pioneersprings.org

# COOP SCOOP

A PSCS NEWSLETTER

29 October 2025

## YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FAIRY TALE FESTIVAL



**Step into a world of magic, music, and merriment as our students bring timeless tales to life.**





**Date**: Friday, October 31st, 2025
**Time**: Please see your child's teacher newsletter for their class performance time
**Dress Code**: Whimsical fairy tale or folklore–inspired homemade costumes

**Enchantments & Expectations for the Fairy Tale Festival**

- **Little Travelers**: If you bring a younger sibling or any child not enrolled at our school, they must remain at their guardian's side at all times, like a page to their knight.
- **Grand Entrances**: Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before your own student's parade and performance—this ensures each troupe has their shining moment in the story.
- **Carriages & Gates**: Park your carriage diagonally on the track side of Bob Beatty, then journey on foot through the Castle gates (our administrative office).
- **Quest Destination**: Upon entering, follow the path directly to your student's performance location, where their tale will come to life.
- **Attire of Wonder**: Costumes must spring from fairy tales, folklore, and enchanted lands. Dark and frightful disguises (scary or Halloween costumes) are not welcome within these walls. Homemade costumes are cherished most of all, stitched with love and imagination.
- **The Castle's Scroll**: After their performance, students remain under their teacher's care until you visit the Castle and sign them out. There, you will be given a sign-out slip—a token to deliver to the teacher, confirming your child's official release.
- **Brothers & Sisters of the Realm**: Siblings of all ages who attend our school may not be whisked away from their own lessons to watch or join the festivities unless they, too, are officially signed out.
- **The Hourglass Turns**: Once your student's part of the tale is complete, please take your leave so that new families may find space for their own chapter of the day.
- **Marketplaces of Wonder**: The Hellbender's Vendors, the Spirit Gear stand, and the Book Fair all deal in real-world coin. Teachers will guide their classes only to the Book Fair—but the keeping of gold and the choosing of treasures are the responsibility of each family. Classes will not visit the Hellbender's Vendors or the Spirit Gear table—those markets are for families to explore together.

## IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 28 Oct: 8th Grade Field Trip
- 31 Oct: Fairy Tale Festival
- 4 Nov: Kindergarten Field Trip
- 7 Nov: Upper School Celebration of Learning
- 10 Nov: 3rd Grade Field Trip
- 11 Nov: Veterans Day
- 12 Nov: 7th Grade Field Trip
- Fridays at 12pm: Director's Open Office Hours
- Sign up for before/after care
- Academic & Events Calendar

paperpie





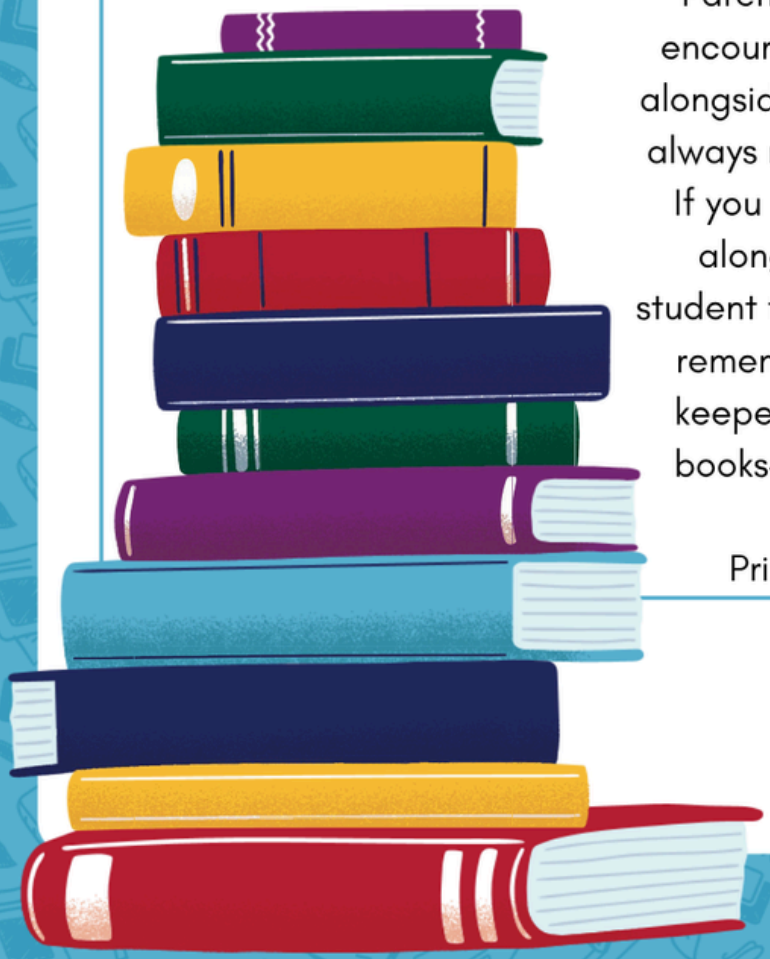
# The PaperPie Learning BOOK FAIR is coming. Don't miss out!

