

THE COOP SCOOP



Why we fundraise this year and how you can get involved

Okay, so how many of you woke up this last day of April 2021 and thought, oh please let this Coop Scoop be the one where I learn how to give to PSCS and where all the fundraising needs come from?? Seriously though, for each of you who have reached out and asked how to help and how much do we need to raise this year..this one is for you! Let me preface this list with saying, remote learning has actually significantly increased our expenses, which may come to a surprise to some of you. But hold onto hope because this community has always rallied and we always make it happen, together. How on earth could it cost more? Below are some line items for you to check out and better understand why we are still hard at work to raise \$35,000 before the end of our fiscal year on June 30th. And, YES, there is still time to support us..share our raffle link and give all of the people you know a chance to support us and win an amazing package, take advantage of the ease of our online and on-campus plant and goodies sale (and share with everyone you know), do a generic donation on our GIVE page, or just find a sponsor (or three). With the wheels turning now and the allowance of having our kiddos back on campus for 4 days per week, we want you to know, we held down the fort and when the opportunity came, we pounced and we opened up our campus again with the guidance of our NC toolkit! As always, we are right here to answer any questions you may have after taking a look at some of our expenses over the past year.

This years' expenses

- Our tables and furniture most of you are familiar with, had to go and be stored to make way for individual desks that could accommodate the physical distancing and protocols associated with being open for business in a pandemic. We added two new storage pods, costing us an additional \$300/month to make this happen.
- We had to pay \$145-\$150 per new desk to accommodate being used individually and then eventually arranged in groups. We also needed these desks to have an adjustable height feature to provide a standing option accommodation for some of our kiddos who learn best on their feet..We spent \$73 per chair for these new desks.
- We bought Hathaspace air purifiers ranging from \$165-\$400 for each classroom to improve the air quality and filter over 99% of particles down to 0.1microns. The air purifiers also require medical grade filters that like all of your homes..require consistent changing.
- We hired additional staff to accommodate both safety protocols on campus and our continued remote format, costing us an additional \$60,000.
- Plus additional walkies at \$136/walkie..believe it or not we not only need more for increased staff members but we wear these out over the course of each year.
- Our custodial services have more than doubled each month and now cost us over \$7100/month to manage the additional deep cleaning and disinfecting.
- PPE...whoa..masks, disinfectant, face shields, gloves..
- We purchased 150 devices for families to have accessibility in remote learning; each chromebook cost us \$280-\$300.
- We spent \$20,000 on digital curriculum necessary for remote learning; iReady, Discover Education and Zoom are all on this list.

Items to come in the near future:

- New roof on Asbury - quotes are still coming in but approximately \$30,000
- Stage for Castle Amphitheater- \$4,000
- Additional campus fencing - \$35,000
- New wraparound porch for Asbury - \$40,000
- New campus signage - \$20,000
- Security cameras/access control - approximately \$60,000
- New low ropes course elements and shade sails - \$30,000
- Furnishings for high school classrooms - \$100,000

Ways you can help

[Enter and share our raffle link](#)

[Come to the plant sale or order online](#)

[Invite friends to support the Plant Sale](#)

[Donate](#)

[Share our Sponsorship Opportunities](#) with area businesses

[Link your shopping](#)

[Share our camp information](#)

[Invite your friends to check us out and add their names to our 21-22 waitlist](#)

What's coming up...

May

3

Ms. Cindy's Bday

4

Mr. Chris' Bday

5

Camp Registration Discounts End
Deadline to nominate a future Board Trustee

7

Raffle Ends

7-8

Plant Sale

8

Ms. Bethany's Bday

9

Mr. Audie's Bday

10-14

K-2 turn in devices

11

Ms. Kara's Bday

17

Board of Trustees Meeting

17-21

Grades 3-5 turn in devices

20

8th Grade Graduation

21

Ms. Margaret's Bday

24

Grades 6-9 turn in devices

5th Grade Graduation

25

Ms. Kat's Bday

26

Last day of School

27-28

Pioneer HOME students turn in devices

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Open Office Hours
Thursdays 10-11am
www.pioneerzoom.com

Link for all meetings:
pioneerzoom.com

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GET OUT THERE! SPRING RAFFLE
ENTER NOW- MAY 6TH AT 10PM





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Just a few more days for the PSCS Get out there! Raffle!

You have to be in it to win it! [Click this link to enter!](#)



3rd Grade Entrepreneurs

3rd grade has a learning objective to understand entrepreneurship in a market economy. They are learning about supply and demand, goods and services, and starting and operating a business. Towards that end, the class has created a business, Pioneer Sprinkles. They have created peace rocks and cats eyes to be sold at the Plant Sale. The cats eyes will be sold for \$2.00. They will be taking shifts at the marketplace and would love to see you there!

WE'RE READY
Summer Camp at Pioneer Springs
ARE YOU?
REGISTER AT WWW.PIONEERSPRINGS.ORG

The Appalachian Time Travel Agency
Take a trip back in time to iconic landmarks, legends and lore. The Appalachian Time Travel Agency at Pioneer Springs offers weekly itineraries full of fun, music, literature, science, and imagination. Inspired by classic texts, but through 5th grade travelers are invited to exotic locales from the far East to legendary Camelot to the cobble streets of London to assist Sherlock Holmes in solving a crime. Where will you go next?

The Heritage Series AT PIONEER SPRINGS
These one day workshops are immersive explorations into those crafts and practices that have, over generations, contributed to American culture. Whether fine tuning a skill or learning the basics, come join in the community guided by expert practitioners and enthusiastic craftsmen. Sessions include beekeeping, basket weaving, genealogy, pottery, quilting, and making apple butter. For ages 8th grade through Adults.

Summer Camp 2021

Sibling and multi week discounts end on May 5th! Full price registration will continue through May 27th,
Registration is open on our website [Click here](#)

PSCS MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE

spreading & raising green

Are you looking for a thoughtful Mother's day gift, something special for yourself or your garden?
Let us help you make giving easier this year, while we generate funds for PSCS!

Pre-order or buy on-site from a selection of:
plants (native, perennial, medicinal and edible), garden aprons, jewelry, home accessories, natural bug spray, PEACE POLES, and much more!

Pre-order pick-ups and on-site shopping hours:
Friday, May 7th 8:45-11am and 12:30-2pm
Saturday, May 8th 9-11am
On the Asbury Castle Patio

Pre-order deadline:
Tuesday, May 4th at 8pm.

*bloom where you are planted,
or where you plant yourself!*



Mother's Day Garden Sale

From plants to peace poles, worms to garden aprons, the PSCS Mother's Day plant sale has something for everyone (especially those amazing mamas out there)! We offer online shopping with easy pick up of many items, many more will be offered at our walk in shop on the Castle patio. Join us, celebrate a mom (or yourself)!

[Click here for on-line orders!](#)

End of Year Calendar Notes

The last day of the school calendar is **Wednesday, May 26th**, and we will be on campus for a regular day.

As part of the effort to collect those materials and devices distributed at the start of the year, the following schedule will be utilized to collect items through each homeroom. Teachers will provide more specific information about collection in their upcoming newsletters.

K-2 students will turn in school materials, including school-owned devices and chargers, during the week of May 10-14th

3-5th grade students will turn in materials during the week of May 17th- 21st
6th-9th grade materials will be collected on May 24th

Pioneer HOME materials and devices as well as any other dropoffs will be scheduled on May 27th and 28th at the main office.