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THANK YOU FOR MAKING CABINET OF CURIOSITIES A WONDER-FILLED CELEBRATION!

Today Pioneer Springs hosted our first annual Cabinet of Curiosities. Thank you to all of the families who came to campus to celebrate learning, and to the teachers who helped students create fabulous projects! Check next week's Student Smiles for even more photos. Post your own photos on social media and tag #pscscofc!



IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 1 Feb: Report cards issued
- 3-7 Feb: Winter Benchmark Window
- 4 Feb: 9th & 10th grade field trip
- 6 Feb: 11th & 12th grade field trip
- 11 Feb: Blood Drive, 9am-1pm
- 12-14 Feb: 8th grade Barrier Island
- 14 Feb: Show Your Heart Day
- 20 Feb: Volunteer training from 2-2:40pm
- Academic & Events Calendar
- Who to Contact and When

PIONEER SPRINGS AWARDED GREAT SCHOOLS GRANT







Great Schools NC has named Pioneer Springs Community School one of three recipients of its inaugural school quality award. This grant, which includes $150,000, is intended to support academic excellence and, specifically, the school's goal of growing 100% of students. With this generous support PSCS will invest in meaningful professional development and in curriculum resources that promote student advancement.

A heartfelt thank you to Great Schools NC for its commitment to empowering charter schools across North Carolina. Pioneer Springs is honored to partner with an organization that shares the dedication to expanding access to high-quality public education.

PIONEER 101: THE FUNDAMENTALS OF READING







Join us from 5:30-6:30 pm on Monday, February 24 to explore the FUNdementals of reading. Reading is one of the most important skills that a child can learn. In this seminar, we will share resources for supporting reading at home. We will start with the basics–how children learn to connect letters to sounds, and will also present strategies to support reading comprehension, as well as how to nurture a love of reading.

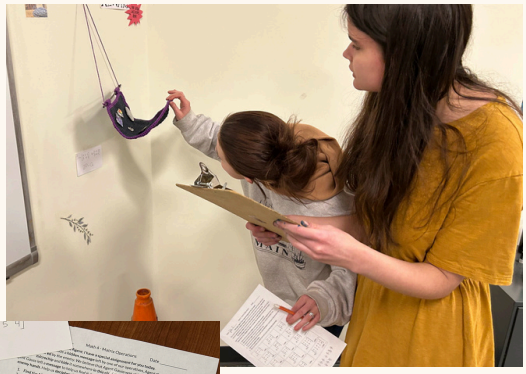
Children of all ages are welcome. Attendees are invited to bring a yummy treat to share!

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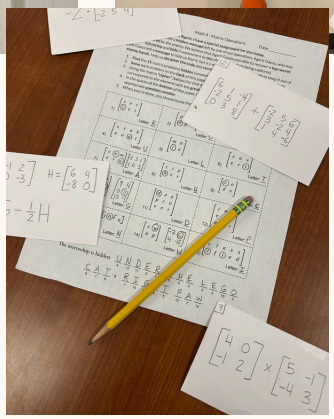


Ms. Karen's Kindergarten class getting ready for the Chinese New Year - year of the Snake. They celebrated all day!









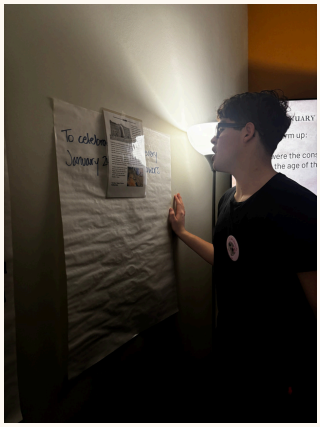
In Mr. Devon's Math 4 class, students learned about matrices, which are used in 3D animation and digital encryption. They searched the classroom for 15 hidden math problems, then used matrix operations to decrypt a secret code and locate a "microchip" hidden in the classroom. Students helped each other not only to find the problems, but to solve them as well! Pictured: The "key" used to decipher the hidden message; Oliver H. finds a problem behind some math books; A matrix multiplication problem hides in plain sight on the art wall; Discovering another hidden math problem!

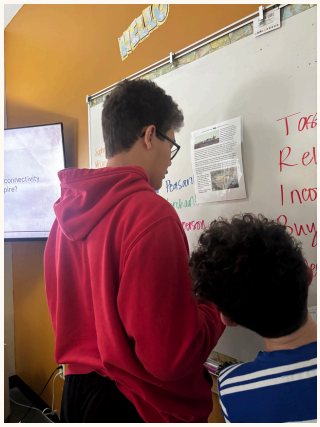
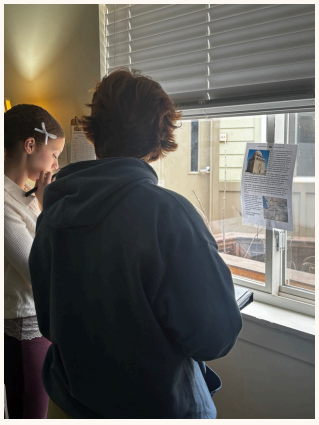
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3rd grade created Valentine's Day cards for residents at a local nursing home.



Ms. Alex's High School World History class, students travelled along the Silk Road during the rule of the Mongol Empire, exploring major cities where trade took place such as Kashgar, Merv, and Ctesiphon. They learnt about goods and services that were traded such as cotton, flax, honey, and even Buddhist beliefs. Students were taught about the time of peace that the Mongol Empire enforced, encouraging a flourish in trade along the Silk Road, which resulted in the spread of the Bubonic Plague that killed more than 100 million people across Afro-Eurasia.