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TEACHER, VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENTS BRING ENCHANTMENT TO PIONEER SPRINGS








Today's Folklore & Fairytale Festival was magical! From Pinocchio, to Anansi, to student-created stories, to traditional North American folktales, to *Frankenstein*, classes from Kindergarten through twelfth grade explored the power of storytelling to bring communities together! A huge thank you to everyone who made today possible, including families who made costumes, teachers who directed plays, WINGS volunteers who made our campus feel enchanted, staff who labored hard to prepare facilities, and especially to the students who worked so hard to create engrossing performances! Your efforts made today a very special day!

BRING THE MAGIC OF THE FOLKLORE & FAIRYTALE FESTIVAL HOME




The Folklore & Fairytale Festival is an important Pioneer Springs tradition because it celebrates the power of literature to make our daily lives special, and to bring communities together. You can bring that magic home by building a culture of reading and storytelling with your family. If you have young children, read aloud with them daily. As your children get older, set aside time to read together as a family on a regular basis. Teens (whether they show it or not) value shared experiences with their parents. If you have a teen, consider reading the same book together and discussing it. All reading builds literacy in a meaningful way, so be sure to follow your child's lead when they choose books, graphic novels, and magazines to read.

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 11 Nov: Veterans Day: **NO SCHOOL** for staff & students
- 13 Nov: 3rd grade field trip
- 15 Nov: 5th grade field trip
- 16 Nov: Board of Trustees meeting
- 20 Nov: WINGS meeting, 9am
- Nov 18-22: Zero Waste Week
- Academic & Events Calendar
- Who to Contact and When

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES: SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULE DISTRIBUTION AND REVISIONS NOVEMBER 12-15





As hard as it may be to believe, the second semester is just around the corner. In preparation for the new semester, which will start in January, high school students will receive their schedules for Semester 2 on Tuesday, November 12 in their homerooms. Lynn Curley will email dual enrollment students with their schedule information. High school students will receive a schedule change form in their emails next week, and that form is due no later than November 15.

TODAY IS YOUR FINAL DAY TO DONATE TO THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



Thank you to everyone who has supported our Annual Campaign! Today is the final day to donate to the campaign.

Click here to make your tax deductible contribution. Click here to learn more about employer matching gifts.

When everyone gives what they can, the Pioneer Springs community thrives.

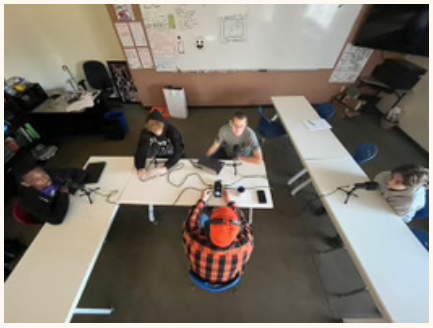
WE WILL BE PARTNERING WITH VISION TO LEARN AGAIN THIS YEAR!

Vision To Learn
Focus on the Future

Vision screening will occur on 11/12-11/13, vision exams on 11/18-11/22, and dispensing of glasses will take place on 12/17. Students who do not pass the screens will get an exam by an ophthalmologist. Those who need glasses will get the glasses, with frames of their choice, on the dispensing date.

STUDENT SMILES





Mr. Nick's Banned Books class recorded podcasts for their Catcher in the Rye unit, with special guest Holden Caufield making an appearance on each podcast.









High school Chemistry class, Earth & Environmental (EES) class and Natural Resources class had the opportunity to go on a field trip with Catawba Riverkeepers. Students kayaked along the river for a few hours and then split into 2 groups. Chemistry and Natural Resources students learned about water quality testing, particularly for pH, Ammonia, Nitrates and Nitrites as well as the EPA allowed practice of monitored discharge from old industrial areas. Students also used GPS units to mark sampling points along their kayaking trip and take water samples for analysis later in class. EES students discussed the importance of both connected and temporal wet lands to the health of the river. They also spent time hunting for salamanders, crayfish and macroinvertebrates in small creeks. They were able find two Dusky Salamanders, 1 Southern Two lLned salamamder, 1 crayfish and a frog or two. They attempted to find water based macroinvertebrates but didn't find many.