

# THE COOP SCOOP



## Fairy Tale Ball Grades K-5

We are just one week away from one of our most treasured traditions, our annual Fairy Tale Ball! This year in an effort to plan for this new format we need to know how many of you will be planning on coming to view from your vehicles. **It is very important for our planning purposes that you fill out this rsvp** so we can account for your car. This cannot be done later than Monday, October 25th at 5pm. Once we have the final car count we will be sending another communication out mid week on the specifics of the viewing process.

All cars must be present between 11:10-11:20am on Friday, October 29th. We will begin the parade promptly at 11:30am with our 1st graders leading this magical promenade!

As many of you already know, we make this event very magical only with the help of many donations and many parent volunteers.

For all families who are eligible, ie. went to the training session: we need help pulling items from storage on Tuesday of next week, decorating on Wednesday and Thursday, managing the actual parade with the cars, sign-outs and all things in between on the day of the event. We are also in need of plenty of fall colored ribbon, pumpkins, hay bales, varying sizes of hula hoops and a few other items. Please refer to your teacher emails for lists of what you can donate!

We would like to decorate at 9 am on Wednesday and Thursday but exceptions can be made since we can work independently..but must be during school hours.

**Please sign up here to volunteer**



## What's coming up...

**October 29**

Fairy Tale Ball

**31**

End of 1st Quarter (HS)

**November**

**3**

Second Grade Fall Call to Adventure

**5**

Kinder Fall Call to Adventure

**9**

3rd Grade Fall Call to Adventure

**11**

Veteran's Day/No School

**12**

Teacher Work Day/No School

## Connect

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## Fall Festival

**Fall Festival for grades 6th-10th on Friday, November 5th:**

please be on the lookout from your teachers for wish list items and volunteer opportunities to help us create a fiesta of fun with bonfires, pumpkin launching, story telling, games and more!

## Volleyball @ PSCS

Per the request and initiative of one of our amazing 10th graders, we are polling our 7th-10th graders to see who is interested in a student-driven, adult-supervised, after-school co-ed volleyball club 1-2x per week for 5-6 weeks before winter break here on the PSCS campus!

**The form** must be filled out by Tuesday, October 26th at 5pm. Cost will be the same as our after school programs at \$135 per student. Please indicate on the form if you would prefer to meet 1 or 2 times per week and which days you prefer.

## Blood Drive

PSCS will partner with OneBlood again this year, to do a blood drive on Monday, December 6th from 9am-3pm. We will post sign-ups for this as we get closer to the date.

## Open Enrollment

New students can begin entering registrations for the 2022/23 school year starting October 15th-February 28th. Please send your interested friends and neighbors to our website.

## Covid Update

As of October 22nd, we have 17 confirmed cases of Covid on campus across Kindergarten through 10th grades and 1 confirmed case among our staff. Pioneer Springs continues to follow the Strong Schools Toolkit regarding quarantine protocols and will notify families as information is shared with us. Please continue with your transparent and timely communication when illness is suspected or confirmed.

## Mask Mandate Update

Per SB 654 and in consideration of the continued spread of the Delta variant in Mecklenburg County, the PSCS Board of Trustees voted at our October 18th meeting to continue a mask requirement in all classrooms for students and staff.

## Photo/Video Opt Out

As PSCS continues to share what we have to offer via a variety of marketing mediums, we will continue to post pictures and videos on various social media and printed marketing materials. If you would prefer your student is not included, you must fill out **this form** no later than Monday, October 25th at 5pm.

## Subs Needed

Looking to substitute teach or know of anyone who does..please fill out [this](#)

[Click here to read our current covid protocols.](#)

## Virtual Admin Office Hours

Every Thursday 10-11am using [pioneerzoom.com](#)

[Click here to access the volunteer application form.](#)

[Click here](#) to order spirit gear



Parents,

Thank you for your continued partnership as we navigate the challenges of this school year together. Pioneer Springs remains committed to staying open to the fullest extent possible and, toward that effort, your continued communication and proactive choices around student attendance are essential. Please continue to keep students home if they manifest symptoms including:

- Fever or chills
- Cough, Shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue or Muscle or body aches, including headaches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Protecting our school community by staying home when ill is one step in the effort to keep campus open and operations as routine as possible. The school also continues to utilize other mitigation strategies like the use of masks indoors, social distancing, air filtering, and regular cleaning and disinfection. In addition to these efforts, Pioneer Springs will begin offering free, optional Covid-19 tests for students and staff starting the week of October 25th. The tests, made available to the school through a grant provided by NCDHHS, will make testing more accessible to those community members who want it and can help identify cases early toward stopping spread within our community. See the following *Covid Testing FAQ* for more information.

If you have questions about Pioneer Springs' Covid protocols, the optional testing program, or a situation specific to your child's health, please contact Danielle Leccese, the school nurse, at 704.494.0777 or [daniellel@pioneersprings.org](mailto:daniellel@pioneersprings.org). We particularly request that you be in touch with her when your child is absent due to illness so that she may coordinate with you and your student's teachers to ensure everyone has shared information and common expectations.

## COVID Testing FAQ

**WHO:** Any PSCS student or staff can opt to get a Covid test at any time regardless of whether they have symptoms or not. Students *cannot* be given a test without a consent form signed by a parent or guardian.

**HOW:** The COVID-19 test is free, quick, and easy. It is a rapid antigen test conducted by swabbing the inner part of the lower nostril. The test is administered and interpreted by the school nurse and results are available within 15 minutes. Participants' health information is protected and results are shared with both the parent and DHHS via an online reporting portal. Positive test results are also shared with the class or grade level community in the form of a general notification for the purposes of public health--no identifying information is included and all communication is in accordance with applicable law and policies protecting student privacy.

**WHERE:** COVID-19 testing is conducted in a discreet setting located within the administrative building. Testing is conducted during regular school hours.