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The Pioneer Springs community celebrates the arts!

A huge thank you to everyone who came to campus last Saturday to celebrate the arts at ArtSpring! We had a huge turn-out. Pioneer Springs is filled with talented and creative students who entertained us with their dancing, acting, and singing and inspired us with their drawing, sculpting, and ceramics skills. Our middle school entrepreneurs sold well over $500 worth of products, and our high school entrepreneurs sold out of food. The event was a success because of the hard work of our phenomenal arts educators, including Randolph Lewis, Susan Montague, Gwen Postle, John McNeish, Allie Cesena, and Kristin Chiperfield. Michele Rothschild guided our middle school entrepreneurs. Staff including Ava Alexander, Karen McKenzie, and Jen Marsh ensured that essential logistics were in place. Finally, numerous parent volunteers guaranteed everyone's needs were taken care of and that they had a great time.











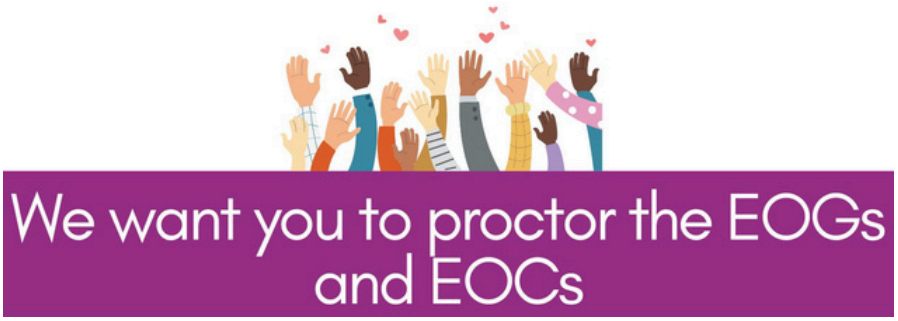


In addition to celebrating the arts, we raised over $4,200 at the event! We are grateful to Cohen & Elliott Slonneger's grandparents and Vinaya & Sarma Tallavajhala for donating gift baskets and refreshments to the event!

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 4, 5, 18 & 19 May: Alice in Wonderland
- 7 May: WINGS staff appreciation
- 8-14 May: Authors' Teas
- 9, 10, 11 May: Pioneer Players' *Little Women*
- 10 May: K-8 Field Day
- 15-29 May: EOG/ EOC schedule
- 17-18 May: 1st grade camp out at PSCS
- 29 May: Class of 2024 Graduation
- Register here for Summer Camps!
- Academic & Events Calendar

Help Wanted! Proctors needed for EOC and EOG exams



You can help PSCS students do their best and show what they've learned on their EOC and EOG exams by volunteering to serve as a proctor. Proctors are an essential part of our EOC and EOG testing teams not only because they help ensure fair and uniform test administration, but also because North Carolina requires proctors for tests. When parents, grandparents, and family members volunteer to proctor, PSCS is able to keep more instructional staff in classrooms that are not testing. Proctoring is easy-you just show-up to your assigned test times, and follow a simple protocol. Proctors must attend a short training in order to serve. **Sign-up to attend a session on either Tuesday, May 7 or Thursday, May 9 at 9 am here**. **Here is the testing schedule**.

You scream, I scream, we all scream for Staff Appreciation (help us make an amazing ice cream bar for staff)



Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. High School WINGS families, organized by the phenomenal Holly Webster, will be creating an ice cream bar on Tuesday, 11am to 1pm, to show our appreciation for all of Pioneer Springs' educators and staff. If you would like to contribute to this event, **sign-up here**.

Help us make Field Day fantastic!





K-8 Field Day is right around the corner! Field Day is a celebration of everything students have learned in PE this year. It's also important because it helps kids enjoy activity, movement, and age-appropriate competition. Tosha and Josh are planning a dynamic day filled with fun activities for our students! Events will include Hungry Hungry Hippos, Simon Says, Disc Golf, Vennis, and lots of water games!

We want students to have the chance to spend lots of time outside engaging in physical challenges, so classes will participate in events throughout the day. Be sure to send water and to apply sunscreen before school. We need volunteers to make this day safe and fun! **Sign-up here** to join us! Questions, email Tosah (latoshac@pioneersprings.org).

Attention Middle School students & families: save the date for an enchanted event!



