



## Monthly Newsletter

### March 2022

#### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Conferences will be held on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

One thing to note is on Monday and Tuesday, conferences will be open to all elective teachers from 5 to 8 pm. However, the core grade level teachers will only be available from 6 to 8 pm, as our grade level teachers are in scheduled meetings during the 5:00 hour. Mr. Fabela and Mrs. Schoessler will be available for conferences at the Middle School on Tuesday.

Please enter through the front entrance of the Middle School. We will have our P.E., Art, and Music teachers meet with parents in the Commons.

We want to give all parents the opportunity to meet with all teachers, so we would ask that *conferences be limited to 5 minutes*. If more information needs to be shared, please schedule an individual conference with the teacher at a later date and time. We look forward to meeting with you. See you there!

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Events** – During the month of March, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will begin the process of transitioning to High School. There will be a High School Registration and Parent Night at Powell High School on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Powell High School Auditorium and Commons.

On the evening of Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, a brief overview of Powell High School and the course registration process will be discussed in the auditorium. From there, the group will transition to the commons where students and their families will have an opportunity to interact with the high school elective teachers and some of their students. The purpose of the evening is to give the incoming students (and their parents) information to help them choose their high school elective courses for the next school year.

On Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, the High School counselors will be at the Middle School for the last time to lead the 8<sup>th</sup> graders through the final registration process, starting at 8 am. This process will not only get them ready and registered for High School, it will also meet the first requirement of the Hathaway Scholarship (the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Unit of Study).

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact Mrs. Lisa Fitzgerald at 764-6185.

**Parents** - Did you know that nearly all the data concerning student performance links high achievement and appropriate behavior at school to positive parental involvement in the education of their child? The student's high achievement is associated largely with parent-child communication at home. The bottom line is that parents have the power to be a tremendous asset to their child's education.

**Art Show** - Please come to the Art Show during Middle School parent/teacher conferences on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Eighth grade artwork will be displayed. Seventh grade artwork from Quarters 1, 2, and 3 will be ready for parents to take home.

### **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.

**MATHCOUNTS** - On Thursday, February 17th, our MATHCOUNTS Mathletes competed in the 2022 Chapter Competition. In this contest, Powell had three students qualify for the 2022 State Competition as individuals; Katarina Reitz who placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Natalie Black took 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Melissa Merritt finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

We also had four other mathletes placing in the top 10: Josh Waite - 5<sup>th</sup>, Curtis Muecke - 7<sup>th</sup>, Gianreye D'Alessandro - 9<sup>th</sup>, and David Stensing - 10<sup>th</sup>.

The state competition includes teams from schools of all classes from across Wyoming and consists of three rounds; first is the Sprint Round (40 minutes), second is the Target Round (24 minutes), and third is the Team Round (20 minutes). The top four individuals at state make up the national team. Good luck to all of the Powell Middle School Mathletes competing in Laramie!

**Showalter Music Festival** – On Saturday, February 5th, several of our Powell Middle School students competed in the 2022 Showalter Music Festival at NWC. Congratulations to all!

Luci Dees was the Outstanding Woodwind Soloist.

Soloists receiving Superior ratings were Christian Bott, Piper Cousins, Luci Dees, Rylan Gillett, Claire Hultgren, Nyah Johnson, Alaja DeFoe Love, Onyx Miller, Curtis Muecke, Taylor Peters, Zac Peterson, Katarina Reitz, Emma Sapp, Lilly Sapp, Charlotte Seddon, and Ryder Stewart.

A Superior rating was awarded to Melissa Merritt and Emma Sapp for their Trombone Duet.

Soloists receiving Excellent ratings were Anika Anderson, Cheston George, and Tucker Muecke.

### **National Nutrition Month**

The month of March is National Nutrition Month. Park County School District #1 offers healthy meals every school day. We offer a variety of fruits and vegetables, and use "offer vs. serve" in our school lunch program. The use of "offer vs. serve" enables the children to have a choice in what they might choose to eat.

### **National School Breakfast Week**

National School Breakfast Week is designated as March 7<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. All students are encouraged to try school breakfast if they do not already eat breakfast at their school. We also offer breakfast in all schools as part of our program. The theme for NSBW 2022 is "Take Off with School Breakfast!"

Our school meals meet all of the nutritional guidelines as set forth by the state and federal guidelines based on the USDA Dietary Guidelines.

### **National School Breakfast Week, continued**

At the high school and middle school levels, we also offer ala carte options; this menu offers a variety of food and drink choices. Health bars, which are stocked with prepared fresh fruits and vegetables, are also offered every day (free of charge) at all of our schools, promoting good nutritional options for all students and staff.

If you are a parent/guardian of a special education student please join us for **FREE** dinner and parent support training.

**Tuesday, March 29th**

Powell Middle School Cafeteria

**FREE Taco Bar and Churros Dinner at 5:30 pm**

Child care provided

Door prizes

Call Amber at 764-6110 to RSVP by Tuesday, March 6th

### **Topics for this year:**

- Sensory Processing - Stephanie McKee and Adrienne Harvey
- Mental Health - Christa Buhler and Megan Garza

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for additional  
information

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Swimming Dual at Lovell - 4:15 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Orange Schedule</b>  8 <sup>th</sup> Grade College/Career Jeopardy Day with the PHS Counselors at PMS - 8 am to 12 pm  State MATHCOUNTS	<b>5</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Swimming Invitational at Worland - 10 am  State MATHCOUNTS
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Middle School Parent -Teacher Conferences & Middle School Art Show - 5 to 8 pm  National School Breakfast Week March 7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8</b> Middle School Parent - Teacher Conferences - 5 to 8 pm	<b>9</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Track First Practice - 3:30 pm	<b>10</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Swimming Dual at Powell - 4:15 pm	<b>11</b> <b>Black Schedule</b>  8 <sup>th</sup> Grade HS Pre-Registration Day with PHS Counselors at PMS - 8 am to 12 pm  <i>Quarter 3 Ends</i>	<b>12</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Swimming Conference at Riverton - 10 am
<b>13</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins	<b>14</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Spring Break</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Spring Break</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Spring Break</b>  St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> <b>Spring Break</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>  <b>Spring Begins!</b>	<b>21</b> <b>School Resumes</b>  7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Soccer First Practice - 3:30 pm  <i>Quarter 4 Begins</i>	<b>22</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Registration & Parent Night at PHS Auditorium & Commons from 6:30 to 8:00 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Orange Schedule</b>  8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Online Registration with PHS Counselors at PMS -- starting at 8 am	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Track Dual at Cody - 4 pm  IEP Parent Night at MS Commons - 5:30 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>April 1</b>  <b>Black Schedule</b>	<b>April 2</b>

LEGO Club meets every Tuesday after school in the da Vinci Lab from 3:30 – 4:30 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.

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