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Congratulations to the class of 2024!

On Wednesday evening we celebrated the first graduating class of Pioneer Springs. Faculty introduced the graduates, sharing the ways in which each is unique in the world, and how each plans to pursue their personal dreams. Jillian Townsend, who earned both a high school diploma and an Associate Degree from Central Piedmont Community College, was our Valedictorian. Grey Lewis was presented with the first ever Spirit of Pioneer Springs award in recognition of Grey's bright-burning curiosity, commitment to community and nature, perseverance, and optimism. Three students were awarded $1,000 Communities in Action Scholarships College Scholarships: Elise Armendariz, a member of the Green Humanities Community, Carson Kaylor, a member of the Natural Sciences Community, and Jada Valle-Davis, who is also a member of the Natural Sciences Community.













Thank you to everyone who joined us to honor our graduates!

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- Have a wonder-filled summer in nature!
- Register here for Summer Camps (Theatre camps also added)!
- Academic & Events Calendar

PSCS 2024 Graduates

Jacob Daniel Anstine-Ramirez
Cordelia Elise Armendariz
Lindsey Elizabeth Bolster
Cameron William Bruce
Evan James Cox
Laci Jade Cummings
Olivia Marie Eiger
Elijah Norman John Heubel
Carson Robert Kaylor
Carter Ryan Konawalik
Genevieve James Lewis
Nicholas Michael Marsh
Christian Joel Jordan Mayer
Abigail Grace McCarn
Kylee Ann McClurg
Misha Kharchenko Painter
Shaniyah Antwanique Smith
Jillian Leigh Townsend
Jayden Christopher Urbina
Jada Iman Valle-Davis
Zahir Naimel Wilborn
Emma Youngs

Kindergarten, Fifth and Eighth Grade celebrate their promotions!







Kindergarten





Fifth grade





Eighth grade

Learn and explore at our summer camps!



Are you looking for adventure, fun, an opportunity to explore new ideas and to get creative this summer? Join us for our summer camps. From theatre, to aerodynamics, to world arts, from cooking to superpowers, and from engineering to Da Vinci, and escape rooms, our camps will offer youngsters from Kindergarten through sixth grade the opportunity to expand their horizons, learn new things, play with friends, and engage in all important open-ended play in nature.
Click here to learn more about our camps, and to register!

Thank you!



Thank you to all of the families that donated to the WINGS Staff Appreciation Gift. Thanks to your generosity, each staff member was gifted $50!

Additionally, thank you for entrusting us with the education of your children this year. It is an honor to nurture a bight-bring love of learning, to foster the growth of each of our students, to build community, and to connect with nature, and we value your partnership in this endeavor!

High school ceramics students make pit-fired pottery











Randolph Lewis's high school Ceramics students spent the semester learning about different techniques to build, fire, and decorate pottery. For one place-based project, students created cooking pots inspired by the ceramic tradition of the Catawba Nation. Last Friday they fired the pots in a pit that they built behind the art classroom. The pit was filled with horse bedding, to which was added additional salts, including copper carbonate. The salts in the bedding can create beautiful colors, including red and black, on the pottery. The reactions can be controlled by adding more air to the fire, and by smothering the fire. Check out the amazing colors on the students' creations!

High School English III students experiment with storytelling through film



Henry David Thoreau's cabin at Walden Pond

What happens when you take a well known story and tell it in a different medium? Jennifer Marsh's English III students experimented with that question this spring. Students read selections from Henry David Thoreau's memoir and meditation on our connection with nature, self-sufficiency, and our connection to community, *Walden*. Students then translated Thoreau's memoir into short films. Click this link to view one of the films. As you watch, consider what the film has to say about our interconnection with nature, self-sufficiency, and our connection to community. Does the film make you think about these themes in a new way? Does it inspire you to read or reread *Walden*?

4th grade Author's Tea











Classroom Happenings





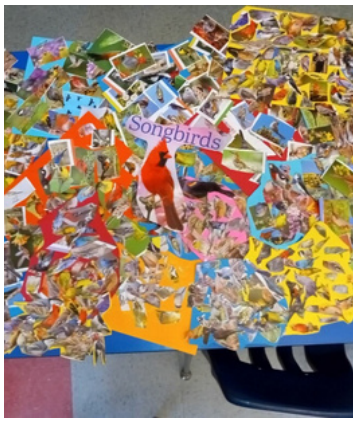


7th grade students played tic tac toe dice as a way to practice logic and mental math.





Ms. Brandi's students visited the Davis General Store.









Ms. Karen's Kindergarteners made bird collages.