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## A SPECIAL EDITION FROM WINGS

# WINGScoop

***WHERE FAMILIES AND WINGS CONNECT***

Welcome to fall, y'all!
We're excited to share the very first edition of the WINGScoop — your monthly roundup of all things WINGS. This newsletter is here to keep you connected, inspired, and ready to jump in. You won't want to miss a thing!

## Welcome to WINGS!

**WHAT is WINGS?**
It is our school's homegrown PTO. WINGS is a parent network that ***W****orks with* ***I****ntention to* ***N****urture the* ***G****rowth of our* ***S****chool.* We do this by focusing on volunteer engagement, staff appreciation, community building, and fundraising support.

**WHO is WINGS?**
Every parent or caregiver is a member of WINGS! There is no membership dues. WINGS is led by a co-chair team, currently filled by Erin Schiechl and Stephanie Costas, and team leads for a variety of committees.

**WHY WINGS?**
WINGS exists because one of the core building blocks to the Basic School philosophy is "the school as community." Parents as partners in our children's education is essential to the success of our school, and to the success of our children's passion for learning. We want to know what skills, interests, and connections you have that you may be willing to volunteer to our school. From reading at home with your kids to helping to fundraise; from cooking dinner together to room parenting in your child's classroom, we as caregivers are partners in our children's education.

## What's the Buzz: Upcoming Events



**Sept. 25th:**
8:30-10AM
Welcome Back Coffee Social

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING**
**Sept. 30th:**
9AM - Lunch Island
**Oct. 7th:**
6PM - Zoom

**Oct. 16th-17th:**
REACH FOR THE TREES
"BACK TO OUR ROOTS"

**Oct. 31st:**
Fairytale Festival & Book Fair

**Nov. 6th:**
MS/HS Academic Fall Campus Celebration

## The Full Scoop: Sept.-Oct.



**Parents as Partners Volunteer Form →** Classroom, campus, crafts, or tech — there's a fit for everyone! Fill out the **form** to get started.

**Sept 25th: Welcome Back Coffee Social (8:30-10am) →** After carpool, bring your mug, sign in at the Castle, and join us at the amphitheatre for coffee + light pastries.

**Sept. 30th (in person) & Oct. 7th (online): Volunteer Training →** Required training session for all on-campus and field trip volunteers. (Already trained? You're good to go!) *See Upcoming Events for times and locations.*

**Oct 16th-17th: Reach for the Trees FUNdraiser →** Help with sponsor posters, pennant decorations, and race prep before cheering on students! Full **schedule here**.

**Oct 31st: Fairytale Festival & Book Fair →** Join us in transforming campus into a magical woodland! Many hands needed for decorating the parade route + school grounds.







**CALLING ALL ROOM PARENTS (K-5)**
Interested in being a room parent for your child's class this year? Send a quick email to wings@pioneersprings.org to sign up!



**Ready to lend a hand? Share your interests in our quick volunteer survey HERE!**

# REACH FOR THE TREES!









Hello Pioneer Families!

Fundraising packets went out earlier this week for our school's biggest fundraising campaign for the year and the early response has been incredible! The importance of this fundraiser cannot be stressed enough as this is our chance to make improvements across the campus and allow our students the opportunities for growth that we all want to see.

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Monday morning, each classroom will receive their fundraising salamander. This is a chance to have each classroom track their progress towards our overall goal of $70K. Have your students check in with their teacher each day to let them know how much money they've raised, so that their class can color in the salamander. This is a fun way of keeping your child engaged in the process.

Please make sure that you are assisting your student in reaching their $150 personal fundraising goal by providing as many resources as you can for reaching out to friends and families.

This year's campaign is all about growth, much like our campus-wide educational growth of 100% growth for 100% of our students. Help us to help your scholars by keeping that fire for learning burning bright. We are all in this together and all in for our children.

## IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 26 Sep: Staff Workday
- 1 Oct: 4th Grade Field Trip
- 3 Oct: 6th Grade Field Trip
- 16 Oct: 9am-1pm, Blood Drive
- 16-17 Oct: Reach for the Trees!
- 31 Oct: Fairy Tale Festival
- Fridays at 12pm: Director's Open Office Hour
- Carpool Information
- Sign up for before/after care
- Academic & Events Calendar

## IMMUNIZATION UPDATES DUE FOR K, 7TH, AND 12TH GRADES!






This is a reminder that **immunization records must be updated by 23 September for students entering Kindergarten, 7th grade, and 12th grade**. These updates are required by the state of North Carolina to ensure all students are protected and in compliance with public health guidelines. You can find a full list of required vaccines by grade level at the following link:

**NC Immunization Requirements**

Once your student's immunizations are up to date, please upload documentation here:

**Submit Immunization Records**

Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy!

# STUDENT SMILES

5th grade visits McDowell Nature Center







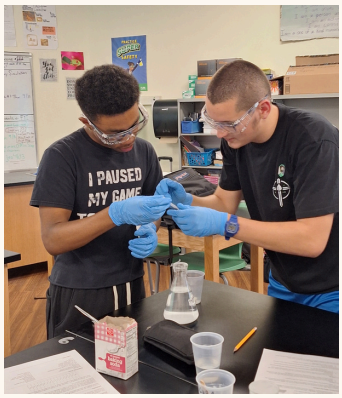






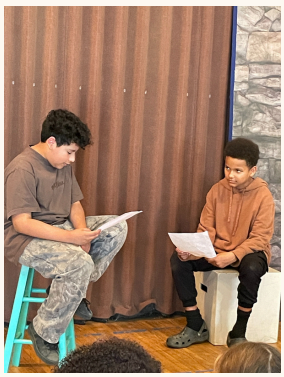
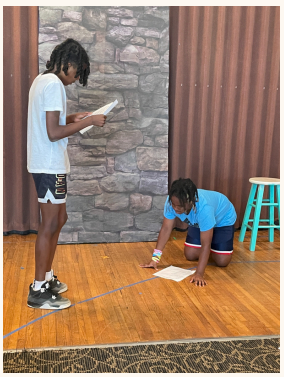



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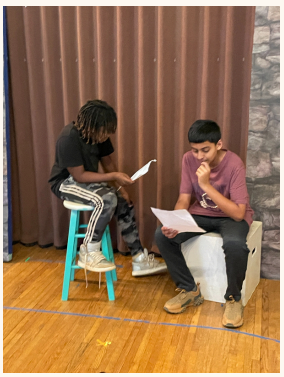




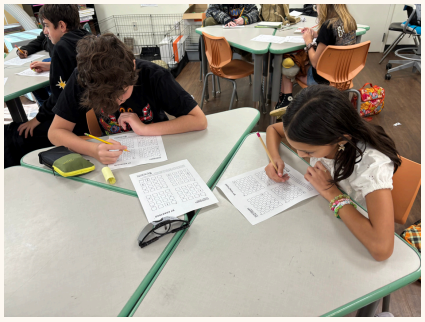
Chemistry students practiced lab safety in their first lab activity of the semester this week. Our discussion centered around using PPE (personal protective equipment) and behaviors that keep labs safe for everyone. They used two different recipes to create a biodegradable glue from low-fat milk based on chemical reactions. Subsequent tests of the glue indicated that both recipes strongly held together not only construction paper but popsicle sticks as well.






Theater practice for sixth grade, and they found a tiny frog!


Ms. Stacey's Learning Lab explored new types of logic puzzles this week, including nonograms, futoshiki, and skyscrapers.