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A PSCS NEWSLETTER

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REACH FOR THE TREES IS WELL UNDERWAY!



















We have just a little less than 2 weeks until our biggest school fundraiser comes to a close. It's time to "secure that bag!" Please check in with your students and help them reach their fundraising goal of $150 each. We're well on our way but still need your support. Help our school Reach For the Trees!

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 8 Oct: 1st Grade Field Trip
- 14 Oct: 2nd Grade Field Trip
- 16 Oct: 9am-1pm, Blood Drive
- 16-17 Oct: Reach for the Trees!
- 22-24 Oct: HS Backpacking Trip
- 24-25 Oct: Pioneer Players presents "Puffs"
- 31 Oct: Fairy Tale Festival
- Fridays at 12pm: Director's Open Office Hours
- Sign up for before/after care
- Academic & Events Calendar



✨ Step Into the Magic: Fairy Tale Festival! ✨

Join us for a day of wonder, imagination, and celebration at Pioneer Springs' beloved Fairy Tale Festival, happening **Friday, October 31st, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm!** This cherished tradition brings our school community together to celebrate stories, creativity, and the joy of learning through playful performances, handmade costumes, and time-honored traditions.

Taking inspiration from fairy tales to myths and legends, our students will transform the campus into a living storybook. Kinder through 4th graders will dazzle in costume parades, share their own performances, and join the magical all-community circle dance at the Castle Amphitheatre. 5th grade brings back the Magic Bean Marketplace, where younger students can "shop" with magic beans. Middle schoolers will take the stage at the Croft Amphitheatre. Our high school Sustainable Business and Entrepreneurship Communities in Action group will host the Hellbender's Vendor Magic Fairy Tale Marketplace, where families can explore student-made creations.

New this year: a Book Fair for families to wander and enjoy! Students must be accompanied by an adult to shop at the Book Fair and/ or Hellbender's Vendor.

More details including the full schedule, volunteer and donation opportunities will be shared in your child's homeroom newsletter. Each week leading up to the celebration we'll also highlight a Fairy Tale Festival tradition. This week's spotlight is on costumes!

Costumes

Costumes are one of the most joyful parts of the festival. From simple paper creations to imaginative masterpieces, the magic is in the student-made touch. Costumes should be inspired by fairy tales, folk tales, myths, or legends. Avoid store-bought movie or comic characters, as well as anything scary or gory.



Students may wear their costumes to school, but if an item makes learning tricky, it can be kept in backpacks until the parade. Nothing sparkles quite like a child proudly wearing something they made themselves!

✨ We can't wait to see our school transformed into a storybook world, full of laughter, music, and enchantment at this year's Fairy Tale Festival! ✨

THE BIG RED BUS WILL BE HERE, THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER



The blood drive is, simply put, the gift of life. We partnered with OneBlood again to host a blood drive on campus on **Thursday, 10/16 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**.

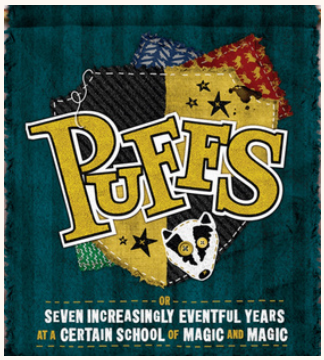
Sign up using the link below and recruit family and friends to come out and donate. Donors will receive refreshments and a OneBlood Halloween T-Shirt.

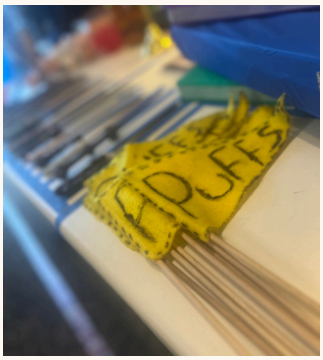
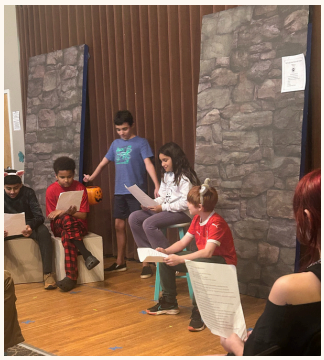
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High School Students who are 16 years old or older can donate with parents' consent and must bring a consent form to the bus on the day of the blood drive. All donors and prospects must have a picture ID showing their date of birth.

OneBlood strongly encourages all donors to have a good breakfast or meal and drink plenty of water before and after donating.

