



Monthly Newsletter April 2021

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. In the bulleted information below, the testing dates for each grade level are listed.

6th Grade

- Math - April 20th, 21st, and 22nd (Testing periods 1-6)
- Reading - April 20th, 21st, and 22nd (Testing periods 1-6)

7th Grade

- Math - Tuesday, April 20th (Testing periods 6-9)
- Reading - Wednesday, April 21st (Testing periods 6-9)
- Writing - Thursday, April 22nd (Testing periods 6-9)

8th Grade

- Math - Tuesday, April 20th (Testing periods 1-5)
- Reading - Wednesday, April 21st (Testing periods 1-5)
- Science - Thursday, April 22nd (Testing periods 1-5)

Attention all 6th Grade Parents

Park County Public Health and Park County School District #1 are providing an opportunity for your child to receive his/her **TDAP vaccination by hosting a DRIVE-THRU VACCINATION CLINIC at Powell Middle School on Friday, April 30th, at 12:45 pm.** Simply look for us in the parking lot of the Middle School during the appointed time and staff will be present to direct you. If your student rides a bus, walks, or bikes home after school, **please mark it on your consent form** and we will administer the vaccine before school gets out for the day. Your student will need to receive this vaccination OR have the appropriate exemption forms filed with the state **BEFORE** entering the 7th grade.

There is a minimal charge of \$20 for each student taking part in the clinic. This fee includes the vaccine and its administration. **ONLY THE TDAP WILL BE ADMINISTERED.** There are other recommended vaccines available to your child at this age if you would like him/her to receive them (i.e. meningococcal, HPV, Hepatitis A). Contact your child's doctor or Park County Public Health at 754-8870 for any questions or to make an appointment to receive the other vaccines.

Checks for the **\$20** fee may be written 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.

All information and paperwork will arrive via email from Hellosign on April 12-13th. Complete all forms and return through Hellosign email before April 23rd.

Attention all 6th Grade Parents, continued

If you are unsure if your child has already had this vaccination, or for any other questions, please call Denise Schuler RN, Powell Middle School Nurse, at 764-6185.

Middle School Student Fine Arts Show —Ganza! -- Powell Middle School Fine Arts students will be hosting our own —Ganza this year. Not as extravagant as the annual Extravaganza, but still showing our middle school student's work and music!

The —Ganza will be held on Thursday, April 29th, 2021 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Powell Middle School Gymnasium. Postcards of the student's artwork will be sold for \$0.25 each to support next year's 2022 Extravaganza. Please note, there will be no elementary or high school student artwork displayed this year.

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 school year. We suggest that you still complete the meal application because, if you qualify, the benefits of your application determination extend to October 8th, 2021. 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.

2020-2021 Yearbooks -- Reserve your yearbook now! Yearbooks for the 2020-2021 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.

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8 th Grade Activity Day (1 pm schedule)	2 No School for Staff and Students	3
4 Easter	5 Classes resume	6 7 th - 8 th Soccer at Worland - 4 & 5:30 pm	7	8 7 th - 8 th Track Dual at Cody - 4 pm 7 th - 8 th Tennis at Cody MS - 4 pm	9 Black Schedule	10 7 th - 8 th Track Invitational at Cody – 9:30 am 7 th - 8 th Soccer at Riverton - 10 & 11:30 am
11	12	13	14	15	16 Orange Schedule	17 7 th - 8 th Track Invitational at Lovell – 9:30 am 7 th - 8 th Soccer at Worland - 10 & 11:30 am
18	19	20 Grades 6, 7, & 8 WY-TOPP Testing 7 th - 8 th Soccer at Powell - 4 & 5:30 pm	21 Grades 6, 7, & 8 WY-TOPP Testing	22 Grades 6, 7, & 8 WY-TOPP Testing	23 Black Schedule 7 th - 8 th Soccer at Powell - 2 & 3 pm 7 th - 8 th Tennis at Cody MS - 2:30 pm	24 7 th - 8 th Track Invitational at Sheridan – 9:30 am
25	26	27	28	29 7 th - 8 th Soccer at Worland - 4 & 5 pm Middle School Fine Arts Show ----Ganza at Powell MS Gymnasium - 6 – 7 pm	30 Orange Schedule <u>For Parents of</u> <u>6th Graders -</u> TDAP Drive-Thru Vaccination Clinic at Powell MS - 12:45 pm 7 th - 8 th Tennis at Powell - 2:30 pm	May 1 7 th - 8 th Track Invitational at Powell MS – 9:30 am
May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7 Black Schedule	May 8 7 th - 8 th Track Invitational at Thermopolis – 9:30 am

MATHCOUNTS meets every Wednesday morning at 7 am in Mr. Estes' room.
Creative Writing Club meets every Wednesday after school until 4 pm in Ms. Faxon's room.
Girls Who Code Club meets each Wednesday after school in Mrs. Hanks' room.