

Happy First Day Powell Families and Friends,

Lift off!! We are safely in the air and soaring; building this plane as we fly! All students are doing a great job adjusting to this current reality of middle school during a global pandemic. They are following our new rules and higher expectations in order for us all to stay safe and stay in school. I have thoroughly enjoyed having students back doing most things students do. Powell was eerily vacant without kids here! Thanks for helping us all make this happen.

As we approach the upcoming days and weeks, I need your attention to the following details:

1. Wednesdays will be days of synchronous remote learning for all students. Teachers will hold Google Meets with each of their classes and all students are expected to participate in all classes on Wednesdays. [Click here to review the daily schedule.](#)
2. Students will then continue with their classes (2-4-6-CORE+) on Thursday and Friday. [Click here to review the daily schedule.](#)
3. In-person learning will take place on **September 9th** and **October 21st** for students in the **Alpha A-K** and they will attend their 1-3-5-7 classes. This change is due to the fact that their original in-person day is either a holiday or non-student day (Monday, September 7th and October 19th). By making this change, these students will receive the instructional minutes they would have otherwise missed. These in-person days will begin after the PLC late start for staff, promptly at 9:54 am. Thanks for your understanding and support with this change. [Click here to access the bell schedule.](#)
4. In my prior communication, I articulated arrival and dismissal procedures and expectations. I want to expand on that with hallway expectations and protocols. Students will move about Powell in single file from class to class using a right-of-way system similar to two way streets. The hallways have been marked to reflect traffic flow. We have also marked “social distance” waiting lines for the touchless water bottle fillers along with the bathrooms. Many of us have seen these types of systems in place out in the community and I am requesting your help to reinforce these procedures with your students.
5. As stated in previous communication, parents are expected to check their student’s temperature before bringing them to school. At school, students will be asked screening questions as well. If a student becomes symptomatic, we will follow the LPS District protocol and will be contacting parents. Thank you in advance for your attention to and support of this.
6. As we partner together for your students’ return to in-person learning, also, please be aware that we will be asking you to complete a form for each absence that your student has in addition to asking you to call our attendance office. After calling the attendance line, please access the link on the district/[school website](#) and complete [this form](#) for each student who will be absent.
7. On Distance Learning days and Remote Learning Days (A-K: Tuesday & Friday, L-Z: Monday & Thursday, Wednesday: All Students) your student will be responsible for taking his/her own attendance. Students will take their own attendance on distance learning days

by logging into their Infinite Campus account and completing the attendance prompt on their portal home page. Please be aware that the window for your student to complete attendance on Distance and Remote Learning days is open from 7:30 am to 2 pm. [Click here for instructions on how to check in for attendance on Distance and Remote Learning days.](#) Parents are not able to take attendance for their students.

8. Lastly, PTO has new Powell apparel available for purchase now through Sept. 4th. [CLICK HERE to shop.](#) Order & pay online via credit card or eCheck. Purchases will be delivered to your student's Core Plus classroom in September. All proceeds support Powell Middle School through the PTO.

If you have any questions please reach out to us here at Powell. We will be happy to help. Take care and be well.

It's a great day to be a Puma!

In Education,
Steve Wolf, Principal

