



Powell PTO Newsletter



Congratulations 8th Graders!

You have completed your middle school journey at Powell and are moving on to new and exciting experiences in high school. We are really proud of all of you and of your hard work at school, especially during the recent adjustments to distance learning.

The final quarter of middle school was most likely not what you envisioned for your last days at Powell. However, you made it and we want to celebrate you!

Therefore, the PTO has made something special for you to commemorate your middle school accomplishments as well as honor your continuation onto high school.

Please make a point to drive by Powell Middle School anytime starting on Thursday, May 14th.

There is a special banner outside of school that reflects this time of celebration. Plus, it is the perfect place to get your picture taken! So get your parents, your neighbors, your grandparents, and your friends to drive by Powell. Get out of your cars and take pictures, videos, Tik-Toks, Face Time calls, selfies, and Instagram photo ready posts right in front of the banner! (However, it is very important to be mindful of social distancing and to be 6 feet apart from one another during your photo shoots.) 😊

This time will go down in the history books and will be something you will be able to tell about for many years to come. So swing by your soon-to-be alma mater and get your phones ready to take a pic and celebrate this moment in time.

The PTO wishes you the best of luck as you move onto High School.

Congratulations Pumas!



Schedule of Events

(click [here](#) for school calendar)



Thank you parents and Powell families for your support this year to PTO!

Although our year ended with distance between us, we were able to kick off Staff Appreciation Week by providing electronic Amazon Gift Cards for all staff members thanks to your donations this year!

In addition, with funds raised this year, we are able to give an annual donation in the amount of \$30k back to Powell. Our principal, Steve Wolf, plans to use the money this year to help refresh student and staff technology (chromebooks, laptops, etc.), further the creation of innovative spaces for students to learn and do school work, and to continue the support of our STEAM department with industry standard technology and resources to include, but not limited to drones, robots, and programming and design software.

We'd like to give a big shout out and thank you to Kim Higgins for planning our Dining for Dollars nights, and to our PTO board members who will not be returning next year; Lisa Galop, Rene Meale, Rebekah Hansmeier, and Heidi David. Thank you for all you have done for the Powell community!

Thanks so much for your continued support again this year. We are looking forward to a successful 2020/2021 school year. We are in this together.

This year's virtual event is free to attend, and we would love to have as many people join us as possible!

Here is the low down:

2020 Virtual Spirit Celebration

hosted by the Littleton Public Schools Foundation

Join us for an Online Auction and a Virtual Event
to raise funds for the emerging and ongoing needs in LPS schools

Silent Auction will open at 8:00am Saturday, May 9th

and remain open through Saturday, May 16th

Register for the auction here: <https://lpsfspirit.givesmart.com/>

Virtual LIVE Event
Saturday, May 16th
7pm

The link to watch the live event will be emailed to everyone who registers for the auction and will also be posted on SpiritDinner.com.

Click here to watch a great video put together by the LPS foundation!
https://drive.google.com/file/d/12gHBY5koxXdM9-LzhHZjyJ0_XCemyM1X/view

Dear Powell Middle School Students and Families,

You should have received an email last week from our superintendent, Brian Ewert, regarding an adjustment to our last instructional day of May 19th and times to retrieve and return items to schools. May 20th and 21st will be an opportunity for students to pick up any materials remaining at school and to return textbooks, library books, band instruments, sports equipment and uniforms, and any other school related items.

Please read below carefully to understand what you should do if you need to pick up or drop off items at Powell. Additional measures may be required in order to gain access to the building.

