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Greetings Parents,

Happy Thursday! I hope that you are having a good week and looking forward to the holiday weekend. Here are a few reminders and new information to share with you.

PSPA Pioneer Pages (Read-a-Thon) Winners Announcement

Our first annual Pioneer Pages fundraiser was a huge success! We raised over \$32,000 (not including all the company matches requested) through more than 425 donations from 22 states! But, more importantly, PSPA students read...a lot. Across all campuses, PSPA students read a whopping 356,669 pages! Absolutely incredible!

[Click here see the list of winners.](#)

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Special Dance to Support Tanzania Trip

Attention all **3rd, 4th, and 5th graders**, there will be a dance held on May 9th, at the Middle School from 6-8pm. This is a drop-off event. The cost is \$10. Students will need to buy their ticket at the door, along with bringing a signed permission slip from their parents, in order to attend. There will also be concessions that you can buy, so bring cash. The proceeds from the dance will go to St. Charles Mlimani pre and primary school in Tanzania, Africa. Come out, have a great time, and give to an amazing cause!

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!

Please help us better plan for the event by RSVP'ing at: <https://forms.gle/TKzAuCUshHyF51nF6>

Afterschool Dance Opportunity (Elementary Students)

Pirouette Dance Company (our neighbor across the street from our K-5 building) will be offering classes in the 2025-2026 season for Pine Springs students. Classes begin on September 2, 2025, and continue through the end of May 2026. The expectation is for participants to stay for the entire season. Participant ages vary by class. PDC can provide additional details.

Registration for current students begins Monday, **April 14th-Saturday, April 19th**. Registration for new students will start on **Sunday, April 20th**. All classes will meet from 3:30pm - 4:15pm, and a PDC staff member will pick up the dancers at Pine Springs at 3:15pm. Parents will need to pick up their child at the PDC studio at 4:15pm.

Mondays, 3:30-4:15 - Remix Dance ages 7-10 - Not sure which dance style you want to try, why not try them all? Learn combos in Jazz, Musical Theater, Lyrical and Contemporary.

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:15 - Hip Hop ages 6-9 - Wear your sneakers and learn some smooth moves to the latest dance music.

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:15 - Jazz Funk ages 8-11 - Jazz Funk is a combination of Jazz and Hip Hop. This is going to be fun!

Thursdays, 3:30-4:15 - Jazz/Acro ages 6-9 - Learn jazz dance for the first half of the class and finish up with tumbling time.

Dancers will need tan jazz shoes for all classes except Hip Hop.

If you have any questions about which level to register your child for, please email pirouettedancecompanync@gmail.com. The website to register is [here](#).

Upcoming Dates of Note

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