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Greetings Parents,

Well, April showers definitely arrived this morning, just in time for morning carline and fieldtrip buses to arrive! I hope that you have had a good week and are looking forward the weekend. Before our school week concludes, here are some items to share with you:

#### Pioneer Palooza - Silent Auction is LIVE

The Pioneer Palooza Silent Auction goes LIVE at noon today! Check out the many opportunities provided by our PTO sponsors and donors! Click <a href="here">here</a> to get the auction link and instructions. You can find the link at <a href="here">www.pspapto.org</a>. Happy bidding!

## Pioneer Pages Update

Pioneer Pages Read-a-Thon winners will be announced early next week, so stay tuned! If you haven't donated yet, there's still time - please encourage any remaining sponsors to make their contributions at <a href="mailto:pinespringsprep.org/donate">pinespringsprep.org/donate</a> as soon as possible.

## Take Me Out to the Ballgame (at Ting Park)

PSPA Athletics and the Holly Springs Salamanders have teamed up again this year for PSPA Athletics Night at the Ballpark. This annual tradition is always a fun night and is a great way for current families to come together to meet our new Pioneer families. The game will be on **July 19th at 6:30pm**. Both individual tickets and food package options are available:

https://www.gofevo.com/event/Pinesprings4

#### **Health and Wellness Forum**

The School Health and Wellness Committee (SHAC) is excited to announce that we have health education experts from the Poe Center for Health Education leading a discussion on adolescent brain development and how we as a community can support our students best. This discussion is intended to increase your parenting toolkit and to continue supporting your child's growth!

This program explores how adolescent brain development impacts decision-making and online behavior, particularly in relation to social media. Participants will learn about the

latest research on risk and protective factors, and how to support youth in making healthy, empowered choices. The session also addresses the effects of stress on mental, physical, and emotional health, offering practical strategies to build resilience and promote wellness. Attendees will leave with tools and resources to support ongoing conversations with youth.

The presenters will be at the elementary school for kindergarten through 4th grade families and at the middle school for 5th through 8th grade families, on Monday, April 28th from 5:30-7:00. Any parents who attend, their student(s) will be eligible for a dress down day this school year (date to be announced). We hope you join us for this special event!

# **Upcoming Dates of Note**

April 15: Project-based Learning Showcase at middle school (6-8pm)

April 18: No School (holiday)

April 22: Spring Music Concert at middle school (6pm)

April 23: Athletics Recognition Night at middle school (6pm)
April 25: Pioneer Palooza (Spring Carnival) courtesy of PTO

April 29: Night of the Arts at middle school (6pm)

Sincerely,

Mr. Friend

Head of School