- If you or a family member has been exposed to the COVID-19 virus (or if you think you have), please DO NOT come to school. If you cannot make your designated time or are simply uncomfortable coming to school, please stay home. Email our front office at sbell@lps.k12.co.us and let them know.
- Be prepared to stand in line, a minimum of 6 feet apart, as you wait at the entrance to the building.
- Be prepared to have your temperature taken and to answer screening questions at the door.
- The use of a mask and gloves are highly recommended. All school staff will be wearing masks & gloves.
- We will limit the number of students in the building and inside each hallway so that students maintain 6 feet of social distance while inside the building.
- Please do not stop to visit with others. We ask that your trip inside the school take no more than 5 minutes.
- Please leave pets at home.
- Only students enrolled in Powell may enter the building unless the student requires support due to a disability.
- Students will only be able to pick up their belongings.
- Students are expected to gather their things while parents wait in the car.
- Siblings will not be allowed to enter schools where they are not enrolled.
- Students should plan to return textbooks, library books, sports equipment and uniforms, and any other school related items. See the instructions below regarding the return of band and orchestra instruments.
- Non-returning students need to return chromebooks.
- IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO PICK UP OR DROP OFF, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE AVOID COMING TO SCHOOL
- In an effort to limit the number of students in the building at the same time, please adhere to the following schedule and access points. You must follow your assigned time. The schedule is otherwise split by last-name alphabetically rather than by grade level to spread students out across the building, and to better accommodate families.

ALL STUDENTS will use the Main Entrance to ENTER the building
ALL STUDENTS will LEAVE through the Teacher Entrance or the East Entrance (Tennis courts)

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 Last Name

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - A, E, F
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - B
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - C
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - D
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - G, I, J
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - H

Thursday, May 21, 2020 Last Name

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - K, L
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - M
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - N, O, P
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Q, R
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - S
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

What about medication that has not yet been picked up?

Medication pick-up will take place at the Education Services Center, 5776 S. Crocker Street, on Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Pick-up will take place in a drive thru style format in the north parking lot. Any medication not picked up by the end of the day on May 21 will be properly discarded.

Medication will not be available for pick-up at school sites.

What about Chromebooks?

- ▶ Students in Grades 6-8 will keep their chromebooks over the summer.
- ▶ Students will be able to use chromebooks over the summer to continue to access the LPS Distance Learning resources: Parent and Student Educational Resources.
- ▶ Students who are NOT returning to LPS need to return their chromebooks and chargers.

What about Band & Orchestra Instruments?

- ▶ If a student is in 6th or 7th grade currently, and planning to be in band or orchestra next year, they may keep their instrument over the summer.
- ▶ If a student is NOT planning to be in band or orchestra during the 2020-21 school year, and has a Powell-owned instrument at home, he or she should return their instrument.
- ▶ All 8th grade band and orchestra students must return Powell-owned instruments.
- ▶ All 8th grade band students need to return their Essential Technique books.
- ▶ All jazz band members should return their black vests.
- ▶ All band and orchestra students should return their sheet music (all grades).

What about Yearbooks?

Unfortunately, our yearbook publisher/printer, Herff Jones, was closed during the Covid-19 pandemic and just recently reopened. This means we will not have our yearbooks by the time students retrieve/return items May 20-21. We hope to have the yearbooks delivered to Powell and ready for distribution the week of June 8th. We will communicate to students and families the specifics once we have more detailed information.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to support our students, our families and our community. Continue to practice good self-care & social distancing, take care of each other & look out for one another, and remember it's always a great day to be a Puma!

In Education,
Steve Wolf, Principal



What's next for LPS Boundary Study?

The Long Range Planning Committee will provide an update to the Board of Education later this spring.

The Board is tentatively scheduled to make decisions about the boundaries by the fall of 2020, and approved new boundaries would likely take effect in the fall of 2021. If you would like to give feedback on the proposed boundary lines, please contact Nicole Moyer at nmoyer@lps.k12.co.us.

Additional information about the District-Wide Boundary Study is available on the LPS district website at [Boundary Study](#).



**SOURCES
OF STRENGTH**

Please click on the link below for the final version of our student video. Enjoy and thanks again for all the fun and heartfelt messages to our PUMAS!

Please click the link below to watch the video!

[YOU MATTER 2.00 STAFF VIDEO--FINAL CUT](#)



PTO Board Positions Available!

The PTO board will need a couple of replacements for the 2020-2021 school year. This is a great way to get involved & meet new people.

Please email PTOPowell.lps@gmail.com if you are interested in serving on the PTO board.

Vice-President-The Vice-President acts as an aide to the President

- Performs the duties of the President in his/her absence.
- Shall take the position of President for the following school year
- Assists the President as needed.
- Attends the monthly PTO meetings.
- Shall perform any other duties delegated by the President.
- May chair a nominations committee to recommend a slate of officers in the spring of each year.
- May be an authorized signature on PTO bank account.
- May serve on the PTO spending committees

Secretary-The Secretary shall be responsible for the records of the organization.

