



## Monthly Newsletter February 2020

**Report Card Reminder:** All student report cards are available on the Parent Portal under Reports. If you need to set up your parent portal, please call the office at 764-6185 for your activation code. Have you have forgotten your password or username? Please click on the tab for forgotten password and/or username on the Parent Portal. By request, paper copies of report cards can be printed and given to your student.

**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).

“Thank you for sending home a card to positively recognize the gains on the WY-TOPP testing. This card lifted my child’s spirits immensely and it also served as positive reinforcement to the hard work put into school work. Thank you for making them feel special and allowing us as parents to celebrate with our child.”

“I know this communication is long overdue, but thank you to the teachers that regularly put in extra time for MATHCOUNTS. Not only does my child love the challenge, but we appreciate knowing that they are getting pushed to higher levels. Thank you for your dedication.”

**Communicating with Your Child and Maintaining a Strong Relationship –** When children are in middle school, they get quite accustomed to one word answers when parents ask how their day went. We encourage you to shut off the television, place technology aside, and take time to share some events from the day; it is recommended that parents model what they expect. Building these relationships helps parents to stay informed of the daily happenings. It also builds the bridge to tuning in to their social lives a bit and guidance can take place. Please keep a pulse on where your child is spending their time on their cell phones; many of the social media sites may not positively contribute to the adolescent mind or self-esteem.

**School Safety –** We are committed to safety here at Powell Middle School. We believe the best way to ensure safety is to develop relationships and encourage communication between all stakeholders. One resource that is offered statewide is Safe2Tell Wyoming: Safe2Tell Wyoming’s tip reporting process is simple. Safe2Tell provides students, parents, and community members a safe way to report information about any issues that concern their safety or the safety of others.

### **Key Components –**

- \* State law guarantees the confidentiality of every caller.
- \* Safe2Tell Wyoming is available to all Wyoming schools, students, teachers, and parents.
- \* Reports can be made to Safe2Tell Wyoming by calling 1-844-WYO-SAFE (996-7233).
- \* Tips may be submitted using a smartphone through the Safe2Tell Wyoming mobile app.
- \* Calls to Safe2Tell Wyoming are answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week by trained Wyoming Highway Patrol Dispatchers.
- \* A trained communications officer collects information for the report and assigns a tip number to the reporting party.

- \* Every tip submitted to Safe2Tell is thoroughly investigated once given to the appropriate school and/or law enforcement agency.
- \* Safe2Tell serves as a conduit for the information received, sending it directly to the school and/or law enforcement for local investigation and/or intervention.
- \* All information is encrypted, allowing for complete confidentiality.
- \* Web reporting and mobile app options allow reporting parties to upload photos and social media posts, which aid law enforcement in conducting thorough investigations.

**MATHCOUNTS Competition:** Our MATHCOUNTS Team will be traveling to Northwest College to compete in the Northwest Chapter Contest on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and to the practice competition on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, held in Lander. The competition includes teams from schools of all sizes from the northwest region of the state. The Northwest Chapter Contest consists of 4 rounds: 1st is the Sprint Round (40 minutes), 2nd is the Target Round (40 minutes), 3rd is the Team Round (20 minutes), and 4th is the Countdown Round (top ten places). There are individual and team awards given to the top places.

**Science Bowl Competition:** On Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, two teams of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be traveling to Kelly Walsh High School in Casper to compete in the Science Bowl. The students will leave at 7 am for Casper, have lunch together at 11 am, then start competing at 12:00 pm. The mixed teams consist of Kik Hayano, Emma Johnson, Jimmy Dees, Liz Peterson, Breckin Streeter, Merced Jordan Silva, Jonathan Hawley, Jenessa Polson, and Isabelle Lobingier.



**Be Our Valentine - A Special Request:** On Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, we are asking that all Valentine's Day deliveries to Powell Middle School are scheduled to arrive no later than 11 am. *Fridays are short school days for students* and we want your student to receive their special delivery prior to going home for the weekend. Thank you!