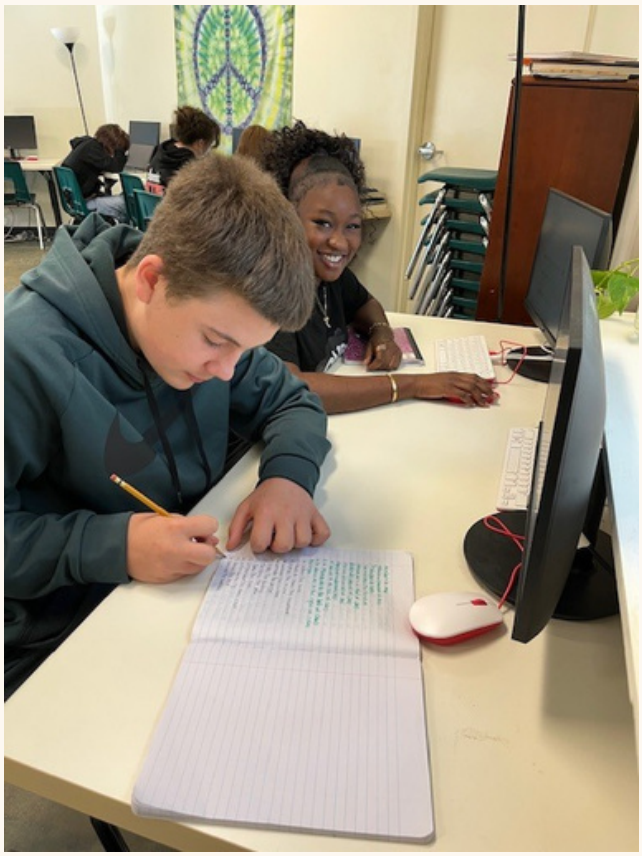
MS. ALLIE AND PIONEER PLAYERS PRESENTS "PUFFS"

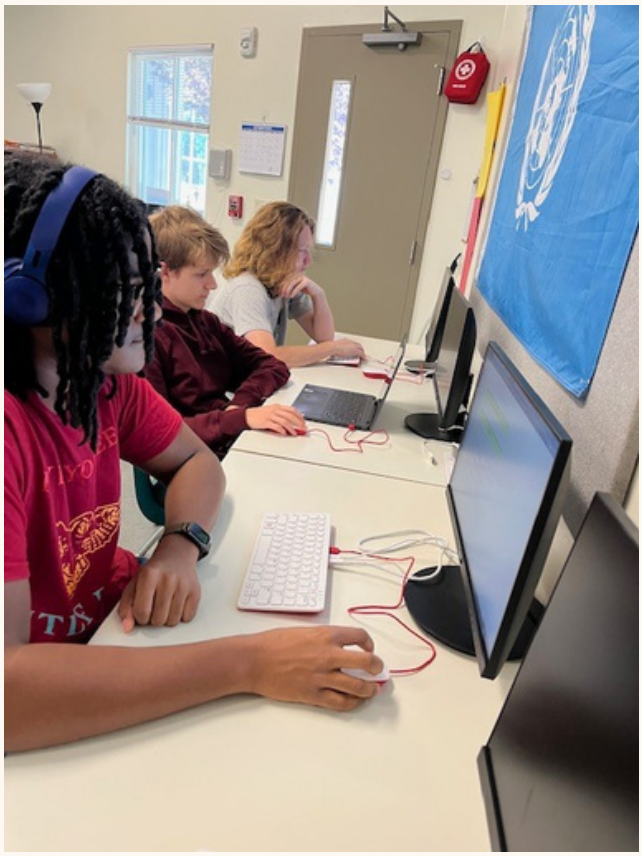


Pioneer Players presents "PUFFS", or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic. "PUFFS", written by Matt Cox, is a comedy play that tells the story of the "PUFFS", a group of loyal but often overlooked students, paralleling the classic narrative of a certain boy wizard's journey. The play shifts the focus of "the chosen one" to the secondary characters, allowing the audience to experience a familiar magical world through the eyes of the Puffs. Pioneer Players will be performing the Young Wizard's edition in one act. Please join us on Friday and Saturday, October 24th and 25th, at 6:30 PM. A suggested donation of $10 per person or $20 a family is encouraged to support our blossoming program. Thank you in advance, Third or Nothing!

INTRODUCING THE VIRTUAL LEARNING LAB AT PIONEER SPRINGS!





Pioneer Springs Community School is proud to introduce the Virtual Learning Lab, a space where high school students can pursue courses through the Virtual North Carolina Public school system, as well as Central Piedmont Community College. This broadens their academic opportunities and counts towards graduation, and beyond. Our students are currently taking courses such as Honors Psychology, American Sign Language, Spanish I and II, English III, World History Honors, and Biology Honors, to name a few.

Under the supervision of Ms. Vicki, students in grades 9–12 approach their virtual courses with focus and determination. The classroom maintains a quiet, studious environment that allows scholars to work independently while Ms. Vicki supports them by meeting individually about assignments, monitoring grades, and encouraging strong habits of responsibility, accountability, and communication with their online teachers.

“I am very proud of the high level of consistency our students show toward their work,” Ms. Vicki shared. “It is wonderful to hear them talk about the wide variety of topics they are learning and the projects they research and prepare. I have also been impressed with the strong communication between students and their teachers, the thoughtful feedback provided, and the opportunity for every student to improve through second chances on assignments.”

The Virtual Learning Lab not only expands academic options but also helps Pioneer students develop essential life skills that will serve them in college, careers, and beyond.

STUDENT SMILES



Morning circle on the hive deck with eighth grade.







Ms. Shannon's Physical Science students explored the meaning of the Law of Conservation of Mass this past week with a lab. They carefully weighed and recorded the mass of the components of an open and a closed system using a classic baking soda and vinegar reaction. When they used a balloon to seal the top of a flask containing the reaction, they were able to collect most of the CO2 gas generated. This enabled them demonstrate the Law of Conservation of Mass in real life. They also recorded pH before and after the reaction occurred to determine that a chemical change had taken place.