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LEARNING TO CREATE CHINAMPAS, BY 6TH GRADERS, NINA, APRIL & CHARLIE











For Social Studies, we decided to make floating gardens for eARThsprings. Floating gardens were first used by the ancient Aztecs to grow crops with limited land. Chinampas are still used today in places like Bangladesh and Mexico due to massive floods. We used this as inspiration to build our Chinampas.

We built the Chinampas over the span of 2-3 weeks. We used organic and natural materials to build the frame of the chinampas. We used wisteria, an invasive species that was taking over the GaGa area. As an added bonus as we also helped our school's environment when we removed it. We used eco-friendly wood strips for them and zip-tied it all together to get the frame and base of our Chinampas. We also used natural materials from around the school, including vines and sticks.

Next, we planted various plants and seeds, including spinach, mint, parsley, and a variety of flowers.

We attached pool noodles and 2 gallon bottles to the bottom of our floating gardens to make sure it doesn't sink. We filled the bottles with spray foam to add extra buoyancy. We did end up removing the bottles, which turned out to be unnecessary, and it looked more aesthetically pleasing without them. After many attempts, failures, and successes, we put the Chinampas into the pond where they float today, adding beauty to our campus.

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 1-14 May: Author's Tea
- 1-2 May: 10th & 11th grade field trip
- 2 May: MS dance
- 7-9 May: 12th grade field trip
- 9 May: Teacher appreciation event
- 14 May: WINGS meeting, 9am
- 16 May: 1st grade camp out
- 19 May: Board meeting, 6pm
- 26 May: Memorial Day
- Summer Camp information
- Academic & Events Calendar

Help Wanted **EOG/ EOC proctors**: help make testing smooth and efficient (leaving more time for fun teaching and learning) by being a proctor. Training will be at 8:30 am on May 7. Check-in at the Castle.



DANCE, DANCE

Middle School Spring Dance – Starry Night

Join us under the stars for a magical evening at our **Spring Dance on Friday, May 2nd from 7–9 PM** on the **Hive Deck**! With twinkling lights and cosmic vibes, it's sure to be a night to remember.

Tickets are **$15 per person** and can be purchased online or at the castle. **Ticket Link**
8th graders may invite one guest—guest approval is required from a middle school teacher or Ms. Alex.

Dress to shine and come ready to dance the night away beneath a Starry Night sky!

High School Prom – The Mad Hatter's Masquerade

Step through the looking glass and into a night of whimsy and wonder at **The Mad Hatter's Masquerade**—this year's unforgettable **Junior/Senior Prom**! Join us on **Friday, May 30th from 7:30–10:30 PM** at the enchanting **Manjal Manor** for an evening filled with magic, mystery, and dancing. Tickets are **$60 per person** and can purchased online or at the castle. Ticket prices will increase by $10 on May 10th, so be sure to purchase your tickets early! **Ticket Link**



This event is open to **Juniors and Seniors only**, unless invited by a Junior or Senior.
Each Junior and Senior may invite up to 2 guests.
Click here to help make it magical!



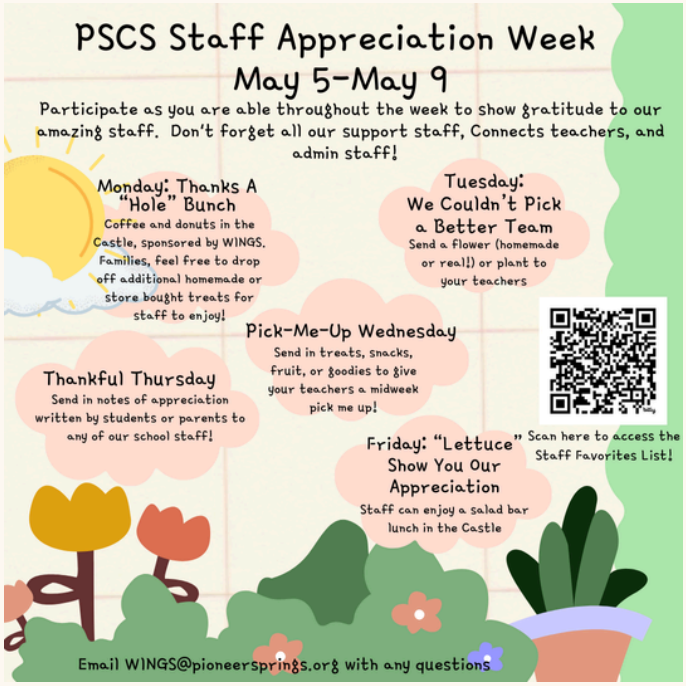
Don your finest attire, add a mask, and don't be late for this very important date!

OUR 2025 YEARBOOK IS LIVE!



Yearbook pre-sale is now live! **Please follow this link to purchase yours today**.
Cost is $35 for a limited time, so get them early as this price will go up in the future. There is also a limited quantity of yearbooks, so don't delay. Get it now!

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK



https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094DACA62FA0FF2-56142113-staff

PIONEER SPRINGS COMMUNITY CELEBRATES OUR CONNECTION TO NATURE AT EARTHSPRINGS ARTS FESTIVAL

Thank you to all of the volunteers, teachers, students and families who made Saturday's eARTsprings and event to remember. Teachers and students worked hard on projects and performances, volunteers donated time and materials, and everyone who was able to make it to the event created a wonderful celebration for our students!

STUDENT RUN POP-UP COFFEE SHOP, TUESDAY AFTERNOONS



High school sustainable business students have created a pop-up coffee shop, named after the upper school's Hellbender mascot, Bender's Beans and Brews!

Visit the coffee shop Tuesday afternoons from 1:20-2:30 at the Davis General Store!

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.

****New theatre camps available now!****



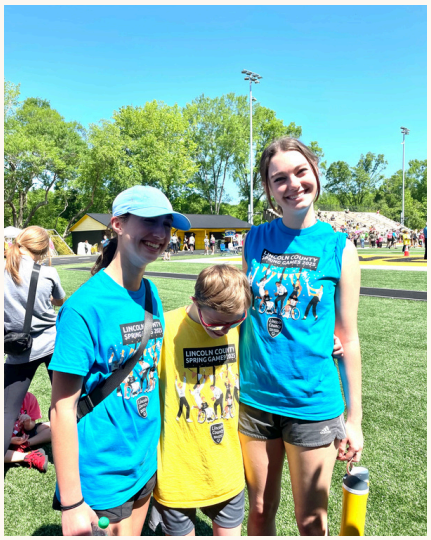
Click here for more information and to register.

STUDENT SMILES

Ms. Leslie and Ms. Brandi's classes participated in the Lincolnton County Spring Games on Monday!









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eARThsprings Edition