**Free and Reduced Lunches:** If you have found your financial or household circumstances have changed, you may pick up a free and reduced lunch application in the office anytime during school hours or click on <https://www.pcsd1.org/Food-Services> to find it on our district website.

**ZAP Notifications:** Our program will help us to communicate more efficiently with parents in regards to your child's daily assignments. When a teacher enters your child into the ICU program for a missing assignment, parents will instantly be notified by text and/or email. The email will be coming directly from the class teacher. Inside the email you will find notes or comments pertaining to the assignment, as well as the due dates. Parents can also expect to be notified once the assignment has been completed. If your child reaches Tier 2 then the ZAP messages will come from Mrs. Bradish. The program currently sends out a maximum of 2 emails and 1 text message per student. Please keep the school updated on any phone or email changes. You may contact Brenda Sessions at [BASessions@pcsd1.org](mailto:BASessions@pcsd1.org) to update your email address in our system.

**Half-time Performance:** On Friday evening, February 14<sup>th</sup>, the Powell Middle School Cheerleaders will perform with the Powell High School Cheerleaders during half-time at the game with Thermopolis. The game will begin at 7:00 pm at Powell High School.

**Lifetouch Spring Picture Day:** Spring picture day for Powell Middle School is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. All students will have their portrait taken during their PE class.

**2019-2020 Yearbooks:** If you would like to purchase a Powell Middle School yearbook, you may order one in the Learning Commons for \$10.00.

# February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>January 31</b>	<b>1</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Worland – 9 & 11 am
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Swimming Practice Begins 6 – 7:15 am	<b>4</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Powell – 4:15 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Lovell – 4:15 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> MATHCOUNTS Competition at NWC – 12 - 4 pm	<b>7</b> ORANGE Schedule MATHCOUNTS Competition at Lander -10 am Girls Who Code Club 1 – 4 pm	<b>8</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Powell – 9 & 11 am 7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Thermopolis – 9 & 11 am
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Cowley – 4:15 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Powell – 4:15 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Cody – 2:30 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Powell – 4:15 pm	<b>14</b> BLACK Schedule Valentine’s Day Science Bowl Competition at Casper – 12 pm MS Cheer Team in PHS Half-time Performance at PHS	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> President’s Day  <b>No School</b>	<b>18</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Lovell – 4:15 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Powell – 4:15 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Swimming at Lovell – 3:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Powell – 4:15 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Powell – 5:15 & 6:15 pm	<b>21</b> ORANGE Schedule Girls Who Code Club 1 – 4 pm	<b>22</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball Jamboree at Thermopolis – 9 am 7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball Jamboree at Powell – 9 am 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Swimming Triangular at Powell – 10 am
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Lifetouch Spring Picture Day	<b>27</b> Middle School & High School Bands & Choirs Concert at PHS – 7 pm	<b>28</b> BLACK Schedule School Dance (Robotics) 6 – 8 pm	<b>29</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Swimming Invitational at Cody - 10 am 8 <sup>th</sup> Conference Tourney - Boys Basketball at Worland – 9 am 7 <sup>th</sup> Conference Tourney – Boys Basketball at Lovell – 9 am

**Environmental Action Committee meets every Monday after school in Mrs. Hanks’ room.**  
**Creative Writing Club meets every Tuesday after school from 3:30 to 4 pm in Ms. Faxon’s room.**  
**Science Olympiad meets every Tues., Wed., & Thurs. after school Mrs. Hanks’ room.**  
**Lego Club meets in the da Vinci Lab every Wednesday after school.**  
**MATHCOUNTS meets every Wednesday morning at 7 am in Mr. Estes’ room.**  
**Girls Who Code Club meetings on Friday, 2/7 & 2/21 from 1 pm to 4 pm in Mrs. Hanks’ room.**