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A PSCS NEWSLETTER

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GET TO KNOW MS. KARLEE, OUR SEL TEACHER AND TESTING COORDINATOR



Hello! My name is Karlee Cheek and I am excited to be serving as the Social and Emotional Learning teacher here at Pioneer Springs Community School. With a passion for supporting students in developing their emotional intelligence, social skills, and resilience, I strive to create a nurturing environment where students can grow both academically and personally. I believe that fostering strong social and emotional skills is essential to helping students succeed, not only in the classroom, but in life.

When I am not in the classroom, I am serving as the testing coordinator. In the role I oversee the planning, administration, and analysis of all standardized tests and assessments, working to ensure a smooth and efficient testing process for both students and staff.

I have truly enjoyed working with all the students this school year. It's been a pleasure to see their growth and progress! I looking forward to continuing to support their academic journey!

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 9 April: WINGS meeting, 8:45 am
- 14-18 April: **Spring Break**
- 21 April: Staff workday - **NO SCHOOL** for students
- 21 April: Board meeting, 6pm
- 23 April: Blood drive, 9am-1pm
- 23-25 April: 10th & 11th grade backpacking trip
- 26 April: EarthSprings
- 28 April-2 May: Benchmarking
- Summer Camp information
- Academic & Events Calendar

Reminder: for the safety of our staff, students, and families, please refrain from using your mobile device while driving on campus.

CALLING ALL PSCS FAMILIES:
HELP PIONEER SPRINGS COMMUNITY SCHOOL CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK!



Adopt a fruit tree! To celebrate Earth Week 2025, we are planning on replanting our Pioneer Springs Community School Orchard. When we built our High School, the original school orchard had to be removed. The orchard will consist of a variety of fruit trees and serve as a learning laboratory for our students. **What better way to celebrate our Earth than to plant trees?** Young trees absorb CO2 at a rate of **13 pounds** per tree, each year helping offset our carbon footprint. Students will learn about tree stewardship, the benefits of trees, and fruit production.

Pioneer Springs Community School is asking each grade to adopt a fruit tree. Classes will learn about their adopted tree, prepare the planting site, and then celebrate their adoption by planting the tree with the help of the Horticulture 1 class.

How can you help? We are asking each grade level to raise $45 to adopt a fruit tree. Each student is asked to donate $1.00 to help reach their grade level's goal of adopting a fruit tree. Teachers will have a donation collection envelope in each classroom. Once each grade reaches their goal, an apple, peach, or pear tree will be ordered from the Arbor Day Foundation to plant in the school orchard!

Families can also choose to sponsor their students' grade level adoption fee by donating $45.

What? Adopt A Fruit Tree

When? April 2025

Where? Pioneer Springs Community School

Why? We are celebrating Earth Day, Arbor Day, and the benefits of trees.

How? Donate $1 to raise the adoption fee of $45 by April 21, 2025. Send cash or a check, payable to PSCS with your student, or drop your donation off at the office.

INTRODUCING EARTHSPRINGS

An arts festival celebrating our interconnection with the natural world!

Saturday, April 26 from 10 am to 1 pm on the Pioneer Springs Camp

Theatre, music, artisans, growers, class exhibits, pop-up art projects, and more!







When: Saturday, April 26 from 10 AM to 1 PM
Where: Pioneer Springs Campus
Come **see** and **engage** with all the amazing work our students have been creating! Students in grades K-8 and high school theatre students have been working with their classes on performances and exhibits, so the more students involved, the more **vibrant** and **exciting** the performances will be! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors to cheer them on!

EarthSprings also includes a **local artisan fair**—sign up here for a booth! WINGS, our homegrown PTO, will also host a **plant sale**.
Questions? Email heidim@pioneersprings.org.





Wanted: your cardboard boxes and cereal boxes for EarthSprings projects. Drop your items off at the Castle

WINGS MEETING

PIONEER W.I.N.G.S

OUR HOMEGROWN PTO!

Join us at 9 April at 8:45am to learn about WINGS, school happenings, volunteer opportunities, and ways to support our school!
Check-in at the Castle.



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.

Click here for more information and to register.

GIVE HOPE THIS SPRING AND GIVE BLOOD WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL



Pioneer Springs is excited to announce that we are partnering with One Blood to host a blood drive on Wednesday, 23 April. **You can sign-up to donate here**.

OneBlood will make a contribution to Pioneer Springs on behalf of blood donors.

High School Students who are 16 years old or older can donate with parents' consent and must bring a consent form to the bus on the day of the blood drive. All donors and prospects must have a picture ID showing date of birth. **Click for Eligibility and Consent Forms.**

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!

STUDENT SMILES

5th grade Students visit the US District Court in Charlotte, NC to have real world experience to go with their lessons on US Government and civics.

















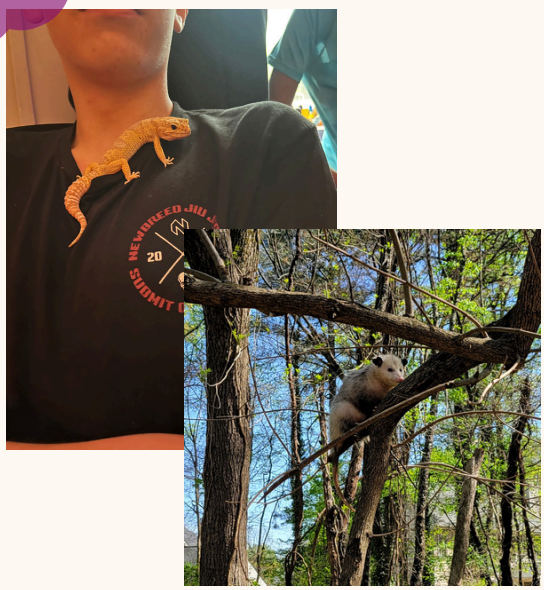
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For April Fool's, Ms. Alex pranked her HS students with a fake flood drill!

CRITTER CORNER



Tipy has joined Ms. Hannah's MS science class. We also had Billy the Possum wave farewell to families during afternoon carpool.

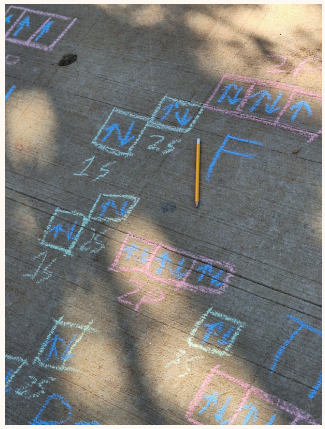


SEL learning in Ms. Leslie's class.









No... it's not a strange new version of hopscotch... It's electron configurations following the 3 rules of orbital filing for the quantum mechanical model of the atom. High School Chemistry students enjoyed using sidewalk chalk outside on a beautiful day to diagram electron configurations of different elements. Some even got creative with where they diagrammed them. A dusty success!