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Holistic Online Meaningful Education

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## Pioneer HOME

Pioneer HOME, our virtual learning option, begins Monday!

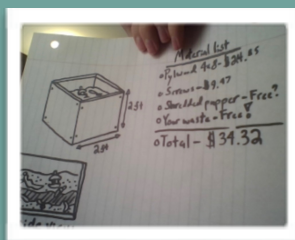
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## A published Pioneer!

One of our new Pioneers, Chloe, was recently published in Girl Story magazine! Her story describes her love of reading and how Ruby Bridges, one of the first African American children who integrated an all white school in 1960, has inspired her. Chloe, you inspire us! [Click here to read Chloe's story.](#)



## Nature Notes



From Kinder to HS, Pioneer Springs students submitted design ideas for vermicomposting bins for each of the buildings on campus. From these plans, Ms. Sandy will prepare vermicomposters. Once the students are back in school, the bins will go to each building for students to maintain. [Click here to see the plans for The Red Barn, Davis house, Croft Schoolhouse, Asbury and The Hive.](#)

## Campus Update

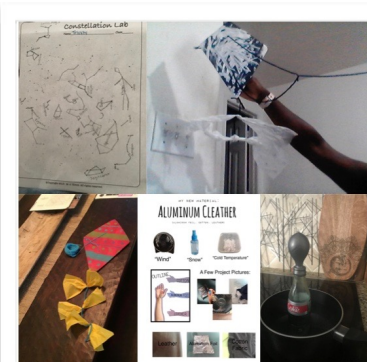
Improvements to the Croft outdoor classroom have been on our campus wishlist for a long time, and we are excited that this project is nearing completion! The area was first graded to accentuate the natural amphitheater slope. This week, work began on a teaching platform/stage and new permanent bench seating to replace the old tree stumps. When complete, the project will also include a whiteboard and curtain backdrop. We look forward to this new outdoor learning space serving our teachers and students for many years to come.



## Celebrating Ms. Michele and Explore Classes

Explore classes are one of the unique opportunities offered to our middle school students. Explore units are hands-on, project based, and immersive experiences. Students participate in 4 experiential Explore Units each year lasting approximately 8 weeks each. Currently 6th grade is studying flight and aerodynamics, 7th grade astronomy and 8th grade is studying weather. [Click here to learn more about the Explore units.](#)

Our Explore teacher Ms. Michele, along with 6 other wildlife rehabilitators, has started a non-profit wildlife rehab! New Leaf Wildlife Rehab is dedicated to assisting injured, or orphaned, wildlife and returning them to their habitat as well as educating the public. [Click here for more information about this organization.](#) Need a smile? Scroll through their posts for a super cute raccoon video.



Interested in hosting a sewing segment, yoga session, or anything you are passionate about? We are exploring offering sessions hosted by our very own Pioneer Parents. We need to see how much interest we have before making any final decisions. Email Erin at [erinm@pioneersprings.org](mailto:erinm@pioneersprings.org) with your gift to give and the age group you would like to work with K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-7th or 8th-9th.

Still need to [link your Amazon account to PSCS](#)? Be sure to link before the upcoming Prime days, 10/13 & 14

## What's coming up...

### October 9

End of first six weeks

### 12

Pioneer Home begins

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Open enrollment for 2021/2022 lottery begins

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Board Meeting

Check the calendar or website for zoom info.

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November learning environment will be announced by this date.

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## #Save the Turtles

PSCS third, fourth and fifth graders had an opportunity to participate in a UNC Marine Quest's Turtle Trash Collectors program presentation. [Click here to learn how you can get involved.](#)