

Hello Powell Friends and Family,

The following are some current and future happenings at Powell. Regardless, they are all points of pride!

The first quarter of the school year is in our rear-view mirrors and we are moving swiftly through our second quarter, full speed ahead. Our students have found their stride and are experiencing much of what Powell has to offer. Please talk to your student(s) about how the school year is going and let us know if there are things that we can do to help your student in their growth, development, and/or learning.

A sincere “thank you” to all who *attended* Family-Teacher virtual conferences. Our teachers and staff really enjoyed meeting with you and talking about our students’ learning. We took much out of this experience that may be beneficial in the future. These conversations were rich and rewarding, so thank you, thank you, thank you!

We are currently in the middle of the first Open/Optional Enrollment window for Powell Middle School. If you have friends and neighbors who have not yet completed and submitted an Open/Optional Enrollment application (or if you have yet to submit an application for a younger sibling!), please remind them to do so soon. The first enrollment deadline is fast approaching and the earlier applications are submitted the better we can plan and prepare for next year. Submitting your application during the first enrollment window also improves the chance of your student gaining acceptance. We will begin sending out acceptance letters for Optional and Open Enrollment families who qualify for acceptance after November 13th. If any prospective family is curious about Powell, please direct them to Powell’s website and have them join one of my [virtual school tours](#). Thank you for all of your continued support and commitment to Powell!

Our annual Direct Donation campaign is still underway. Thank you for donating and helping us support our students. If you have not donated yet, there is still time. Simply go to our website and click the PTO button at the bottom of the page. This will take you to [PTO’s home page](#) where you click the yellow ‘Donate’ button. It is with your support that we may continue to offer the same high quality programs we have all grown to love and expect.

As a reminder, this semester, students and families have the opportunity to check out all the meal offerings that LPS Nutrition Services has to offer--for free! The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is providing funding for Nutrition Services to provide free-of-charge meals to students through the remainder of this school year. All students eat for free at both breakfast and lunch regardless of their free and reduced-price meal eligibility and we encourage all students to participate. Free breakfast includes an entree, 100% fruit juice, fruit and milk. Free lunch includes an entree, fruit, vegetable and milk. Students are able to purchase extra entrees and

snacks using their lunch accounts or cash. We recommend that families still apply for free and reduced meal benefits, as this eligibility helps schools in various ways, like securing federal funding for Title I programming and increasing schools' eligibility for certain types of grants. [Click here for the 2020-21 Free & Reduced Meals Application.](#)

Thank you for your support and attention to these important matters. It's a great day to be a Puma!

In Education,

Steve Wolf, Principal