Kane Miller Books · Learning Wrap-ups · SmartLab Toys · Usborne

**Location:** Castle Patio

**Date:** 31st Oct - Fairy Tale Festival

**Time:** 9am-2pm Students will visit with class after performance

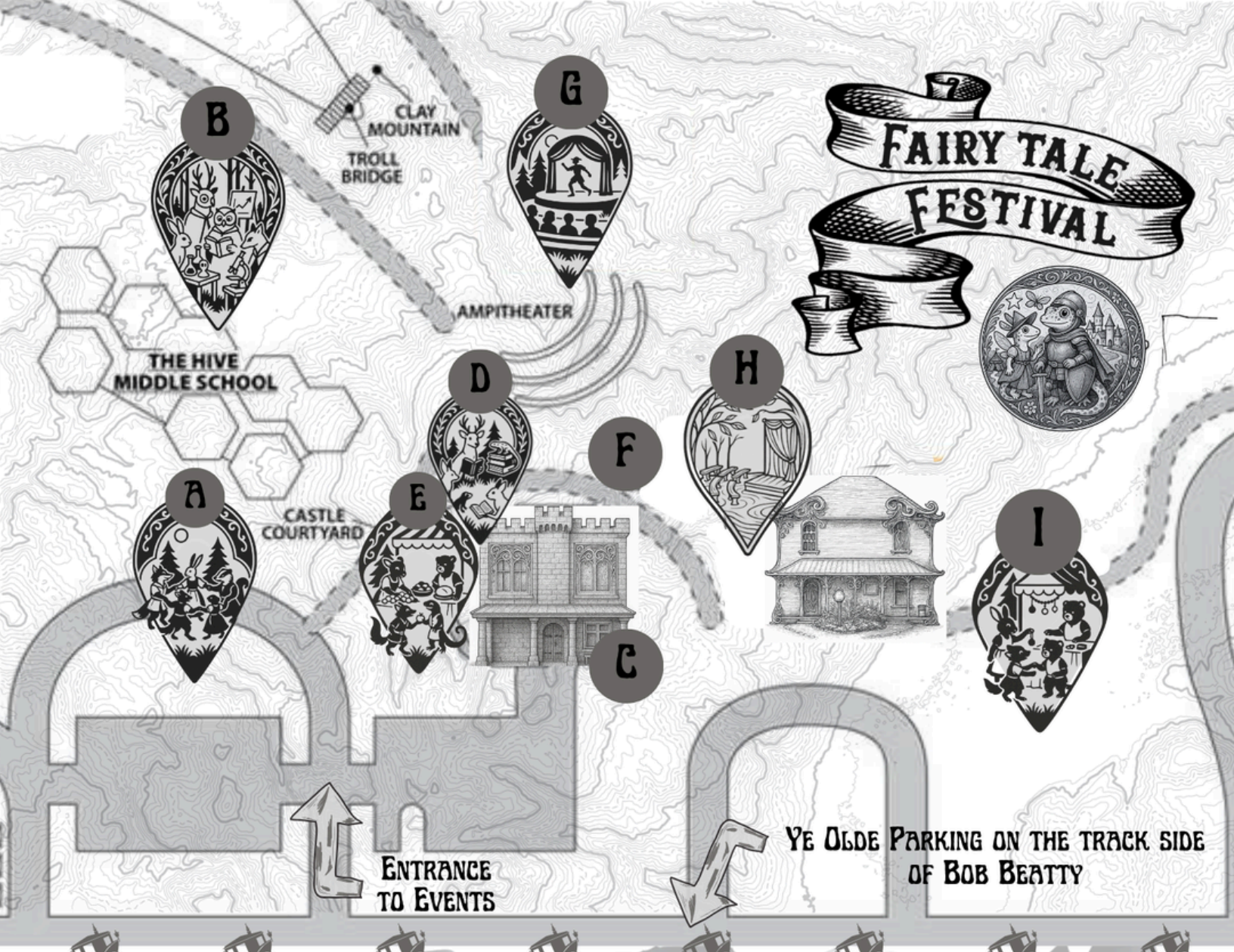


Parents and guardians are warmly encouraged to wander the Book Fair alongside their young explorers, for it is always more enchanting when shared. If you cannot attend, you may send along a bit of treasure with your student to spend as they please. Please remember that staff cannot be the keepers of coins or the choosers of books—those quests belong to your child alone.

Prices range from $4 to $30

paperpie learning

*educational services representative*




**A** Circle Dance on the Athletic Field

**B** Hive Deck Village of Wonders

**C** Castle Admin Building and Gear Sale

**D** Book Fair at Castle Courtyard

**E** Hellbender's Venders

**F** Path Behind Castle - Parade Start

**G** Castle Amphitheatre
Kinder to 4th grade Performances

**H** Croft Stage
Middle School Performance

**I** Croft Playground and 5th Fairy Tale Market

CALLING ALL K-2ND FAMILIES!

