

Hello Powell Families and Friends,

The following are Powell's points of pride. Enjoy!

We have put the finishing touches on the 3rd quarter and are moving on to the last quarter of the year. Boy, has time flown by! Let's help our students spring-board into the final stanza of the year with the momentum to complete their school year strong.

With the completion of yet another grading period, Family/Teacher virtual conferences were held last week. Even though these conferences are behind us, we should continue our communication in an effort to help our students learn.

As everyone ought to know by now, Powell will be returning to a full in-person school model next week, March 15th. We are so looking forward to seeing all of our students every day! Our students will attend odd numbered classes on Monday and Thursday, Even numbered classes on Tuesday and Friday, and all of their classes on Wednesday as a touchstone. This schedule will most closely mirror what we have been doing and we hope it will be the least disruptive as we look to finish this year in person. We will continue with all of the health and safety protocols that we began the school year with: wearing masks, washing and sanitizing hands, cleaning tables and desks, and maximizing physical distance to the greatest extent possible. Our students' health and safety is a paramount concern and we will continue to work diligently to help ensure that they have a healthy and happy experience at Powell. Hopefully, as restrictions continue to lift, we will look to have certain events in-person. Please stay tuned to our website for updates and announcements for up-to-date information. A sincere thank you goes out to all those who have helped make this all possible. It's a great day to be a Puma!

I want to take this opportunity to remind families of the responsible use and care for our Chromebooks. I need you to remind our students to come to school with a fully charged Chromebook. This will help aid in their learning throughout the day. Also, please remind them that these devices are for school work and little else. Our students have grown extremely comfortable with Chromebooks and have become somewhat casual with their safekeeping and use. These devices are not disposable and will be needed again next year. With your help, this initiative will prove to be successful for many years to come. Thank you for your support.

As spring approaches, we see an increase in students leaving school for appointments and other activities. Where sometimes appointments during the school day are unavoidable, I am asking that they be made after 3:50 pm, or on days when school is not in session. Interruptions to a student's day can negatively impact their education and I appreciate your attention to this matter.

As we look forward to next year, Powell has had to make some difficult decisions. Our enrollment has declined and unfortunately, we have a few positions we are unable to renew for the 2021-2022 school year. Where much of Powell will remain as it has been, there will be a few changes next year. Please know that all students will still receive the same quality education we have grown accustomed to providing, complete with Core classes and a full complement of Elective/Exploratory classes. We will

be studying potential schedule options over the next school year to see what will best meet the needs of our students for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your understanding and as always, your questions are welcome.

Thank you for your investment and involvement in our students' lives.

As always, It's a great day to be a Puma!

Steve Wolf
Steve Wolf, Principal