Dear families of PCSC middle schoolers,
The PSCS student council is thrilled to announce that we will be having a school dance for grades 6th-8th! The theme of this dance will be a mix of Princess and The Frog and Enchanted Forest.
If your student(s) would like to attend this beautiful Enchanted Bayou, full of magic and wonder, please have them come to Lunch Island from 5:00-7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 22nd, where they can dance and enjoy snacks/refreshments.
It is expected that all students will both be dressed appropriately (according to our regular dress code). There is a $5.00 fee per child. There will be a Sign-Up Genius in next week's Coop Scoop for snacks/ refreshments and parent chaperones. We will also have a link to pay the $5.00 fee.
We hope to see you there!
Sincerely, Ms. Michele R.

Support the WINGS' plant sale, and help us *grow* a stronger community



Are you looking to expand your garden, add some green to your family room, or for the perfect Mother's Day gift? Check-out WINGS' plant sale next Thursday! Do you have questions, plants to donate, or would you like to volunteer? Contact WINGS at wings@pioneersprings.org.

Add an Enchanted Eden to your yard



Raised bed gardens are ideal for growing vegetables and flowers because you can fill them with the perfect soil mix! Our 10th Grade students in the Design the Future Community in Action, mentored by Krisitn Chiperfield, designed modular raised garden beds to enable our community to add vegetable and flower beds to their home garden in an economical and environmentally friendly way.
The modular garden beds that the students designed have zero material waste, are the ideal depth for many crops, and are easy to put together. They are also affordable! For the low price of just $60 you can add one to your yard! **Order your bed here**, and we will contact you before the end of the school year with information about when you can collect your garden bed in carline!

Walden comes to Pioneer Springs



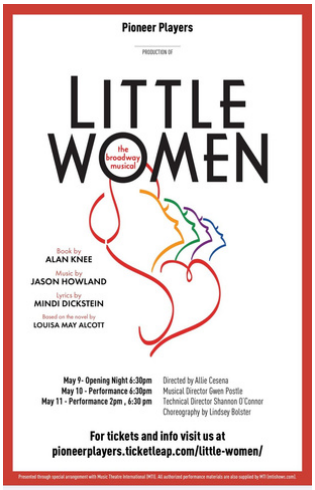





Jen Marsh's Honors English III students continued their study of Henry David Thoreau's *Walden* last week by designing dream cabins based on Thoreau's famous dwelling. They will place their miniature cabins around the pond and record short films inspired by *Walden*. These films will explore our connection to the natural world, and consider the ways in which modern technology changes how we interact with nature.

Save the Date: Pioneer Players present *Little Women* May 9, 10, and 11







Pioneer Players, our school Thespian Club, is proud to present the musical *Little Women* on May 9, 10, and 11. **Tickets can be purchased here**!

Pioneer Springs' school song debuted at ArtSpring!

Gwen Postle's high school Songwriting students, Peyton McLester and Rachel Ramey, created a special project last semester. They wrote a school song honoring Pioneer Springs' campus and traditions! The Sixth Grade has been rehearsing the song in recent weeks. They performed it at ArtSpring! accompanied by Mr. Randolph, to critical acclaim!

Watch it here!

Verse 1
In this place we call the Piedmont
Lies a little nature school
Full of brain and full of brawn
And everything that's cool
We all take P.R.I.D.E.
In our community
We live to laugh
And celebrate in unity

Chorus
We are Pioneer Springs
And we're here to take the charge
We have Davis
We have Asbury
Don't forget the Barn
We have friends from Croft
To the Hives down to the pond
We are friends we are family
We share a special bond

Verse 2
Our little nature school
has many special things
Like Reach for the Trees
And honey bees
And even ArtSpring
A special celebration
Every year in the fall
Where we dance around and magic abounds
At the Fairy Tale Ball

Chorus

Bridge
Our hearts are sweet as honey from our pioneer bees
Full of love and learning from our head to our feet

Chorus

Classroom Happenings




Ms. Mary and Ms. Jeretta's class working on their inventions!






Classes from across campus invented tools to clean up the simulated Great Pacific Garbage patch on campus. Ms. Kelsey's sixth grade students were able to pick up 80 pieces of trash in one scoop with their invention!






Ms. Stacey, our 7/8 math teacher and Ms. Mel, our 7/8 ELA teacher co-taught a lesson in which 8th grade students studied the relationship between the average income and CO_2 emissions in various countries. They discovered that higher income countries emit much larger amounts of CO_2 per capita than lower income countries. For more information on this relationship, see here.

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Ms. Leslie's class spent lots of time gardening, and exploring new curriculum material after being awarded a grant recently.



Ms. Kara and Ms, Shelli's third grade class made Earth Day crafts!



Ms. Martha captured this photo of irises on our campus.