



## Monthly Newsletter November 2020

**P.R.O.P.S. – Parents Recognizing Outstanding Professionals:** We will continue with the initiative for parents to share positive experiences and kind words regarding your child's interaction with a professional (coach, teacher, para, anybody) at Powell Middle School. All notes can be sent to Kyle Rohrer at [KTRohrer@pcsd1.org](mailto:KTRohrer@pcsd1.org) or Chanler Buck at [CJBuck@pcsd1.org](mailto:CJBuck@pcsd1.org).

"I'd like to nominate a caring teacher on behalf of my daughter. My daughter tells me that Mrs. Warren has been so great as she adjusts to middle school. She says that Mrs. Warren gives them plenty of work time and then takes time to go over their work with them. She is learning a lot and really enjoys Mrs. Warren."

"Just wanted to send a message THANKING YOU for an amazing start to our middle school experience! I will admit, I was nervous sending her to the middle school!! Your 6th grade staff have been more than amazing! As much as we would love to come in and visit with all of her teachers, I fully understand the recommendation of sending emails! Through that I have gotten some wonderful replies back! My child is loving the elective of FACs, has even come home and made the family treats!! You can stop by our house almost nightly and hear the tune learned in band; my child loves the history learned about Powell with the walking tours! Thank goodness for the Costco supply of baking soda to try out the science experiments at home that was learned and may or may not have refreshed my brain on quite a few math skills in these past weeks! The office staff has done an outstanding job keeping us in the loop of what is happening!! THANK YOU!!"

### **Tips for Success:**

- Homework – Consistent time & place
- Accurate contact information for ZAP notice and checking grades frequently on CANVAS – email & phone number.
- Laptop/Technology – Establish certain location by designated time (example - 7:00 pm Dinner Table).
- Communicate – Ask your student(s) how their day went. Notify their teachers with concerns.
- Familiarize yourself with how to login to school email, social media sites (example - Snapchat), text messages, etc. Review phones periodically.

**Veteran's Day Program:** Powell Middle School has created a "Salute to Veterans" video with all our students thanking our local veterans. The video will be available to view on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, on the Powell Middle School Facebook page as well as the Middle School tab on PCSD1's website page.

For the Powell Middle School tab on the PCSD1's website page, please refer to the link <https://www.pcsd1.org/> > Schools > Middle School (6-8). Please refer to the link <https://www.facebook.com/powellmiddleschool/> to access our Facebook page.

**Picture Retake Day Reminder:** Lifetouch picture retakes for Powell Middle School are scheduled for Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Music Concerts – Rescheduled:** The middle school music concerts that were previously scheduled for Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> have both been rescheduled for Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, to be held in the Powell High School Gymnasium.

**American Education Week:** The American Education Association has designated November 16<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup> as American Education Week! We appreciate all staff members doing their best for our kids!

**Student Drop Off:** Parents, when dropping your student off in front of the Middle School, please pull **all the way forward** to the west end of the parking area before stopping to let your student out. This will allow more students to be dropped off at once and will help alleviate a backup on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. As always, never stop your vehicle in a crosswalk. Our students' safety is of utmost importance. We appreciate your consideration in the matter.

**Backpack Blessings:** New Life Church has been graciously sponsoring the BACKPACK BLESSINGS program at the Middle School this year. They would like all Middle School families to know that they have resources available to help ensure your children have food over the weekends and holidays! If you are interested in the program, please come in and sign a permission form and we will get your child on the list.

THIS PROGRAM IS SPONSORED BY A DIFFERENT COMMUNITY RESOURCE THAN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN YOUR YOUNGER CHILDREN UP FOR THIS PROGRAM THROUGH HIS/HER SCHOOL. Bags of non-perishable food are discreetly placed in student lockers on the last day of school each week. Please direct any questions to Student Services at 764-6185.

### **Commonly Asked Food Service Questions**

From Ms. Jill Queen,  
Powell Middle School Café Supervisor

**Q: Can my student substitute out if they do not want the main lunch entrée?**

A: Yes, a chef salad or a meat and cheese bun sandwich are the substitute options. The student just needs to communicate this to the serving cook in their line.

**Q: How does Ala Carte work at the Middle School?**

A: The Middle School cafeteria does offer a limited amount of Ala Carte items for students and staff to purchase. The Ala Carte purchases do not come out of the student's regular lunch account, as they are on a cash only basis.

#### **Items offered are:**

Hamburger - \$1.50

Chicken Patty Sandwich or a Spicy Chicken Patty Sandwich - \$1.75

Chef Salad - \$2.75

#### **We also have:**

Cookies - \$.25

Monster Cookies - \$.50

Snacks Items (Crackers, Granola Bars, Rice Krispy Treats or Chips) - \$1.00

Beverages (Water, Flavored Water or Smoothies) - \$1.25

Bread (Sliced and Wrapped - Chocolate or Banana) - \$1.00

Students are not allowed to purchase any Ala Carte items until everyone in their grade has gone through the hot lunch line. Ala Carte items are also available at breakfast, except the lunch items.

# November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>October 30</b>	<b>October 31</b>
					<b>Black Schedule</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB at Powell - 10 am & 1 pm  7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Wrestling Dual at Lovell - 9:30 am
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Daylight Saving Time Ends		8 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB at Lovell – 4:15 pm  7 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB at Powell – 4:15 pm  7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Wrestling Dual at Greybull - 4:30 pm			<b>Orange Schedule</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB at Worland & Thermopolis - 9 am & 12:30 pm  7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Wrestling Invite at Sheridan - 12:30 pm
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Middle School Band & Choir Concert at the Powell High School Gymnasium - 7:30 pm  High School & Middle School Jazz Concert at the Powell High School Gymnasium - 7:30 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Wrestling Dual at Cowley - 4:15 pm	"Salute to Veterans" - A video by Powell Middle School Students	8 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB at Cody - 4:15 pm  7 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB at Powell - 4:15 pm	<b>Black Schedule</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB at Cody - 9 am & 12 pm  7 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB at Cowley - 9 am & 12 pm	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
	American Education Week - November 16 - 20			Lifetouch Picture Retakes	<b>Orange Schedule</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB at Powell - 9 am & 12 pm  7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Wrestling Dual at Cody - 10 am
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	8 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB at Powell - 4:15 pm  7 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB at Cody - 4:15 pm		<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>Dec. 5</b>
	Classes Resume	7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Wrestling Dual at Powell - 4:15 pm		8 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB at Powell - 4:15 pm  7 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB at Powell - 5:30 pm	<b>Orange Schedule</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Wrestling Invite at Thermopolis - 10 am

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