

THE COOP SCOOP



Campus Update

The campus is buzzing with activity as new projects are underway everywhere:

On the **Asbury** campus the Hive new construction project is nearing completion with several punch list items remaining.

This past week we also took possession of "**the Castle**" property and interconnectivity on our newly contiguous campus is moving forward.

At **Croft**, the new "Rocky Gorge" construction continues with the privacy fencing coming soon. In addition, new split rail fencing is coming to the car drop off zone at the red barn, as well as the entire frontage of our campus along Bob Beatty Road.

At the **Davis** house, the kitchen has been remodeled for more functional space for staff.

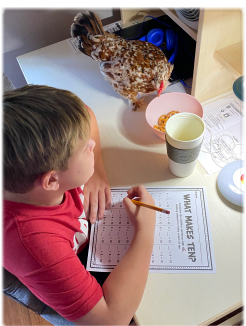
Stay tuned for more details as these and more exciting projects continue campus wide at Pioneer Springs.

Take a moment of mindfulness

Ms. Selden, our mindfulness maven, shares an activity to take a break from online learning:

Five Finger Breathing

- 1 Spread one hand out wide like a star. You can choose to use your left or right hand. You will use the pointer finger of your other hand to trace around the hand with fingers spread like a star.
- 2 Start with your pointer finger at the base of your thumb. Breathe in as you slide your finger up to the top of your thumb, pause, and then breathe out as you slide your finger down the other side of your thumb. Continue by sliding your pointer finger up the side of your opposite pointer finger and down the other side. Do the same for the middle, ring, and pinky finger.
- 3 Continue this process until you have traced all fingers, breathing along the way. Keep this practice up until you feel calm and settled.



2nd Grader Carson, and his new chicken Applejack, take on math during remote learning. My chicken ate my homework is definitely an excuse only a Pioneer would have.



Get to know...

We have several new staff members on the PSCS team. We will be introducing them in the coming Coop Scoops. Please welcome our new Middle and High School ELA (Honors and Standard) teacher, **Carrie Berkman.**

Carrie has lived in Charlotte for 9 years and loves being so close to the beauty of the western North Carolina mountains. She has been teaching English and English as a Second Language for 15 years and has worked with a wide variety of learners in both high school and college settings. She is very excited to join the middle school team and to have the opportunity to work with younger learners! Carrie loves spending time being active in nature and was drawn to Pioneer Springs for its emphasis on connecting with the outdoors. Carrie received her Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Delaware and her Master's degree in English from Boston College. She enjoys reading, hiking, paddle boarding, and rock climbing.

Nature Notes

It's an exciting time for dragonflies. They mate in late summer and migrate in early fall. The migration of dragonflies is called swarms and they can sometimes even be seen on radar. There is a Dragonfly Swarm Project you can read about on the [Dragonfly Woman page](#)



Ms. Sandy snapped this photo of a dragonfly on the beach this week. Stay tuned to next Coop Scoop to learn what she is doing with vermicomposting.

What's coming up...

September 21

International Day of Peace

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Community will be notified of possible next learning phase

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World Rivers Day

October 9

End of remote learning for first six weeks (tbd)

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