting with color, discovering how their work changes as different colors are juxtaposed.

Experimentation and a focus on process, rather than product, empowers students to make their own discoveries, and to think critically about their own work. Read more about our approach to the arts here.

You can empower your child to practice process-oriented art by:

- Providing art materials that children can explore–including items found in nature
- Asking open-ended questions such as "how did you choose this color; what was the biggest challenge in creating this piece; what would you do differently next time?"
- Creating along-side your child, and focusing on the joy of the process

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 24 March: Staff workday - **NO SCHOOL** for students
- 25 March: 11th grade ACT
- 26-28 March: 6th & 7th grade field trip
- 2 April: Report cards issued
- 3-4 April: 9th grade trip to Nantahala
- 9 April: WINGS meeting, 8:45 am
- 14-18 April: **Spring Break**
- 21 April: Staff workday - **NO SCHOOL** for students
- Summer Camp information
- Academic & Events Calendar

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE THE LITTLE MERMAID POSSIBLE



It takes a village to make a musical. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and supporters, including Mary McNeish, Tilden Engle, James and Aiden Hite, Harold Reid, Rossalino Family, Independence Hill Baptist Church, Davidson Community Players & Parents and Families of cast and crew who volunteered their time, effort, cardboard, truck beds, noodles, tacos, chicken nuggets, sandwiches and even Ranch dressing to support us.

We wouldn't have been able to put the show on without them!

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO FRANCES LOREN



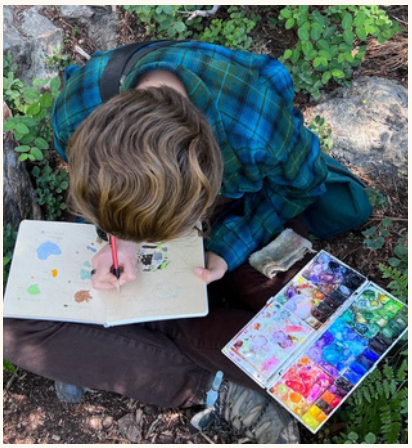


Frances Loren did it again! On Monday, Fances cooked and hosted a delicious mediterranean staff appreciation lunch. Not only did staff feel nourished by the yummy lunch that Frances provided, they also felt valued and appreciated. Thank you Frances!

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.

Calling all gardeners and plant lovers! Do you have a green thumb, and love propagating plants? If so, consider donating small plants and starts to the WINGS EarthSprings plant sale. Watch the *Coop Scoop* for more information, or email wings@pioneersprings.org.



TWILIGHT AMONG THE AZALEAS GALLERY OPENING

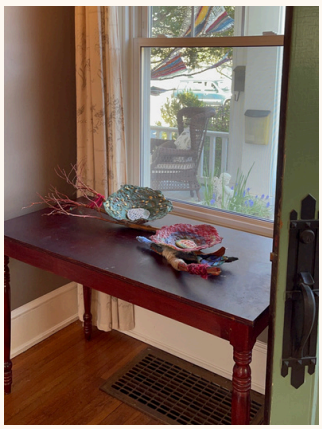
The first night of Twilight Among the Azaleas was a huge success!

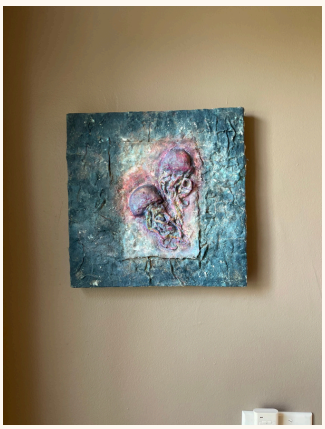
Thank you to Jen Marsh, Michele Rothschild, Hannah Wilson, John McNeish, Christy Meyers, and Adaiah Paul for leading fabulous projects that brought out the artist in our students.

Thank you Gwen Postle for leading the High School Ensemble, for organizing the performance, and creating an engaging performance.
Additionally, thank you to the volunteers who helped transport art, and who helped set-up the gallery!

Finally, thank you to the students and families who came out for the event. Together everyone created a magical event that showcased the many talents of our students!










DISPATCHES FROM CAMP CARAWAY



















STUDENT SMILES






In the spring, maple trees release multitudes of winged seeds, called samaras, into the air. They spin and drift in the wind until landing on the ground. Several forces act on the motion of a falling object, be it a maple seed or a whirligig. Physical Science students investigated the effects of wind resistance on this motion using cardstock whirligigs of both a standard and their own design. They also practiced calculating velocity based on the data they collected. Mr. Jose even came by to check things out!






Physical Science students recently investigated the principles of centripetal force using solo cups on strings full of water. They discovered that however you twirled these - either in the vertical or horizontal plane - no water would be spilled if the velocity was fast enough. Students varied both the mass of water as well as the radius of the spun circle in order to see what impacted the overall amount of centripetal force applied. They calculated force in Newtons and even used PEMDAS to help them remember how to properly order the operations of the formula for centripetal force. They made it to the end of the lab with only one lost cup and just a small spill in a shoe!






Ms. Sandy studies water from the pond on campus with Ms. Whitney's 3rd grade class.