



End of the Year Newsletter May 2022

Title I Night & Parent Sports Information Night will be held on May 11th for all current 6th & 7th grade parents at 6:00 pm in the Powell Middle School Commons.

This important parent meeting will cover the following topics:

- We will be reviewing our blocked Math classes, as well as our Literature and Composition classes (all with supporting data) to cover our Title I Plan and receive feedback and input. There will also be STEM prizes drawn at the end.
- Sports information for next fall with Mr. Buck. Parents and athletes will receive fall sports schedules and have the opportunity to complete the required paperwork in order for their student to participate in sports next year. There will be additional important information shared as well.



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Powell Middle School
Wed, May 18th @ Powell Pizza Hut
855 E Coulter Ave (307) 754-9588

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Pizza Hut Fundraiser: There will be a fundraiser benefiting Powell Middle School on Wednesday, May 18th. Simply redeem the attached flyer (above) with your Pizza Hut purchase and 20% will benefit the students of Powell Middle School (with a \$15 minimum sub-total purchase). This special offer is good on carry-out, curbside, or delivery orders.

To ensure your purchase counts towards fundraiser earnings, please mention this fundraiser when placing your order and show your printed/digital flyer to the Pizza Hut Team Member when receiving your order. This year's fundraiser will go toward the purchase of Powell Middle School t-shirts for incoming 6th graders and new students as well as positive incentives toward students through our PBIS rewards program.

Teachers Make All the Difference: As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2nd - 6th), we honor the dedication, passion, and caring nature of teachers. Not only are teachers the backbone of Powell Middle School, they are a guiding force in

helping our children develop into healthy, happy, and successful adults. We pause to reflect on the work that teachers do every day, by taking time this week to appreciate and celebrate their service. Please join us in thanking teachers during this week. Your kindness will be appreciated, and it's important that we show educators how much they mean to us. *Thank you, teachers!*

8th Grade Promotion Celebration: On Wednesday, May 25th at 1:30 pm, 8th grade parents and families are invited to the middle school gym for our celebration. Students being promoted will receive a certificate, Presidential Awards will be handed out, and council members will be introduced. The high school principals will also be in attendance to greet the 8th grade class and welcome them to the high school. Upon completion of the celebration, those students may be dismissed from school early that are accompanied by a guardian.

Sports Vouchers: Beginning May 9th, sports physical vouchers will be sold at the middle school office. **These physicals are valid the entire 2022-2023 school year.** To participate in any sports activity at the middle school next school year, athletes will need a physical **dated May 1, 2022 or later.** The cost is still \$15.00 per student and checks can be made out to PVHC. The two dates for sports physicals are June 2nd and August 4th. Once you have purchased your voucher, please schedule an appointment through Mrs. Vicki Walsh at Powell High School, 764-6181. For further information, please call our office at 764-6185.

Drama Class Production: Mrs. Brauchie's 8th grade Drama students are doing a Facebook livestream on May 13th starting at 9:00 am. The production is an adaptation of The Taming of the Shrew.

6th Grade Track Meet: Parents are invited to attend the 6th grade track meet on May 11th and 12th. The meet will be held each day from 1:00 - 3:25 pm. In the event of inclement weather, the make-up day will be the morning of Friday, May 13th. Unless accompanied by a teacher or a parent, 7th and 8th grade students will not be able to attend the 6th grade track meet.

Middle School Band and Choir Concert: Please join us for a middle school Band and Choir concert on Thursday, May 12th at 7:00 pm. All concert performances will be at the Powell High School auditorium. See you there!

Knowledge Bowl: The 35th annual Bighorn Basin Knowledge Bowl is scheduled to be held in Worland on May 11th. A written round will be taken as a group, followed by four oral rounds where each team member will compete, twice. Students will be competing against eight other teams from the Big Horn Basin. Good luck, Cubs!

Probability Carnival: The 7th grade will be hosting the Probability Carnival again this year on Tuesday, May 24th from 1:30 until 3:00 pm. Come one, come all to this Math-tastic Event!