- Keeps accurate minutes of all PTO meetings.
- Provide previous month's minutes to the board prior to following meeting for review
- Posts approved minutes on website.
- Maintains a permanent file of minutes of the organization.
- Shall write all necessary outside correspondence.
- Attends the monthly PTO meetings.

Volunteers in the Public Schools (VIPS)

Coordinator-The VIPS Coordinator organizes volunteers for the school.

- Shall reach out to the Powell community to provide and coordinate volunteers for various Powell events based on feedback from the PTO board, principal and staff.
- Shall update and maintain volunteer database (PTO Manager or other) and provide reports as needed.
- Shall provide Chairperson for standing events, determine and recommend additions/deletions of Event Chairperson positions based on volunteer needs of the school
- Arrange training as needed for volunteers including orientation to school procedures and ethics of professional volunteering
- Provide event chairperson with project description, requirements, budget and volunteer needs in order to ensure successful event.
- Train chairperson on PTO Manager in order to obtain event volunteers and communicate with volunteers.
- Act as liaison between event chairperson and PTO board. Report on committee activities when committee chair is not in attendance at PTO meeting.
- Oversee volunteer recognition and appreciation activities.
- Shall attend monthly District VIPS Coordinators meetings. Provides Powell PTO with pertinent district information.
- Shall publish a Volunteer Sign-up sheet at the beginning of the school year (website).
- Will work with administration in the spring to prepare an events/activities calendar for the following school year.
- Attends the monthly PTO meetings.
- Develop leaders from within the committee who may be enlisted as successor(s)
- Attend all monthly PTO meetings

Fundraising:

Fundraising is responsible for coordinating and organizing all fundraising activities. Fundraising shall:

- Oversee the execution of all fundraising events for the year
- Oversee Ways and Means Team Members or Event Coordinators, as necessary, to ensure successful event outcomes
- Work with PTO Presidents to select events and coordinators for the upcoming year
- Work with Treasurer to ensure proper financial reporting of all fundraising activities
- Create and adhere to detailed budget plan and will report an updated monthly budget at the PTO Board Meeting, if requested

OTHER Open Positions:

- **Dining for Dollars** - Contact & arrange monthly restaurant nights to help with fundraising.
- **Classified Employees Day** - Create & distribute small thank you gifts for our Classified Employees (i.e. bus drivers, kitchen staff, etc) in October.
- **The Stride (shadow)** - Attend & help congregate the Powell families & students at the Littleton Public School Stride.
- **Veteran's Day (shadow)** - Help set up & coordinate the Veteran's Day assembly at Powell Middle School in November.
- **Staff Appreciation Lead** - Coordinate daily activities (i.e. coffee cart, catered lunch, etc.) during staff/teacher appreciation week the 1st week in May.
- **Puma Prowl (shadow)** - The Powell PE staff organize a student fun run (about 2 miles around the Powell Campus) in October after school in preparation for the Littleton Stride. We need a PTO volunteer to help arrange parent and staff volunteers, secure donations and prizes from local businesses, and coordinate logistic for the event.

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Are you still collecting box tops? Please turn them into the office. Every box top is worth 10 cents for our school!



King Soopers has improved their Community Rewards program. Now it's easier for you to support Powell Middle School by just shopping at King Soopers! All you need to do is register your King Soopers card. Last year you all helped Powell raise over \$8000!!! Now it's easier for everyone in your family to help support Powell!

Directions on how to register: Go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com> Sign in to your account. New users will need to create an account that requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card. Once logged into your King Soopers account look for the Community Rewards link on the left side of the screen, click on it and search for Powell Middle School PTO either by name or XB734. Then click Enroll.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for Powell until after you register your rewards card. Please swipe your registered King Soopers rewards card or use the phone number that is related to your rewards card. when shopping for each purchase to count.

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PTO BOARD MEMBERS AND MEETINGS

Presidents: Lisa Galop and Rene Meale

Treasurer: Kathy Shepherd

Secretary: Heidi David

Fundraising:Jan McElhiney

VIPS: Rebekah Hansmeier

Communications: Katie Hebert





We wish
everyone
a safe, healthy
and HAPPY
summer!

