

Hello Powell Community,

We are off to the races! The first day is fast approaching and we are preparing for the best school year yet. In your student's CORE Plus, we will be discussing our CORE values and expectations. Please continue the conversation at home and feel free to contact us with any questions. The following is what CORE stands for at Powell:

C - Community Minded

O - Owning our behavior

R - Respect

E - Eager to Learn

I will need your help this year with a couple of things:

1. Pick-up and Drop-off (Please note start and end times have shifted a bit from last year: 7:55-2:50, with the exception of our weekly Wednesday late starts: 8:55-2:50) - Please plan to drop-off your student no earlier than 7:30 am and pick-up no later than 3 pm. I cannot guarantee supervision of students outside of these times, unless your student is involved in activities or athletics. Also, use the carpool loop to pick-up and drop-off your student. Do not use the parking lot or bus loop. By doing this, we ensure the safe passage into and out of our building.

2. Reinforcement of school rules and protocols - Please review these procedures that are found in your student's planner as well as on the Powell website. As always, contact us with any questions or concerns.

3. There is a lot of excitement about the near total solar eclipse that will occur Monday, August 21, 2017. Where Powell is not doing anything formal for this event, we ask parents to help us stress to your children the importance of not looking directly at the eclipse. Children should be reminded that looking at the eclipse still means looking directly at the sun, which can damage their retinas. According to NASA, it is never safe to look at a partial eclipse or the partial phases of a total solar eclipse without proper equipment and techniques. Looking directly at the sun is never safe!

[NASA provides important information regarding eye safety during a solar eclipse.](https://www.nasa.gov/content/eye-safety-during-a-total-solar-eclipse)

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If you wish to purchase this equipment/glasses and send it with your student on Monday the 21st, feel free to do so. Thank you for your partnership to keep our children safe!

4. I would like to inform you that a service dog will be present at Powell this year during all or some of the school days. The service dog will primarily be within the sixth grade setting. The



service dog must, of course, be house-broken, and under the control of its student handler while it is at school. We have had experience with service dogs at Powell, and have not had any problems with any service dog's behavior in the school setting. We certainly do not expect any such problems this year. We hope you and your student will help us welcome the service dog, recognizing the benefits it provides and needs it fulfills. A concern that is often raised is that some people have animal dander allergies, and may experience symptoms if they are in contact with the service dog at school, or sometimes even when they are in a room that the service dog has occupied recently. Please let us know if your child has such allergies, and we will try to accommodate as best we can. As always, Powell's and the District's goal is to provide the best educational environment for all students, including those who need service dogs in the school setting. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

It's a great day to be a Puma!

In Education,

Steve Wolf, Principal