Annual School Lunch Hero Day: Between preparing healthy meals for America's students, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, school nutrition professionals are true heroes. On Friday, May 6th, we will celebrate the 8th Annual School Lunch Hero Day! Please join us in thanking them!

Appreciation Days: During the month of May, we are recognizing our Teachers, Custodians, School Nurse, Paraprofessionals, School Counselors, and School Psychologist. Each day, these professionals provide exemplary service and dedication to the students and staff at Powell Middle School. Thank you!

8th Grade Gettysburg Battle Reenactment: You are invited to enjoy a morning of historical events! The 8th grade students will be presenting a reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg on Friday, May 20th at 9:00 am on the middle school football field. Directly following the reenactment, the 8th grade students will have their Civil War projects on display in the 8th grade hall of the middle school. Please join us for a morning of remembering the American Civil War!

Geological Time Field Trip: All 8th grade students will be going on a field trip to learn about various geological elements and time periods. Students will need to bring a packed lunch, water, good hiking shoes (no sandals or shoes with holes in them), and pants to protect students as they hike. Depending on the weather, students may also want to bring sunscreen, hats, and/or a jacket. The male students will be leaving on May 23rd and the female students will be leaving on May 24th.

On both days, the bus will be leaving from Powell Middle School at 7:00 am and will be returning at 4:00 pm. (Students need to meet at 6:45 am; the bus leaves at 7:00 am.) We will have the opportunity to study the different rock layers of the Big Horn Mountains, dig for trilobites, go on a hunt for crinoids and belemnites, and then get to measure dinosaur tracks at Red Gulch. This should be an exciting opportunity to get hands-on in our learning and experience our beautiful geological features. Geology Rocks!!!

Behavioral Requirements: The Civil War Reenactment and the Science Field Trip are privileges. We expect students to maintain high academic and behavior standards to participate. Therefore, to ensure the safety of all students, we must rely on everyone to follow the rules and make good choices. Students who receive disciplinary action from any teacher during April and May could be subject to losing the opportunity to participate in either the Civil War Reenactment, the Science Field Trip, or both events. Alternate assignments may be provided to students if the privilege is lost. Teachers and administration will make the final decision on participation.

Computer Collection: The last week of school, students will be turning in their laptops to their homeroom teachers. However, before laptops are turned in, students will need to:

- ✓ Remove all personal pictures, documents, music and/or videos they might want to keep.
- ✓ Clean the device and the case.
- ✓ Be prepared to return both the device and the charger to their homeroom teacher.

Lost and Found: We have numerous school books, coats, shorts, swimsuits, jackets, and shoes in our “lost and found” bins, located in each hall. Please take a look to see if any of the items are yours! Teachers will assess book fines the last week of school. Please make sure you have all of your books!

Activity Day: On Thursday, May 26th, students from the middle school will follow a 1:00 pm Activity Schedule and participate in the last activity day of the school year. It should be a lot of fun for both the kids and staff!

National School Lunch & Breakfast Programs: Children need healthy meals to learn. PCSD1 offers healthy meals every school day through the USDA National School Lunch Program and National School Breakfast Program. The USDA nationwide waiver that has provided meals for free will end with the 21-22 school year. With the start of the 22-23 school year, meal charges will be reinstated. At this time it is anticipated that the price per meal will increase due to increased costs of supplies, labor, and fuel. We understand that this will impact many of our PCSD1 families. Filling out a Free & Reduced Meal application for the current school year if you haven't already done one earlier in the year, will allow your eligibility status to roll-over through up to the first 30 days of the 22-23 school year. This will allow your student to eat at the free or reduced price beginning the first day of school, if they qualify based on your application determination. We ask that those that will pay for meals, please begin to check your child's account balance to plan to have funds available for them for the first day of the new school year. USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

Online Free & Reduced Meal Application: We encourage all families to fill out a Free & Reduced Meal application to ensure that all students who may qualify for free & reduced meals are able to access healthy meals at school. The current application will extend benefits to students through October 6th, 2022. If you do not have an application submitted for the 21-22 school year, you may still do so to ensure that your eligibility status will be available to your child for the first 30 days of school, or until you fill out the 2022-23 application (whichever comes first). 2022-23 applications will be available in August.