# STAFF APPRECIATION EVENT



## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

SIGN UP HERE TO CONTRIBUTE!

**Chili•Soup•Salad Bar**

Join us in showing a little extra warmth and gratitude to our incredible staff!

Pioneer Springs Community School

## HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES: JOIN US FOR OUR NOVEMBER 7TH CELEBRATION OF LEARNING, ROOTS & BRANCHES



**On Friday, November 7 from 1:30-3:30 PM high school students will showcase their learning at our first ever Roots & Branches Celebration of Learning**. High school families are invited to join the celebration.

The event will open with Shakespearean sketches presented by the theatre class.

Guests will compete in a student-created game show, Are You Smarter than a Hellbender?

Then, guests will visit exhibits, presentations, and demonstrations featuring student work.

At 3 pm, the high school Ensemble will perform.

Questions? Email Heidi Magi (heidim@pioneersprings.org)

---

## EXCITING TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY PIONEER PARENT, DAN DAVENTPORT & EF TOURS



**We're thrilled to announce an unforgettable EF Tours trip to Greece and Italy coming in Summer 2026!** This once-in-a-lifetime educational adventure is open to students ready to explore ancient ruins, stunning coastlines, and rich cultures — all while gaining global perspectives and lifelong memories.

**NOW** is the time to register!
Early enrollment guarantees your spot and locks in the lowest price. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to bring history to life and experience the world beyond the classroom.

**Trip Dates:** Summer 2026
**Destinations**: Athens • Delphi • Rome • Florence • Venice — and more!
**Who Can Go**: Open to eligible students & families of Pioneer Springs

*This trip is not sponsored by Pioneer Springs

**Click here to learn more and sign-up for the info session on 11/13 at 7 PM!**

Pioneer Springs Community School

# PIONEER PLAYERS "PUFFS" WAS A HIT!

Thank you to our community for supporting the hard work and dedication of these students! Pioneer Players first outdoor performances were a hit! Next up from Pioneer Players is our Spring Musical, “Once Upon a Matress




















# MS. JEN AND HER ART STUDENTS REPRESENTED PSCS IN THE 8TH ANNUAL MOUNT HOLLY LANTERN PARADE!

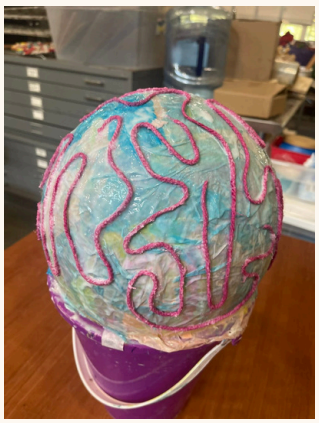
















# HIGH SCHOOL GOES BACKPACKING IN PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST

We had 14 students backpack for three days in Pisgah National Forest. They woke up to 30 degree temperatures, hiked for a total of 14 miles, gained an elevation of 2,165 ft., and averaged about 2 miles per hour. Students enjoyed colorful foliage, waterfalls, and the backdrop of mountain views.













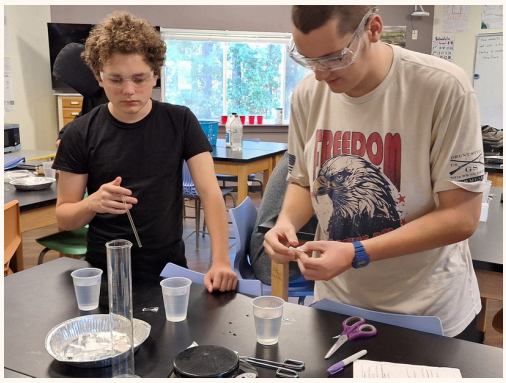
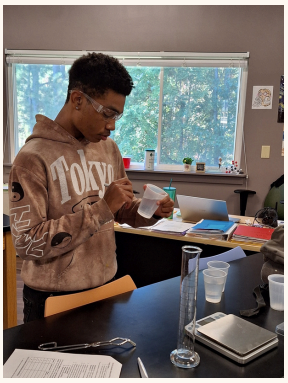
# STUDENT SMILES








Mr. Nick takes his English IV Honors class outside to nature journal as part of their outdoor learning.


Recently, as Chemistry students were learning about synthetic and biological polymers, they explored examples of the 6 main plastic types that are commonly found in consumer goods. They used qualitative tests to analyze the differences and densities of these materials. In conjunction, they also created presentations exploring 4 polymers that have had outsized impacts on our world and our environment whether for good or bad. The class only came to consensus about the cost -vs- benefit of #6 Polystrene (aka Styrofoam). Students were also able to see an example of polystyrene and superadsorbent polymers, which can hold up to 100x their own weight in water, in a demonstration. Our 1 gram of SAP held approximately 200 mL of water before becoming soupy however when exposed to 10% salt solution, our SAP held less than 100 mL. SAPs are commonly used in diapers for their absorbency. Chemistry students made hypotheses about what might be in the blue liquids shown in diaper commercials and discussed whether those commercials were accurately evaluating the use of their products.