



THE COOP SCOOP

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 Kinder lead teacher,

Sarah Zurawski.

Sarah was born and raised in Fort Wayne, IN and attended Hope College in Holland, MI. After she received her degree in Elementary/Early Childhood Education, Sarah moved to North Carolina to escape the midwest winters and explore the beauty North Carolina has to offer. She has a Bernedoodle puppy who keeps her schedule busy but heart full. In her free time she loves reading books, playing Euchre, and hiking trails. Sarah has always dreamed of teaching at a school that encourages a brave heart and calm mind through nature, and she is thrilled to live out that dream at Pioneer Springs.



In case you were wondering: Euchre is a trick-taking card game. It is played with a deck of 24, 28, or 32 standard playing cards. Normally there are four players, two on each team.



Ms. Kara and Ms. Shelli, 3rd grade teaching team rocking remote learning from home! This is the 5th year this team has been teaching together. Kara started as a Pioneer Parent 8 years ago. Both Shelli and Kara have been on staff for 7 years. These two love dancing, singing, playing, and lots of shenanigans. Just ask any 3rd grader how amazing their first week has been.

Our EC Team

Click on their names to be directed to email addresses

Dean of Student Services: [Cindy Friday](#)

K-8th grades: [Lydia Thomas](#)

K-3rd grades: [Kara Hite](#)

4-5th grades: [Nakia Massey](#)

6-7th grades: [Toni Brooks](#)

8-9th grades: [Emily Gilligan](#)

Occupational Therapist: [Valerie Goodfriend](#)

Speech/Language Pathologist: [Molly Lyon](#)

The EC team will begin providing support services the week of 9/14 they are currently making arrangements with parents to attend IEP

meetings to tailor to our virtual environment.

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Campus Update

Last week we worked with Madison Excavation to set new boulders for the Rocky Gorge Natural Play and Low Ropes Area. When complete, the new space will include several low-ropes course elements, a new shade sail installation, and privacy fencing behind Croft and the Red Barn. In addition to providing a new natural play feature, the boulders are also arranged to serve as seating for small group outdoor instruction.

Thanks to Don and Donny Madison for helping make this exciting vision a reality!



What's coming up...

September

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No School- Labor Day

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International Literacy Day

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International Day of Peace

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

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World Rivers Day

October

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End of remote learning for first six weeks (tbd)

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- Facilities development, drop off and pick up, campus internet wifi: contact [Randolph Lewis](#).
- English as a second language services, IEPs, 504s, homelessness support, guidance counseling: [contact Cindy Friday](#).
- Enrollment, WINGS (our homegrown PTO), fundraising or donations, extracurricular opportunities, volunteering: [contact Erin McDonald](#).
- Nature education, animals on campus, Spring Into the Woods adventures or fees: [contact Chris Simeral](#).

- Your student's report card or transcript, contact information, emails on the distribution lists, change of address: [contact Lynn Curley](#).
- Substituting, health and safety, student medicine on campus or student health issues: [contact Glenda Cheek](#).
- The academic program, student scheduling, technology, policy or procedures: [contact Becky Friend](#).



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