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 only need to submit **one application per household**.

Paper applications are 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.



Better Speech and Hearing Month is observed in May each year to increase awareness about communication disorders and hearing health. Did you know?

- * One-third of all hearing loss is from noise exposure.
- * Over 50% of people ages 12-35 years listen to music via personal audio devices at volumes that pose a risk to their hearing.

Student Cell Phones/Social Media: Parents – there has been a recent uptick in poor choices on student cell phones that 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 apps/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. Initial and ongoing education on social media safety is crucial for all children.

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, 307-764-6186, 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.

Panther Pride Football Kids Camp

The Panther Pride Football Kids Camp will be held from June 1st – 3rd at the Powell High School practice facility behind the high school. Students ages 12 – 14 will meet from 8:00 to 10:00 am and ages 8 – 11 will meet from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm.

Participants will need to wear appropriate workout gear, bring a water bottle or thermos of water to maintain hydration, bug spray to ward off the mosquitoes, and the signed parental consent form.

Cost is \$50.00 per camper with all funds earned to be used to conduct the camp or will be donated to the PHS Football program. ***(Please make checks payable to Panther Football.)***

Registration Information

Participants Name _____ Age _____ T-shirt size YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Emergency Contact phone _____
(Should be reachable during camp hours.)

Medical Release - Please list any pre-existing medical conditions or medication that the staff should be aware of.

I hereby register my child for the Panther Pride Kids Camp and authorize the staff to direct him in participation in camp activities. My child has no medical or emotional problems which may affect his ability to safely participate in the above mentioned camp. Camp staff is authorized to attend to any health problem or injury my child may incur while attending camp. I further acknowledge that anyone associated with the Panther Pride Kids Camp will not be liable for any damage from injuries or illness sustained while participating in the camp.

Signature of parent/legal guardian

Date

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i> <i>Paraprofessional Appreciation Day</i> <i>May is Better Speech and Hearing Month!</i>	3 7 th - 8 th Soccer at Powell - 3 & 4:30 pm	4	5 <i>School Nurse Appreciation Day</i>	6 <u>Black Schedule</u> <i>School Lunch Hero Day</i> Art Dance 6 - 8 pm	7 7 th - 8 th Track Conference at Thermopolis - 9 am
8	9	10 7 th - 8 th Track "Best of the Best" at Lander - 10 am	11 6 th Grade Track Meet 1 - 3:25 pm Big Horn Basin Knowledge Bowl at Worland Title I & Sports Information Night for Parents of Current 6 th & 7 th Grade Students - Powell MS Commons - 6 pm	12 6 th Grade Track Meet 1 - 3:25 pm 5 th Grade Orientation - Powell MS 12:10 - 3:25 pm MS Band & Choir Concert at Powell HS - 7 pm	13 <u>Orange Schedule</u>	14
15	16 <i>School Counselor & School Psychologist Appreciation Day</i>	17	18 Pizza Hut Fundraiser 	19	20 <u>Black Schedule</u> 8 th Grade Civil War Reenactment - 9 am Powell MS Football Field	21
22 Powell High School Graduation - 2 pm	23 8 th Grade Geology Field Trip 7 am - 4 pm <i>Custodian Appreciation Day</i>	24 8 th Grade Geology Field Trip 7 am - 4 pm 7 th Grade Probability Carnival 1:30 - 3 pm	25 8 th Grade Promotion Celebration at Powell MS Commons - 1:30 pm Girls Who Code Club - Project Presentations 4 - 5 pm	26 <u>Activity Day</u> for Students 1 - 3:25 pm	27 <u>Last Day of School for Students</u>	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31	<i>June 1</i>	<i>June 2</i>	<i>June 3</i>	<i>June 4</i>

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.

Girls Who Code Club meets every Wednesday in Room 5127 (with Mrs. Hanks/6th grade Science lab) from 3:30 - 4:30 pm.