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Greetings Parents,

Happy Friday!

The PTO Pioneer Palooza is still on tonight. Whatever the opposite of a rain dance is - do that!

Hope to see you there.

Here are a few other reminders and updates before we head off for the weekend:

### **Fruit & Vegetable Challenge Update**

We wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in March's Fruit and Vegetable Challenge. Instilling healthy habits in our students will benefit them for their lifetime. Congratulations to Mrs. LeRoy's class, who won a dress down day, after consuming a total of 2,380 servings of fruits and vegetables in the month of March. We also did a random drawing for students who participated in the event. A total of 20 students were able to win a gift card after several businesses generously donated to our cause.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the local businesses that contributed to National Nutrition Month. A special thank you goes out to the Holly Springs Salamanders, The Learning Express, Flour Power, SkyZone, and Rock Solid Warrior. Your support has been invaluable in helping us promote healthy habits among our students. Together, we are making a positive impact on their lives, and we truly appreciate your commitment to our community's well-being.

### **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>

### **Athletics Survey**

We are wrapping up another successful year of athletic competition. If you middle school student participated in any of our teams this year, Coach Davis kindly requests that you take a minute to fill out this short survey: [PSPA Athletics Parent survey](#)

### **Upcoming Dates of Note**

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

