

# THE COOP SCOOP



## Remote Learning Update

Pioneer Parents,

Thank you for your participation in the parent survey and for your feedback about programming to date. Your responses were among the many factors we considered in planning what comes next at Pioneer Springs. Also included in those deliberations was the test positivity rates in the nine districts/ counties from which our students come, CDC and NC DHHS recommendations and safety guidelines, and the fundamental mandate to provide the highest quality educational programming we can at any time. Based on a careful consideration of the many impacting factors, PSCS will remain in a remote learning model through Tuesday, November 3rd. A decision about November will be announced by October 21st.

We appreciate our governor's leadership and the expanded options he has made available to schools, including the possibility to bring all K-5 students on campus at some point. We also appreciate the opportunity to learn from other schools traveling this same path. Pioneer Springs started the school year some three weeks after CMS, Corvian, and Community School of Davidson and we will continue to watch them carefully toward informing our own decisions as they begin to bring students on campus.

As we finish the first six weeks of school, families will have the choice of remote learning or Pioneer HOME, a self-paced asynchronous program, beginning on October 12th. Information about the Pioneer HOME program is located on the school website and registration for it will be available through next week's Coop Scoop.

As always, we thank you for choosing Pioneer Springs-- we are particularly grateful you have done so with the knowledge that nothing about this situation is necessarily easy at this time, including the decision to stay remote for another month. I hope you will be in touch with me at [beckyf@pioneersprings.org](mailto:beckyf@pioneersprings.org) if you have questions about this content or have recommendations about how we can improve our practice.

Respectfully,  
Becky Friend  
Director, Operations and Academics

### What's coming up...

**September 27**

World Rivers Day

**October 9**

End of first six weeks

**12**

Pioneer Home begins

**21**

November learning environment will be announced

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### Campus Update

This week Pioneer Springs is very excited to welcome a field crew from Challenge Towers Aerial Adventures, a ropes course, zip line, and adventure park construction company based in western North Carolina. The crew will be on-site for the next week building a variety of new features all over campus. At the Davis House, they will be upgrading our zip line, as well as installing two new cable-suspended rope swings. At Croft, they will be adding three new low-ropes course elements to the Rocky Gorge adventure play area: the Ninja Net, the Multi-line Traverse, and the Victory Bridge. Challenge Towers will also provide a new shade sail installation at the Croft picnic table area. On the Asbury side of campus, the crew will install two facilitated low-ropes elements, the Whale Watch, and the Nitro Crossing. These elements are not only fun but encourage team building and group problem-solving. All work performed by Challenge Towers conforms to ANSI/ACCT (Association for Challenge Course Technology) standards as well as guidelines set forth in the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Public Playground Safety Handbook. Stay tuned for more exciting campus updates!

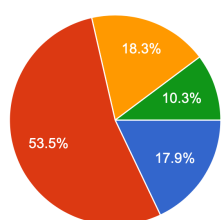
### Pioneer HOME

#### Holistic Online Meaningful Education

Learn more about Pioneer Home, our virtual learning option, including a video, FAQs and comparison of remote learning, homeschooling and Pioneer HOME [on our website](#).

Here is some of the collected data from our recent survey that demonstrates that despite these challenging days, overall, PSCS families are thriving in virtual learning.

Which best describes your family in terms of Remote Learning thus far?  
273 responses



- My family is doing GREAT with Remote Learning. My child is learning and engaged.
- My family is doing WELL with Remote Learning. While it isn't ideal, we are up for navigating as we go.
- My family is STRUGGLING with Remote Learning. With a few more options we...
- My family is OVERWHELMED with Remote Learning. It is not working for...