



Monthly Newsletter

October 2022

Powell Middle School Staff: We at PMS are proud of the professional level and qualifications of our entire staff. Parents may review credentials of the staff by making a written request to Mr. Jay Curtis, 160 N. Evarts. Great teachers + Great kids = Amazing Opportunities!

Parent vs. Friend - Important Reminders: Being a friend comes easy - it's knowing when to be a parent that is difficult. Listed below are some practical reminders for knowing when to be a parent and not a friend:

- When what your child wants conflicts with what you know they need, be a parent.
- When your child is being disrespectful, argumentative, or manipulative, be a parent.
- When it's more convenient to be a friend, but you know you should be a parent, be a parent.
- When your child is being disobedient or misbehaving, don't excuse their behavior - be a parent and deal with it.

I believe that every parent should strive to have an absolutely amazing relationship with their child, if at all possible. However, we all know there are times when being both a parent and a friend just won't mix. We have a lifetime to be their friend. Children often need direction and correction, and friendship just doesn't work in those moments. Simply remember that you've got to care more about your child's *future* than you do about your child's current feelings, and you will set them up for a lifetime of success. We only have 18 short years to be our child's parent, but we have a *lifetime* to be their friend!

Fall Conferences: Powell Middle School will host Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Monday, October 10th and Tuesday, October 11th. Mr. Fabela and Mrs. Schoessler will be in attendance for middle school conferences on Tuesday, October 11th. 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.

For those that choose to attend in person, we ask that *conferences be limited to 5 minutes maximum per teacher*. 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!

Canvas Parent Guide - The URL following is a step by step setup guide for parents. Please take the time to get your account setup and paired with your child. [Canvas-Parent-Guide.pdf](#)

Sustaining Middle School Success: It is the desire of the Powell Middle School faculty and administration that your child be successful within all academic areas. We encourage you to contact any instructor to discuss your child's academic progress. To contact staff by email, go to <https://pms.pcsd1.org/Staff> on our school website. Teachers are available to students after school for help with course work. We, as a staff, are interested in helping your son/daughter to become successful in his/her courses, as well as in their middle school experience. If you have any further questions, please call. Thank you!

Facebook: Powell Middle School's Facebook page enables you to see what activities are coming up for the week, find out the scores from recent activities, read the newsletter, look at the monthly calendar, pictures, and see any other announcements. Like us at: <https://www.facebook.com/powellmiddleschool> for Powell Middle School's page.

Fly Fishing Team: Would you like to learn how to fly fish, tie flies, and build a fly rod? The Powell Middle School Fly Fishing Team will meet from 3:45 to 5 pm on October 17th and 24th, November 7th and 21st, and December 12th in Coach Hitz's (room 5018). Please contact Mr. Oram at esoram@pcsd1.org for more information.

Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country Recognition: Powell Middle School would like to thank the cross country, volleyball, and football teams for representing us so well this fall. Great Job!!

Uniforms and School Equipment: Coaches will specify a date for the return of all school equipment and uniforms. Students not returning the uniform or equipment in a timely fashion (or in good condition) may be charged for the replacement cost of the uniform or equipment and not allowed to participate in future athletic contests and/or afterschool events until the uniform or equipment is returned or paid for. Please properly wash the uniforms prior to turning in to the coach.

Tips for Success:

- Homework – Have a consistent time and place established.
- Accurate contact information - (such as email addresses and phone numbers) for O.R. (Opportunity Room) notices and checking grades frequently on CANVAS.
- Laptop/Technology – Establish certain locations by designated times (example, 9:00 pm dinner table).
- Communicate – Ask your student(s) how their day went. Notify teachers with concerns.
- Familiarize yourself with how to log in to school email, social media sites (Snapchat, for example), text messages, etc. Review phones periodically.

Grading: Grading at the middle school is set at a 60/40 blend. Common assessments will be worth 60% of the final grade, while acknowledging that students that did not pass a common assessment on the first attempt will be given an additional opportunity to retake the assessment. Students must make an attempt to gain more understanding of the knowledge either through intervention or work to demonstrate understanding. The formative work consisting of daily work will encompass the other 40% of the final grade.

Bus Passes: Parents, just a reminder that in order for your child to ride a bus with a friend or change destinations, we require **written permission** from you be sent the office. Please state your child's name, who they are riding with, and be certain to sign and date the note. You can also email JRSanders@pcsd1.org with your request. We will be happy to issue your students a pass. If the need to ride the bus is frequent, please call the bus barn at 764-6189 to be listed as an occasional/frequent rider. Thanks for your help.

