

Hello Powell Families and Friends,

The following are Powell's October Points of Pride. Enjoy!

Powell held its 21st annual Puma Prowl fun run this past Wednesday, October 3rd. We had one of the largest races in our history with more than 300 participants! After the race, there were treats and some great prizes awarded. This was a fantastic time promoting health and wellness. Thanks to all who helped make this happen!

Powell's Parent-Teacher conferences are fast approaching. We will be holding conferences on the evening of Wednesday, October 17th, beginning at 4:30 pm and concluding at 8:00 pm (doors close at 7:30 pm). Our second day of conferences will be Thursday, October 18th, beginning at 9 am and concluding at 12 pm. I encourage all parents of 7th and 8th grade students to attend the first night of conferences, since many of our Washington D.C. chaperones are 7th and 8th grade teachers and they will be absent on Thursday's conferences. Please also look for communications from your student's teachers that are chaperoning this trip as they may be setting additional conference times. Our conference format will once again be Student-led, and students should attend with their parents. Please have conversations with your student about his or her learning prior to conferences in order for us to be productive and positive with our time.

Our third annual Direct Donation campaign has begun and will run for the entire month of October. Thank you for helping us support our students. With the help of Powell's generous community, Powell Middle School has been able to ensure a high quality education for all students. Go to our website and click the PTO button to be directed to PTO website and donation page. It is that simple! It is with your support that we may continue to offer the same high quality programs we have all grown to love and expect.

Our community has been using Dining for Dollars to help support our schools. Powell has the upcoming nights on these restaurant's calenders:

October 15th from 5-7 pm at Chick-fil-a - 25% of the proceeds will benefit Powell  
November 7th at Larkburger - 25% of the proceeds will benefit Powell



I need your attention to the following items:

1. Students are accessing their cell phones during school for non-academic purposes. It has come to our attention as of late that students are using their devices to take video and access social media during the school day. These behaviors (violating ones privacy, bullying, etc...) do not meet our expectations and consequences/discipline may result. Speak with your student about appropriate uses of cell phones and have them consider shutting it down for the academic day.
2. Our Bus Loop is for buses ***only*** from 8:30 am until 9:30 am and again from 3:30 pm until 4:15 pm. I need all cars to avoid the loop during these times. Thank you.

[The LPS Culture and Climate Survey](#) is currently open and will remain available until October 31st. This is a confidential survey and an opportunity to share your thoughts about important topics such as school safety, relationships, social/emotional support, diversity, etc. For more information about the survey [click here](#). Follow the link above or visit our website for more information and access to the survey. When finished, you can print the completion page and have your student bring it to the front office to be entered in a prize drawing.

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