




## **End of the Year Newsletter** **May 2021**

### **Parent Information Night – May 17<sup>th</sup> for All Current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents at 6:00 pm in the gym.**

This important parent meeting will last a total of 30 to 45 minutes and will cover the following topics:

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ We will be reviewing our blocked Math classes, as well as our Literature and Composition classes (all with supporting data). There will also be STEM prizes drawn at the end.



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### **Pizza Hut Fundraiser**

There will be a fundraiser benefiting Powell Middle School on Wednesday, May 19th. Simply redeem the attached flyer (see below) 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 tee shirts for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders as well as positive incentives toward students through our PBIS rewards program.

### **Teachers Make All The Difference**

As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>), 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!*

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Celebration:** On Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm, 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Please note that we are currently planning on two guests attending per student if held indoors. We are working under current guidelines, but will work to keep everyone informed as we get closer. Weather dependent, we will also consider an outside venue.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet:** Parents are invited to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> grade track meet on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Unless accompanied by a teacher or a parent, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will not be able to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> grade track meet.

**Sports Vouchers:** Beginning May 10<sup>th</sup>, sports physical vouchers will be sold at the middle school office. **These physicals are valid the entire 2021-2022 school year.** To participate in any sports activity at the middle school next school year, athletes will need a physical **dated May 1, 2021 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Appointments must be scheduled through Vicki Walsh at Powell High School 764-6181. For further information, please call our office at 764-6185.

**Middle School Band and Choir Concert:** Please join us for a middle school Band and Choir concert on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the following times: Band: 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm, 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:50 pm, and 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:10 pm. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Choirs will be performing at 7:30 pm. All concert performances will be at the Powell High School auditorium. See you there!

**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 7<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual School Lunch Hero Day! School Lunch Hero Day is a chance to showcase the difference school nutrition professionals make for every child who comes through the cafeteria. Please join us in thanking them!

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

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Energy Carnival:** During their core classes on May 25<sup>th</sup>, our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will put their knowledge to the test by competing in the Energy Carnival. The students will compete in games that combine their academic skills and energy knowledge with their ability to toss and throw. Student teams will win energy bucks by answering questions and solving problems.

**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.

**Art Students:** All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will need to take their ceramic projects and artwork folders home. Please stop by the art room to pick up your folders, if you have not done this already. Thanks!

### **National Science Bowl**

This year, the National Science Bowl will be a virtual event held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The five Powell Middle School students competing in this event are: 8<sup>th</sup> graders Isabelle Lobinger and Jenessa Polson; 7<sup>th</sup> grader Curtis Muecke, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders Cambree Dicks and Madisynn Valdez.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Science Bowl® (created in 1991) is a nationwide academic competition that tests students' knowledge in all areas of science and mathematics. Middle and high school student teams from diverse backgrounds are comprised of four students, one alternate, and a teacher who serves as an advisor and coach. These teams face-off in a fast-paced question-and-answer format, being tested on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, energy, and math. The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science manages the National Science Bowl®, and sponsors the NSB finals competition. The Department of Energy's Office of Science is the single largest supporter of basic research in the physical sciences in the United States, and is working to address some of the most pressing challenges of our time.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Civil War Reenactment:** On May 21<sup>st</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be presenting a Civil War reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg at 9:00 am on the middle school football field. Directly following the reenactment, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will present *A Walk Through the Civil War* in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade hall of the middle school. Students will show their work. You are cordially invited to enjoy this historical reenactment!!

**Geological Time Field Trip:** All 8<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> and the female students will be leaving on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

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; 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 Geology 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 actions from any teacher during the last five weeks of school may be subject to losing the opportunity to participate in either the Civil War Reenactment or the Geology Field Trip, or both events. Alternate assignments will be provided to students if the privilege is lost. Teachers and administration will make the final decision on participation.

**Computer Collection:** Later on this month, 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.

The device collection dates are as follows:

- Grade 8 - Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 6 - Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 7 - Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

**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!

**End of the Year Activity:** Students from the middle school will be participating in activities on the last student day of school on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. It should be a lot of fun for both the kids and staff!

**Summer Food Service Program:** The Summer Food Service Program is for all Park County School District #1 students and families! **Beginning on June 1<sup>st</sup>**, all children under the age of 18 are encouraged to join us for free lunches each weekday **through August 6<sup>th</sup>**. (Discounted meals are also available for adults.)

The lunches are available from Homesteader Park (large picnic complex behind the Aquatic Center) or the north end of Powell Valley Care Center (on Grand Street) on Monday through Friday, between the hours of 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm.

# ***Panther Pride Football***

## ***Kids Camp***

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **Camp Times/Location**

Camp is conducted at Powell High School practice facility behind the high school.

Ages 12 – 14 from 8:00 – 10:00 am

Ages 8 – 11 from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

### **Participants will need...**

To wear appropriate workout gear.

To bring a water bottle or thermos of water to maintain hydration.

Bug spray to ward off the mosquitoes.

Signed parental consent form.

Health orders in effect for COVID at the time of the camp will be followed. (Mask)

### **Cost \$50.00 per camper**

All funds earned will be used to conduct the camp or will be donated to the Powell High School Football program. (***Please make checks payable to Panther Football.***)

### **Registration Information**

Participants Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

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.


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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.

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Signature of parent/legal guardian

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Date

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Track Invite at Powell - 9:30 am
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i>  <i>Paraprofessional Appreciation Day</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>School Nurse Appreciation Day</i>	<b>7</b>  <u>Black</u> Schedule  <i>School Lunch Hero Day</i>	<b>8</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Track Invite at Thermopolis - 9:30 am  National Science Bowl Competition (virtual)
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Track "Best of the Best" at Lander - 10 am  MS Band/Choir Concert held at Powell HS - <u>Bands:</u> 6 <sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> - 6:50 pm 8 <sup>th</sup> - 7:10 pm <u>Choirs:</u> 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm	<b>12</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet 1 – 3:25 pm  5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Orientation - Powell MS 12:10 – 3:25 pm	<b>13</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet 1 – 3:25 pm	<b>14</b>  <u>Orange</u> Schedule	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>School Counselor &amp; School Psychologist Appreciation Day</i>  Title I & Sports Information Night for Parents of Current 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Graders - 6 pm in the gym	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Pizza Hut Fundraiser 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <u>Black</u> Schedule  8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Civil War Reenactment - 9 am Powell MS Football Field	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Powell High School Graduation - 2 pm	<b>24</b> <i>Custodian Appreciation Day</i>  <u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> Laptop Collection in Homerooms	<b>25</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Geology Field Trip – 7 am to 4 pm  <u>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> Laptop Collection in Homerooms	<b>26</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Geology Field Trip – 7 am to 4 pm  <u>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> Laptop Collection in Homerooms	<b>27</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Celebration at Powell MS Commons - 1:30 pm	<b>28</b>  <u>Orange</u> Schedule  <u>Activity Day</u> for students 8:50 – 11 am  Student's Last Day of School	
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Memorial Day	<b>June 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

Creative Writing Club meets every Wednesday after school until 4 pm in Ms. Faxon's room.

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

Girls Who Code meets each Wednesday after school in Mrs. Hanks' room.