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A PSCS NEWSLETTER
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CULTIVATE CURIOSITY WITH A FAMILY WONDER WALK THIS WEEKEND







If you came to last week's Cabinet of Curiosities, you may have visited the Wonder Walk created by Pioneer Springs Conservationist, Sandy Dixon. Sandy's Wonder Walk invited visitors to be present and experience the everyday wonders of nature. Wonder is an essential experience–not only does wonder ground us in the moment, it also leads us to appreciate the world more deeply, and it sparks curiosity, which is the foundation of learning. You can cultivate wonder and curiosity in your family by taking a wonder walk of your own in nature this weekend. You could go to a local park or nature preserve, or you might simply enjoy the nature found in the yards and wild spaces in your own neighborhood.

If you are walking with a young child…

- Move slowly
- Give the child time to explore
- Ask open-ended questions: What do you notice? What do you wonder?

If you are walking with an older child…

- Older children love to collect the names of things; take along field guides and identify the trees and animals you find
- Look for connections between parts of the ecosystem–how are the plants at the edge of the stream different from the plants at the top of the hill? What kinds of animals live in each area? Why?

If you are walking with an adolescent…

- Adolescents want to make a positive difference in the world; ask them what they notice, and how they can protect and care for local habitats
- Invite your adolescent to make a pop-up wonderwalk in your neighborhood. In common areas, create signs identifying specific plants and describing the role that the plants play in the ecosystem as well as animals that might be found in that area

Take a wonder walk with your family this weekend and post photos to social media with the #pioneerspringscommunityschool!

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 11 Feb: Blood Drive, 9am-1pm
- 12-14 Feb: 8th grade Barrier Island
- 14 Feb: Show Your Heart Day
- 17 Feb: President's Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- 18 Feb: Staff workday - **NO SCHOOL**
- 20 Feb: Volunteer training from 2-2:40pm
- 24 Feb: Board of Trustees meeting
- Academic & Events Calendar
- Who to Contact and When
- Board meeting minutes

"If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder. . . he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in."
– Rachel Carson, *The Sense of Wonder*

SHOW YOUR HEART FOR OUR COMMUNITY BY GIVING BLOOD



Give the gift of life at the Pioneer Springs Valentine's Blood Drive. The Big Red Bus from One Blood will be on campus on **Tuesday, the 11th of February from 9 am to 1 pm**.

Anyone who is affiliated with PSCS age 16 and older is welcome to donate.

Click here for more information and to sign-up. Students age 16 and up may donate with parent/guardian consent. **Click here for the consent form**.

Questions? Email Ava Alexander, avaa@pioneersprings.org.

Thank you, Ava for coordinating campus blood drives so that Pioneer Springs can give back to the community in this vital way!

JOIN WINGS & SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR PSCS



A message from WINGS: attention Middle School families…

We have an exciting event coming up on **Friday, February 28th**. Our Middle School families will be hosting the upcoming all staff teacher appreciation event. The theme for this event will be a yogurt and bagel bar.

We are kindly asking for Middle School families to sponsor this all staff appreciation event by donating supplies, food and/or volunteering (the sign up link is below). Thank you so much for helping to make this event a success. We appreciate all that you do!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094DACA62FA0FF2-54859655-yogurt

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.

Adults and children of all ages are welcome. Attendees are invited to bring a yummy treat to share! **Click here to rsvp, and to share the questions that you have.**

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.

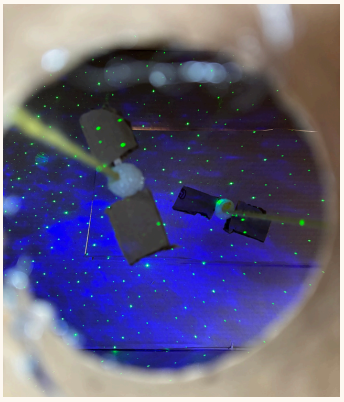
Click here for more information and to register.

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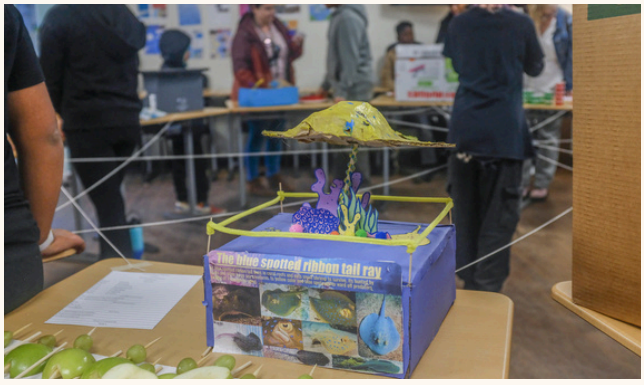














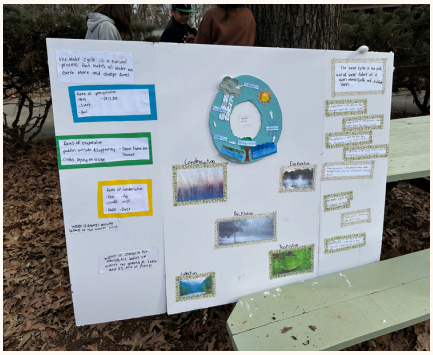






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