

10.8.2024

Greetings Pioneer Families:

### **PTO News**

**Naylor Family Farm** - The Fall Fest at Naylor Family Farm is coming up this FRIDAY. We hope you will join us! For details and to sign up click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADAF2DA5FCCE9-50966278-pioneer>

**Snacks for Friends** - Our Snacks for Friends collection ends TODAY! You can help by purchasing an item from our Amazon Wishlist or by making a cash donation.

Amazon

Wishlist: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2MGVO6PJF0993?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2MGVO6PJF0993?ref_=wl_share)

Cash Donation: <https://pinespringspto.givebacks.com/store/items/1102174>

### **Parental Engagement Forums**

Parent engagement is a critical part of the charter school experience - an engaged, active school community contributes to a charter school's success. At PSPA we have come a long way since 2017 when our first group of 400+ students helped us open our doors. We now have two buildings at our Holly Springs campus, a Blended Academy in neighboring Apex, and even a Virtual Academy that serves students across the state; and there's even more on the horizon with a proposed high school.

With so much happening in the life of our school, we want to provide opportunities for families to get an update on where we are as a school and how we need families to become active participants as we pursue our mission to become the best school of choice in the local community and state. As such, we will be hosting our first in-person Parent Engagement meeting on Monday, October 7th at 6:00pm in the middle school gym. School and PTO leadership will share valuable information on how you can commit to our future success.

For those who can't attend in-person, we will be offering a virtual meeting on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm (link provided below).

<https://meet.google.com/sqd-iidd-uxh>

*Or dial: (US) +1 240-252-5304 PIN: 217 826 334#*

### **Annual Veterans Day Breakfast - RSVP deadline is October 11, 2024**

Our annual Veterans Day Breakfast will be held on Friday, November 8, 2024, from 9:00am - 11:00am in our elementary school gym. This special event is for the parents, guardians, and grandparents of our Pioneer students who have served, or currently serve, in the U.S. armed forces.

Due to the potential number of guests, we must limit the breakfast portion of our morning to just those family members who have served in the military (parents, guardians, grandparents of current PSPA students). After the breakfast portion of our morning, students of veterans who are attending will be invited to join for a special presentation.

There will also be opportunities for our Pioneer veterans to visit classrooms at both of our campus buildings after the event.

To assist with our preparations for this event, if your PSPA student(s) has a veteran in their family who can join us for this special breakfast, please RSVP by filling out this online form. <https://forms.gle/1oBgoSRSz1rvdT5H7>

### **NC Charter School News Resource**

We'd like to let you know about an important resource for charter school parents, offered by the [North Carolina Coalition for Charter Schools](#). The resource is a monthly parent newsletter called *CharterBeat*, and it seeks to gently engage parents who want to stay abreast of charter issues; share policy updates; and offer facts, figures, and stories that might be of interest to them. To date, more than 600 North Carolina parents have signed up to receive *CharterBeat*. If you would like to receive *CharterBeat*, you can find the parent sign-up form [here](#).

Sincerely,  
Mr. Friend  
Head of School