Challenge of the Books Competition: Do you love to read? Would you like to join the Challenge of the Books? If so, you should visit the Learning Commons and sign up! Students will read a minimum of three of the titles displayed throughout the school and take a test over the books by December 2nd, 2022. The students who read the most titles and score the highest on the tests will be selected to be on this year's team. The team will consist of six students and will travel to Basin in January to compete against other schools. Questions should be e-mailed to djcatlin@pcsd1.org.

School Yearbooks for 2021-2022: If you haven't purchased a 2021-2022 Powell Middle School yearbook and would like to purchase one, we have good news! Yearbooks are available from the library on a first come, first serve basis for \$10.

Girls Who Code: What is the Girls Who Code Club, you ask? In addition to writing code, you're going to practice thinking and creating like a computer scientist. Computer scientists are people who study all the different ways that code and computers can be used to create new technology. In GWC club, you'll try on the "hats" of a Designer, Problem Solver, and Coder. The Powell Middle School GWC Club is a place for you to practice the skills of a computer scientist as you (with your friends) build a project you care about. The Girls Who Code Club meets each Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in Mrs. Hanks' room, from October 4th until March 29th, 2023.

Science Olympiad: Powell Middle School students have the opportunity to compete in Science contests that test their knowledge, skill, and teamwork abilities across a range of STEM topics. Science Olympiad practice will be on Mondays after school from 3:30 to 4:30 pm with Mrs. Hanks, starting October 3rd. A state competition will be held on April 1st, 2023, at Casper College.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Science Olympiad Practice begins ❖ Room 5126 3:30 - 4:30 pm	4 Girls Who Code Club begins ❖ Room 5126 3:30 - 4:30 pm	5	6 7 th - 8 th Girls Volleyball at Powell MS: ➤ 8 th - 4:15 pm ➤ 7 th - 5:15 pm 7 th - 8 th Football at Powell MS: ➤ 8 th - 4:15 pm ➤ 7 th - 5:30 pm	7 Orange Schedule MS Cross Country Conference at Powell Golf Club - 12 pm	8 7 th - 8 th Girls Volleyball Quad - 10 am ➤ 7A - Powell MS ➤ 8A - Riverton MS 7 th - 8 th Girls Volleyball Jamboree - 10 am ➤ 7B - Lovell MS ➤ 8B - Thermopolis MS 7 th - 8 th Football at Lander HS: ➤ 8 th - 10:30 am ➤ 7 th - 12:00 pm
9	10 Parent - Teacher (Fall) Conferences & Student Art Show 4 - 6 pm Wrestling Practice Begins	11 Parent - Teacher (Fall) Conferences 4 - 6 pm	12	13	14 No School	15 7 th - 8 th Girls Volleyball Conference - TBD ➤ 7 th at Lander MS ➤ 8 th at Worland MS
16	17 Fly Fishing Team begins ❖ Room 5018 3:45 - 5 pm Girls Basketball Practice Begins	18	19	20 Middle School Band & Choir Concert at Powell HS - 7 pm	21 Activity Day - 8:50 am Quarter 1 Ends	22 7 th - 8 th Wrestling Invite at Powell HS - 10 am
23	24 Fly Fishing Team ❖ Room 5018 3:45 - 5 pm Quarter 2 Begins	25 MS Health Screening 8 - 11:15 am - MS Da Vinci Lab MS Picture Retake Day High School & Middle School Jazz Concert at Powell HS - 7 pm	26	27	28 Black Schedule	29 7 th - 8 th Girls Basketball Quad - 10 am ➤ 7 th - Cody MS ➤ 8 th - Powell HS 7 th - 8 th Wrestling Invite at Lovell HS - 10 am
30	31	<i>Nov. 1</i> 7 th - 8 th Girls Basketball - 4:15 pm ➤ 7 th - Lovell MS ➤ 8 th - Powell MS	<i>Nov. 2</i>	<i>Nov. 3</i> 7 th - 8 th Wrestling Dual at Powell MS - 4:15 pm	<i>Nov. 4</i> Orange Schedule	<i>Nov. 5</i> 7 th - 8 th Girls Basketball Quad - 9 am ➤ 7 th - Thermopolis MS ➤ 8 th - Cody MS 7 th - 8 th Wrestling Invite at Riverton - 10 am

MATHCOUNTS meets every Wednesday morning at 7 am in Mr. Estes' room.

Science Olympiad practice is on Mondays after school from 3:30 to 4:30 pm with Mrs. Hanks.

Girls Who Code Club meets on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm with Mrs. Hanks.

Science Bowl practice is on Fridays from 11:09 am to 12:45 pm in the 6th grade Science lab (please bring your lunch).