

Hello Powell Families,

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

We are putting the finishing touches on a great year that saw more students than ever earn honors on the National Spanish Exam, our yearbook earning their **Seventh Pacemaker** award and our students winning several District Championships in Track and Field, Girls and Boys Basketball, and Wrestling (9 District Championships in all!). There have been so many great days to be a Puma!

Powell held it's Second Annual Spring Musical, *The Princess and the Pea*, this past week. Wow, what a performance by our students! They told a story, like it's never been told before and they did a wonderful job. The cast, the parents and community, and Ms Enley and Ms Stephens put on a great show and we thank them for their efforts. As many know through an email from Ms Enley and prior newsletters, she will not be returning to Powell next year due to budget cuts. Under District direction and with strict adherence to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, difficult decisions and cuts were made. We thank Ms Enley for all her contributions and wish her the best. This should not preclude us in continuing to perform plays and musicals provided we have staff willing to continue these events. The performing arts are alive at Powell Middle School!

Yearbooks will be distributed on Tuesday, May 21st. Please speak to your student about what should and should not be signed in a yearbook. We expect our students to use appropriate language at all times and especially in yearbooks where their words will leave a lasting impression on personal property.

In recent years, students have chosen not to purchase yearbooks and, instead, have elected to have their friends and other students sign on their body. This behavior is strongly discouraged, since not all that is signed can be seen or read by the students on whom the words are written. Please talk with your student about having respect for their body and empower them to not engage in this behavior.

I need your help once again in finishing this school year on a positive note. **All** students must be picked-up by **4 pm** every day. Most of our students are safely on their way home by this time, but we have had some students "hanging out" recently. Unfortunately, students tend to make poor choices when there is no supervision or accountability. Please make sure your student is picked up or on their way home immediately after school hours.

And speaking of pick up, if your student has medications in our Health Office, please pick them up by **Wednesday, May 29th at 11:00 am**. Any medications left after that date/time will be disposed of.



Chromebook turn-in will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd. Please make sure that your student has her/his Chromebook and charger that day. Thank you for your help in making our 1:1 Chromebook initiative a success.

A special thank you to all of our volunteers for all of their time and effort in making this year great. Our community is one of the biggest reasons why Powell is such a special place to us all. 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