



Monthly Newsletter - January 2022

Parent Portal & Canvas: The Infinite Campus parent portal is used to view attendance and to put money on your student's lunch account. To view grades and assignments, the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) is used. Please visit the website at <http://www.pcsd1.org/> to access both the Infinite Campus parent portal and Canvas LMS. Also, on the district website are activity schedules, lunch menus, school calendar and weekly announcements. If you have not been able to access your parent portal, please call our office at 764-6185 to receive your activation key.

Viewing Semester Grades: Due to our Semester 1 - Quarter 2 ending on December 21st and the Winter Break starting on December 22nd, semester and quarter grades will be ready for viewing on the Infinite Campus parent portal at <http://www.pcsd1.org/> by Monday, January 17th. Please note that any attendance reported reflects individual period attendance.

Attendance Update: We highly emphasize the importance of student attendance here at Powell Middle School. Students consistently attending school have always shown a direct correlation to strong academic achievement and positive social-emotional wellbeing. Our winter months are often the peak of communicable, respiratory illness and with that in mind, we also stress the need for your student to stay home when they are not feeling well. Beginning second semester, middle school administration has decided to excuse all times of absence when documentation of a medical visit or time of care is provided to the attendance office. When a medical note is provided, that documented time of absence will not go toward the students allotted ten absences per class period each semester, as written with in district policy. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Sanders or Mr. Buck at 764-6185.

Communication: Parents, just as a reminder regarding communication - if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please take the time to reach out to the appropriate personnel. We are always here to help, but we also must be aware before we can support you and your child and work as a team. Our staff directory can be accessed at <https://pms.pcsd1.org/Staff>.

2021-2022 Yearbooks: If you would like to purchase a yearbook, you may order one (see Mrs. Catlin or Mrs. Allred) in the Learning Commons for \$10.00.

Lego Club: The Powell Middle School Lego Club has started again, meeting on Tuesdays. In January, we will meet on the 11th, 18th, and 25th from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm in the da Vinci Lab. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Mrs. Johnston or Ms. Heinert. See you there!

Creative Writing Club: The Powell Middle School Creative Club will be hosting the Writing Olympics in January! All students will be able to participate in the first round; submissions are due Friday, January 14th by 1:00 pm. Three winners from each grade will be chosen to participate in the final round, and submissions are due January 21st. A candy crown will be awarded to each grade level winner.

Challenge of the Books: The Challenge of the Books is a contest for Wyoming Middle School students who love to read. The intent of this program is to encourage students to read from specific book lists and to engage in a fun competition. The competition will take place on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 in Basin. For more information, please see Mrs. Catlin in the library.

Student Safety on the Internet: As students interact with technology and use the internet, we encourage parents to set family rules for technology and internet use. By talking to children about potential online dangers and monitoring their computer use, parents can help their children surf the internet safely.

Park County School District #1 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment of employment in, its educational programs or activities. Inquiries concerning Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, and ADA may be referred to Park County School District #1, Ginger Sleep, Civil Rights Coordinator, 160 North Evarts, Powell, Wyoming 82435, or the Office for Civil Rights, Region VIII, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Building, Suite 310, 1244 Speer Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80204-03582, (303) 844-5695 or TDD 303-844-3417.

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 No School	4 No School	5 School Resumes Semester 2 (Quarter 3) Begins	6	7 Orange Schedule	8
9	10	11	12	13 Boys BB – 4:15 pm ➤ 7 th at Worland ➤ 8 th at Powell	14 Black Schedule	15
16	17	18 Boys BB – 4:15 pm ➤ 7 th at Powell ➤ 8 th at Thermopolis	19	20 Boys BB – 2:30 pm ➤ 8 th at Powell MS (Activity Day) ➤ 7 th – 4:15 pm at Cody	21 Orange Schedule	22 Boys BB – 7 th & 8 th ➤ 10 am at Riverton ➤ 1 pm at Lander
23	24 Boys BB – 4:15 pm ➤ 7 th at Cowley ➤ 8 th at Powell	25	26	27	28 Black Schedule	29 Boys BB – at Sheridan ➤ 7 th - 12 & 2 pm ➤ 8 th - 12 & 2 pm
30	31	<i>Feb. 1</i> Boys BB – 4:15 pm ➤ 7 th at Lovell ➤ 8 th at Powell	<i>Feb. 2</i> Challenge of the Books Competition in Basin	<i>Feb. 3</i>	<i>Feb. 4</i> Orange Schedule	<i>Feb. 5</i> Boys BB - 9 & 11 am ➤ 7 th at Thermopolis ➤ 8 th at Worland

LEGO Club meets every Tuesday after school in the da Vinci Lab from 3:30 – 4:15 pm.
Creative Writing Club meets each Wednesday after school until 4 pm in Ms. Faxon's room.
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

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Powell Middle School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on February 15, 2022. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

Your child will take a mathematics or reading assessment. In addition to subject-area questions, students voluntarily complete NAEP survey questions. The questions provide valuable information about participating students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and out of the classroom. More information about NAEP survey questions is available at <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents> under the section "What Questions Are on the Test?"

The assessment takes about 2 hours for most students to complete NAEP, including transition time and directions. Your child's grades will not be affected; students may be excused for any reason, are not required to finish the assessment, and may skip any question.

While **NAEP is voluntary**, we depend on student participation to help policymakers improve education. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by February 8, 2022.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do his or her best. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means for you and your child is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>. Contact Lisa Fitzgerald at 307-764-6185 or at lifitzgerald@pcsd1.org if you have any questions. We are excited that our school will be participating in NAEP. **We know that Powell Middle School's students will show what Wyoming students know and can do!**

Sincerely,

Kyle Rohrer
Principal

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is authorized to conduct NAEP by the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (20 U.S.C. §9622) and to collect students' education records from education agencies or institutions for the purposes of evaluating federally supported education programs under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 34 CFR §§ 99.31(a)(3)(iii) and 99.35). All of the information provided by participants may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). By law, every NCES employee as well as every NCES agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about participants. Electronic submission of participant's information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. The collected information will be combined across respondents to produce statistical reports.