



## Monthly Newsletter January 2020

**Parent Portal & Canvas:** The Infinite Campus parent portal is used to view attendance and to put money on your student's lunch account. To view grades and assignments, the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) is used. Please visit the website at <http://www.pcsd1.org/> to access both the Infinite Campus parent portal and Canvas LMS. Also, on the district website are activity schedules, lunch menus, school calendar and weekly announcements. If you have not been able to access your parent portal, please call our office at 764-6185 to receive your activation key.

**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 Mr. Kyle Rohrer at [KTRohrer@pcsd1.org](mailto:KTRohrer@pcsd1.org) or Mr. Chanler Buck at [CJBuck@pcsd1.org](mailto:CJBuck@pcsd1.org).

I'd like to recognize Mrs. Woods for supporting my student in her artistic pursuits. She encouraged her to take on a challenging project and stayed after school with her so she could finish the project the right way, not the easy way. Thank you for your dedication!

Thank you to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade staff for all their support with my child's Genius Hour Project. It was great to work alongside and support my child, but better yet, it was great to see the satisfaction once the project was completed. We were able to attend the presentations, and we were so very impressed with all the projects of the students. Great job to the teachers for their guidance and support.

**End of Quarter Information:** Second quarter will end on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Second quarter final grades will be available for viewing on the Infinite Campus parent portal at <http://www.pcsd1.org/> by Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Please note that any attendance reported reflects individual period attendance.

**Powell Middle School Robotics Club:** Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade robotic team that won 1<sup>st</sup> place over 60 teams at the state competition in Casper. The, "Black & Orange" team, consists of: Salem Brown, Sam Childers, Alan Crawford, Luke Legler, Kenan Lind, Sam Lind, Dexter Opps, Isaac Stensing, and Dallin Waite. Now the team plans to run fundraisers for the opportunity to compete in Houston, Texas in April. If you would like more information or the opportunity to support the team, please contact Zac Opps at [ZTOpps@pcsd1.org](mailto:ZTOpps@pcsd1.org).

**Communication:** Parents, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please take the time to reach out to the appropriate personnel. We are always here to help, but we also must be aware before we can support you and your child and work together as a team. Our staff directory can be accessed at <https://pms.pcsd1.org/Staff>.

**Physical Education Swim Unit:** The 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade swimming unit will begin on January 6<sup>th</sup> and go through January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Parents, please ensure that your student has their swimming suit and a towel to participate.

**Science Fair:** The Northwest Regional Science Fair will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 am in the Yellowstone Building at NWC. Students, on a voluntary-basis, are creating a project and will compete against schools from the Big Horn Basin for a chance to qualify for the Wyoming State Science Fair in March. For more information, please contact Mrs. Holmes, Mr. Hedges, or Mrs. Hanks.

**Student Safety on the Internet:** As students interact with technology and use the internet, we encourage parents to set family rules for technology and internet use. By talking to children about potential online dangers and monitoring their computer use, parents can help their children surf the internet safely.

**The list below is from “PEN Notes” which is a publication from the Parent Education Network:**

- 1) Keep computers/tablets in high-traffic areas like the family room or kitchen, not in bedrooms, unsupervised.
- 2) Children ages 9 and under shouldn't be allowed to surf the Web alone—they need close supervision.
- 3) Older children need to have clear rules about using the Internet alone. Tell children that you need to know where they are going online and what they are doing there.
- 4) Keep track of the files your children download, join them when they are in private chat areas, and ask often who they are chatting with on the internet.
- 5) Put time limits on the computer. Children need to allow time for physical activity, homework, and friends, too.
- 6) Tell children never to trade personal photographs in the mail or scanned over the Internet.
- 7) Tell children never to reveal personal information, never to agree to meet anyone from a chat room in person, never to respond to threatening emails or messages.
- 8) Tell children that violating the family internet rules will result in lost privileges to go online—and then enforce the rules.

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

**Ala Carte Items Price Change:** After a cost analysis, a few of the Middle School ala carte items will be increasing in price. The price changes will take effect when students return to school on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Prices for the ala carte items will be displayed in the cafeteria, so students are informed before they make their purchases. As a reminder, payment for ala carte items is cash only. The health bar, however, contains a variety of fruits and vegetables and is free to all students and staff.

**Middle School Ala Carte Prices - 2020**

Chef Salad - \$2.75

Baked Goods - .50

Muffins - \$1.50

All Beverages - \$1.25

Chicken Sandwich - \$1.75

Hamburger - \$1.50

Adult Entree - \$2.25

Cookies - .25

Chips - \$1.00

Crackers - \$1.00

Granola Bars - \$1.00

# January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <b>No School for Students</b>  (Professional Development Day for Certified Staff)	3 <b>No School for Students</b>  (Professional Development Day for Certified Staff)	4
5	6 <b>School Resumes</b>  6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Swimming Unit Thru January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7	8	9	10  Orange Schedule  1st Semester (2nd Quarter) Ends	11
12	13  2nd Semester (3rd Quarter) Begins	14	15	16	17  Black Schedule	18 8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Cody – 9 & 11 am  7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Worland – 9 & 11 am
19	20	21	22	23 2:00 Activity Schedule  8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Powell – 2:15 pm  7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Cody – 4:15 pm	24  Orange Schedule	25 8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Lander – 10 am & 1 pm  7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Riverton – 10 am & 1 pm
26	27 7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Cowley – 4:15 pm  8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Powell – 4:15 pm	28	29	30 7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Powell – 4:15 pm  8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball at Laurel – 4:15 pm	31  Black Schedule  Northwest Regional Science Fair 8:30 am at NWC	<b>Feb. 1</b>

**Lego Club meets in the da Vinci Lab every Wednesday after school.**

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

**Environmental Action Committee meets every Monday after school in Mrs. Hanks' room.**

**Science Olympiad meets every Tues., Wed., & Thurs. after school Mrs. Hanks' room.**

**Creative Writing Club meets every Tuesday after school from 3:30 to 4 pm in Ms. Faxon's room.**

**Girls Who Code Club meetings Friday 1/17 & 1/31 from 1 pm to 4 pm in Mrs. Hanks' room.**