

The Coop Scoop

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Welcome back to outdoor learning!



Corey Sperling leads high school Animal Science students through a low ropes team-building activity.



Fourth grade student completing a nature scavenger hunt with Ms. G behind the Hive.



Ms. Karen teaching Kindergarten students how to climb trees.



Wild Writing Wednesday with 7th grade, led by Ms. Mel at the pond.

An important word about afternoon carpool... Between 3:00 and 3:45 Pioneer Springs moves hundreds of cars through our campus. We strive to make this process efficient, friendly, and most importantly, safe. **You can help us maximize efficiency and safety by following [the arrival times outlined on our website](#).**

Elementary families should arrive no earlier than 2:55 and before 3:00. Families picking-up middle and high school students should arrive no earlier than 3:15 and no later than 3:45.

When drivers arrive early, they cause back-ups that make the process take longer for everyone. We appreciate your cooperation on this item!

Important Dates & Items to Note

Labor Day, No
School
September 4

Volunteer
Training
September 6 & 7

K-8
Benchmarking
Window
September 5-20

3rd Grade BOG
September 7



Academic Open
House
September 12-14

For specific times
and more
information, see
School Calendar

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Historic Croft School House



Did you know that Pioneer Springs' campus is situated in the Croft Historic District? A train conductor once described the Croft Community as "a mud puddle between Charlotte and Statesville." – It seems that mud is in Pioneer Springs' DNA!

Today, Pioneer Springs' third and fourth students attend class in the historic Croft Schoolhouse. Completed in 1890, the schoolhouse originally had two classrooms in a two-story building and housed students in first through ninth grades. By 1910 the Croft Community had grown so much that the school was expanded to include two more classrooms. If you look closely at the Croft building, you will notice a seam in the middle of the building from this expansion. In the early 20th century students were grouped by class, with one teacher responsible for several grades in the same classroom. Students attending Croft at that time brought their own lunches and drinking glasses from home—sound familiar? If you'd like to learn more about the history of the Croft Schoolhouse, [click here](#).

Pioneer Plus and Athletics, register now.

Monday, August 28 is the last day to register for Pioneer Plus and Athletics. [Click here](#) for more information about Pioneer Plus. Athletics information is [here](#).



High school students learn about economics and personal finance.

Pioneer Springs students are exploring how personal financial decisions are shaped by broader economic forces and policies—and how the economy, in turn, is influenced by consumer choices—in a new economics and personal finance course taught by Alex Oxendine. This course will explore topics such as student loans, consumer loans, financial planning, and monetary policy. Christian Mayer expressed excitement about the class, noting that he believes it will help him make better financial decisions in his life beyond school. "I am learning how life works, especially about inflation and how it is shaped by supply and demand," Christian said.



Room Parents wanted... Parent and family partnerships are essential for student success. We are currently recruiting families to serve as Room Parents and Middle and High School Parent Committee members. Interested? [Click here](#).

Student voices...first graders create leaf people. Sarah Zurkawski and Allie Twiddy's students collected leaves and turned them into portraits this week. When asked what he thought of the process, one student responded, "I think we should try to make animals next time!"





Pioneer Springs trivia contest...

Do you know why Pioneer Springs' school colors are purple, orange and teal? These colors were chosen with intention, and each color carries a symbolic meaning that is important to our school. The first family that fills out [this form](#) correctly explaining the symbolism behind our school colors wins a Pioneer Springs car magnet!

Eye spy...learning that keeps curiosity burning bright!



On Tuesday Mel Pemberton led 7th and 8th grade students in a game of Eagle Eye. A popular game among middle school students, Eagle Eye helps build nature awareness skills including observation, close listening, and getting comfortable immersing oneself in a natural environment. How many students can you find in this photo?



Imaginative play is essential for children. In addition to being child-led, imaginative play builds social skills. Also, when children invent and act-out scenarios together, they are building their storytelling abilities, which is an important foundation for literacy. How many feathered friends can you spot joining our Kindergarteners playing in the sandbox?