



Monthly Newsletter April 2022

WY-TOPP State Summative Testing - It's that time of year! This month, we will be giving our students the state test to assess their knowledge and learning for the year. It is imperative to ensure they are getting plenty of rest and eating a nutritional breakfast. If you recall, Powell Middle School was one of four schools that reached, "Exceeding Expectations" in the state in 2018-2019 and we have a goal this year to perform exceptionally well again. You will receive a message notifying you of exactly when your child will test, so we can set them up for success. As always, thank you for your support in your child's education. The information below lists testing dates for each grade level:

6th Grade - Tuesday, April 26th - Wednesday, April 27th - Thursday, April 28th

7th Grade - Thursday, April 21st - Tuesday, April 26th - Wednesday, April 27th - Thursday, April 28th

8th Grade - Tuesday, April 26th - Wednesday, April 27th - Thursday, April 28th

Attention all 6th Grade Parents - A Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis) immunization clinic conducted by Park County Public Health will be held on Wednesday, 4/20/22, beginning at 8:15 am in the Middle School Commons area. This vaccination is a Wyoming state requirement for students entering 7th grade or higher, meaning your child will either need to receive the vaccination or have the appropriate exemption forms filed with the state BEFORE entering the 7th grade.

A \$20.00 fee is required and checks can be made out to Park County Public Health. However, if your child is enrolled in the Kid Care Chip Program OR is on Wyoming Medicaid, you can instead submit a copy of his or her ID card and Public Health will bill them directly for you. If your child has not already received this vaccination and you would like him or her to participate in this clinic, please return the **signed permission form that you will receive via mail OR Hellosign to the Middle School Nurse no later than 4/14/22**. If you have any questions, please call Denise Schuler RN, Powell Middle School Nurse, at 764-6185.

Science Olympiad – Eight students from Powell Middle School are competing in the Wyoming Science Olympiad, held in the Wold Physical Science Building at Casper College. The competition will be held on April 9th, beginning at 9:00 am. The objective of the Wyoming Science Olympiad is to promote interest in and improve the level of science education throughout the state of Wyoming.

Annual K-12 Student Show & Fine Arts Extravaganza - The Annual K-12 Student Show & Fine Arts Extravaganza will be held on Thursday, April 28th, 2022 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Powell High School Commons. There will be musical performances by students from the elementary schools, the middle school and high school. Artwork from every grade level and building will be featured. The public will be able to see the new raptor jet on display. Postcards of student artwork will be sold for \$0.25 each to support the Extravaganza. See you there!!

Student Cell Phones/Social Media - Parents, there has been a recent uptick in poor choices by students using cell phones. The students' poor choices have been typically happening outside of school, but work their way into the school. We encourage you to frequently and randomly access your child's phone to see where they are spending their time. Know the passwords to their social media accounts, so that you are aware of the applications and sites that are being commonly accessed. Your child's safety is important to us and we recognize that many adolescents are at a very vulnerable age. The initial and ongoing education on social media safety is crucial for all children.

Online Free & Reduced Lunch Meal Application - The Free & Reduced Lunch application is available for completion online. You may access the online application through the Infinite Campus parent portal you are currently using to view your child's lunch account balance. A link to this portal is available on the home page of the district's website (www.pcsd1.org) at the top of the page. To access the application, please log on to the Infinite Campus portal, then select the applications/forms tab and click on the link to the application process. Using online applications will expedite the process and provide quicker access to your child's potential benefits. We strongly encourage the use of this great new tool! You still will only need to submit one application per household. The USDA has extended free breakfast and lunch to all students nationwide through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. We suggest that you still complete the meal application because, if you qualify, the benefits of your application determination extend to October 4th, 2022. USDA is an equal opportunity provider. Paper applications will still be available at your child's school and the district office for you to use. Should you have questions throughout the application process, please contact Suzi in the business office at (307)764-6186 or email at sirivas@pcsd1.org.

School Safety - We would also like to make you aware of some of the steps we continue to take to ensure school safety. As you are aware, all schools have implemented the check-in system that keeps visitors in a vestibule until they receive a badge to enter the school. All perimeter doors are locked during school hours to ensure safety and all visitors must come through the main office. All staff members have been trained in the ALICE response to an intruder or threat. The acronym stands for: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. Students have been informed of the acronym, but have not taken part in a live training. You can learn more about ALICE training at the following site: <https://www.alicetraining.com/>.

Safe2Tell Hotline - Safe2Tell Wyoming provides a way for students, parents, and community members to report unsafe and risky behaviors. Each concern reported to Safe2Tell allows for caring, concerned adults to effectively intervene in the life of a child or youth who is struggling. Anyone who has information about a potentially dangerous situation can call toll-free at 1-844-WYO-SAFE (996-7233). Instead of calling the toll-free number, a web report can be made by clicking on <http://safe2tellwy.org>, then clicking on the "Submit a Report" button at the top of the page. Another reporting option is to download the mobile app and submit a Safe2Tell report from a smartphone.

2021-2022 Yearbooks - Reserve your yearbook now! Yearbooks for the 2021-2022 school year are now on sale for \$10.00! Please make checks payable to Powell Middle School and deliver your payment to Mrs. Catlin in the IMC. Yearbooks will be printed and distributed in May.

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April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Black Schedule	2 7 th - 8 th Track Invitational in Powell – 9:30 am
3	4	5 7 th - 8 th Soccer in Powell - 4 & 5:30 pm	6	7	8 Activity Schedule (8:50 am)	9 7 th - 8 th Track Invitational in Riverton – 9:30 am 7 th - 8 th Soccer in Worland - 10 & 11:30 am Science Olympiad at Casper College - begins at 9 am
10	11	12 7 th - 8 th Track Quad in Worland - 2 pm	13	14 7 th - 8 th Soccer in Powell - 3 & 4:30 pm	15 No School	16
17 Easter	18 No School	19	20 For Parents of 6th Graders - TDAP Vaccination Clinic at Powell MS - 8:15 am	21 Grades 6, 7, & 8 WY-TOPP Testing 7 th - 8 th Soccer in Worland - 4 & 5:30 pm	22 Black Schedule	23 7 th - 8 th Track Invitational in Cody - 9:30 am
24	25 State History Day & the Wyoming State Science Fair (both events held in Laramie)	26 Grades 6, 7, & 8 WY-TOPP Testing	27 Grades 6, 7, & 8 WY-TOPP Testing	28 Grades 6, 7, & 8 WY-TOPP Testing 7 th - 8 th Soccer in Riverton - 3 & 4:30 pm District Art Extravaganza at the Powell HS Commons - 6 – 8 pm	29 Orange Schedule	30 7 th - 8 th Track Invitational at Lovell MS - 9:30 am 7 th - 8 th Soccer in Worland - 10 & 11:30 am

**LEGO Club meets every Tuesday after school in the da Vinci Lab from 3:30 – 4:30 pm.
MATHCOUNTS meets every Wednesday morning at 7 am in Mr. Estes' room.**

**The groups seen below will meet in Room 5127 (with Mrs. Hanks/6th grade Science lab) from 3:30 – 4:30 pm:
Monday - Science Olympiad Practice
Tuesday & Thursday - Science Bowl Practice
Wednesday - Girls Who Code Club**