

THE COOP SCOOP

School begins Tuesday!!



Previewing The Rocky Gorge

One of many new outdoor features on campus, The Rocky Gorge is a new low-ropes play and program area located just to the south of the Croft Schoolhouse. The Rocky Gorge expands on the existing zip line and dry river bed beside Croft, with new features including a Ninja Net climbing element, an improved dry river bed with literally tons of new boulders, and a Multi-line Traverse low-ropes challenge. New fencing along the rear property line will enhance privacy and security and serve as a backdrop for the new play features. A shade sail installation nearby will provide shade to the Croft picnic tables.

We are working with Challenge Towers Aerial Adventures for all new low-ropes features to ensure all safety and quality standards are met. From Randolph: "Although this is our first announced feature, stay tuned for more new outdoor campus improvements to meet students' needs and provide additional outdoor learning spaces."

Introducing...

We have several new staff members joining the PSCS team. We will be highlighting them in future Coop Scoops.

Please welcome **Audie**

McGuinness, Academic Dean/Guide.

Audie grew up in Gaston County, NC and graduated from Appalachian State University. He was a classroom teacher for 11 years prior to coming to Pioneer Springs. Audie has worked in both charter and public schools, and taught 9th, 10th, and 11th grade English, as well as AP courses and coached baseball. His wife Bethann and daughter Blair were excited when he told them about Pioneer Springs and what the school had to offer. Pioneer Springs intrigued him because it offers a unique educational experience unlike any he has ever seen. After walking the campus and meeting some of the staff, he knew this was the place for him. "Everything just feels authentic, and it feels like home. Pioneer Springs is a place where all the great parts of educational experiences seem to be amplified." In his spare time, he enjoys being outdoors, woodworking, and experiencing live music. Audie also plays in a bluegrass band that has recorded 3 albums and travels the country when his career permits.



Materials Pick Up

For those who were unable to pick up materials this past Thursday we invite you to campus **Monday, August 31st from 12-to 5**just in time for the start of school on Tuesday, September 1st.

Monday is a DIY pick up. Items are in bags labeled with students' names and will be on the porches/ in front of buildings for each grade level.

- Kindergarten and 2nd grade bags will be on the front porch of the Davis House (the green Victorian home- first building past the General Store)
- 1st grade bags will be on the covered porch of the Red Barn
- 3rd grade bags will be on the front porch of the Croft Schoolhouse (the white schoolhouse)
Note: 3rd grade bags are not labeled by name; please take one
- 5th-9th grade bags will be on the front porch of the Asbury building (the last building on campus- with the Pioneer Springs sign)

If you cannot make this time please contact your child's grade level team or homeroom team to make further arrangements. Computers/devices will not be available during this time and a separate schedule for pick up will be communicated when more devices are available.



What's coming up...

August

25-31

Staff Development

September

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First day of School!

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Community will be notified of possible next learning phase based on health data and direction from state leadership

October

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End of remote learning for first six weeks (tbd)

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