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A PSCS NEWSLETTER

8 December 2025





IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 13 Dec: Winter Wonder Faire, 12pm-4pm
- 17 Dec: Blood Drive, 9am - 2pm
- 19 Dec: Aurora Nights, 7pm-9:30pm
- 22 Dec - 1 Jan: **Winter Break**
- 2 Jan: Staff Workday - **NO SCHOOL** for students
- 19 Jan: MLK Day
- 20 Jan: Staff Workday
- Fridays at 12pm: Director's Open Office Hours
- Sign up for before/after care
- Academic & Events Calendar

Hello PSCS Community!

As we start to bring 2025 to a close, we want to reflect on how grateful we are for the Pioneer Springs teachers and staff. They embody the spirit of Pioneer Springs Community School, and work hard to make it such a special place for our children to learn and grow. WINGS, our school's homegrown PTO, will be collecting contributions for staff gifts for ALL teachers, administrators and support staff to distribute on the last day before winter break. We will pool the money collected to distribute a cash gift evenly amongst our amazing staff! With success at this approach the past few years, we have decided to continue this collective giving for our teacher and staff appreciation during this season of giving. We'd like to share the thinking behind the idea to collect from the community to give to all staff:

1. We simplify your holiday shopping by giving our PSCS staff a cash gift just before winter break so you don't have to add this shopping to your already overfilled to-do list! This shared collection allows your money to go further, especially when you have several staff members you'd like to appreciate.

2. We want to honor staff in a truly PSCS community driven way by making sure that every single staff member is included in the holiday/winter gift. Your child encounters numerous teachers and staff on a daily basis and we are committed to making sure NOBODY gets overlooked this holiday season.

Our hope is that each family can contribute $25 per child (or any amount you are comfortable giving!) to the fund. This would ensure that each staff member receives a meaningful cash gift heading into the winter break! Our goal is to make your holiday shopping less stressful! We know finances can be tight, especially during the holidays, so please don't be stressed if you are unable to participate or if you choose to honor your teachers in your own special way.

Our teachers and staff are why PSCS is such a special place for our students and we want to make sure each and every one of them gets a cash gift to honor their hard work!

Please use the link to make an online donation to the PSCS staff gift collection fund by December 16, 2025. You can also leave a check at the office with a memo saying "Staff Holiday Gift Collection." Let's show this exceptional staff how much we appreciate them as we enter into the holiday season!

Thank you!

WINGS Staff Appreciation Team

ATTENTION 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADE FAMILIES



On Friday, December 19th, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade families will be hosting a Dessert and Cocoa Bar teacher appreciation event for all PSCS staff.

We are kindly asking for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade families to sponsor this event by donating supplies, food, and/or donating your time by volunteering (the sign up link is below). We are so thankful for each of you and look forward to spreading some holiday cheer to our wonderful staff.

SIGN UP LINK

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

If your high school student (9th–12th grade only) would like a school-issued Student ID for use at local businesses that offer student discounts or for general verification purposes, we are now offering them for $5.00 each. Payment can be made using the QR code provided. Students who are interested should contact Glenda Cheek at glendac@pioneersprings.org to schedule a time to have their ID made.


Save the date for PSCS high school winter semi formal:
Aurora Nights
Friday, December 19th 7PM-9:30PM
Old Town Event Center
19725 Oak Street, Suite 2-3, Cornelius, NC
Tickets are $35/student. Guests 9-12 grade welcome.
Please visit THIS LINK to purchase tickets
Parents can sign up using this link to chaperone/let us borrow items for the dance.

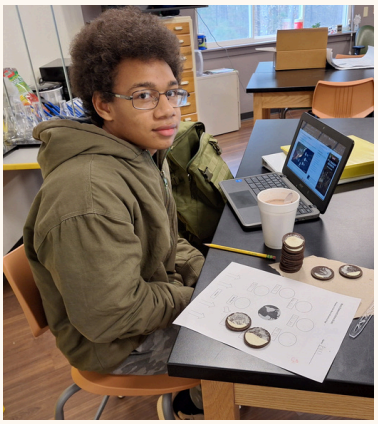
STUDENT SMILES





A group of third, fourth, and fifth graders, along with Ms. Michele, will be implementing a paper and cardboard recycling program at Pioneer Springs, which will help maintain our EcoSchools status. They are in the process of getting things rolling and would like to enact this program by the beginning of the new year.

Be on the lookout for more exciting information soon!





In the current unit, Ms. Shannon's Astronomy students are learning about the formation of the moon and its phases. Today, they modeled and sketched the 8 phases of the moon using the best scientific equipment available - Oreos!