



Powell PTO Newsletter

The Power of a Puma
The Power is You!



Direct Donation Drive

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our annual donation drive. This is Powell's only fundraiser and 100% of the funds raised go directly to Powell and providing our children the best technology and environment for learning.

This year our goal was \$40,000, at this time we are about halfway to our goal with a total of \$25,570 in donations. We would like to make this a successful drive and will welcome any contributions to help us further our goal. Please click here to visit the Powell PTO homepage for a link to donate.

Thank you,

Powell PTO Board

[Click here](#) to be directed to the Powell PTO website to make your donation now!

Please contact us with any questions. Jan McElhiney
 (janmcelhiney@comcast.net)



Schedule of Events

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

November 5- dining for \$\$ @ Noodles

November 7th- Chili cook off

November 11th- Veteran's Day

december 3- dining for \$\$ @ rolling smoke

December 12th- Cookie exchange



REMEMBER! you
MUST mention
Powell for the
school to get any
donations!

FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Eat well and do good—that's the basic recipe with Noodles Fundraisers. Join us for the flavors you love while you help your community.

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2019
4pm-8pm

Southglenn
2370 E Arapahoe Rd Ste 926
Centennial, CO 80122

25 %

of sales will benefit
Powell Middle School

Only in-restaurant sales will benefit this organization. Guests must mention the organization or show the flyer when ordering.


noodles
WORLD KITCHEN

Powell's 3rd Annual



Thursday

**November 7th @ 5:30-7
Powell Middle School**

8000 South Corona Way

Judging will take place from 5:30-6:00

Two Categories: Spicy & Mild

Bring your own ladle

****Must have your ingredients listed!*

RSVP to our upcoming EMAIL BLAST

2 Ways to



Get to Know Powell

Parent Tours & Showcase

- Tuesday, Oct 8th @ 9:30am
- Tuesday, Oct 22nd @ 9:30am
- Tuesday, Nov 5th @ 9:30am
- Tuesday, Nov 19th @ 9:30am
- Tuesday, Dec 3rd @ 9:30am
- Tuesday, Dec 17th @ 9:30am

To sign up for a tour call
303-347-7952 or email
sbell@lps.k12.co.us.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH 5:00-7:00

- Tour our campus and meet with faculty, administrators, counselors and students
- Explore department curriculums and class content with presentations
- Learn about the enrollment process for both in and out of district students
- Experience some of our performance groups such as Jazz Band, Orchestra, Choir and the like
- Learn about our parent organizations

High School Showcases

Arapahoe Freshman Showcase

For Tuesday, December 3, 2019 - AM Session
(8:00 - 11:45) [Click here](#)

For Tuesday, December 3, 2019 - PM Session
(12:10 - 3:20) [Click here](#)

Registration is on a first come, first served basis and dates will be closed as they fill.

Heritage Freshman Showcase

Click [here](#) for information for November 5th

Littleton High School Freshman Showcase

Click [here](#) for information on November 12th



Attention Community Members:

While the holiday season is meant to be a joyful time, for many it can also be a time of great financial worry. I am reaching out to you today in an effort to provide families with relief. Registration is now open for Integrated Family Community Services 2019 Holiday Program.

Sponsored families receive the makings for a traditional Thanksgiving meal, winter holiday meal, and individualized gifts for a celebration. I ask that you share our information about our program with families in need. Last year IFCS created hunger-free holidays for over 880 individuals. Your assistance is crucial if we are to reach every child who is experiencing food insecurity this holiday season. It is social workers, school counselors, and committed advocates in the community, like yourself, who have spread the word in previous years and successfully connected new families to our program.

Find program specifics on our website: www.ifcs.org. Program Flyer (English): <https://tinyurl.com/yy4k7glw> http://www.ifcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/IFCS-Holiday-Programs-Logo_NEW-1.jpg

Program Flyer (Spanish): <https://tinyurl.com/y2tskamm>

With Gratitude,

Allison Taggart IFCS Program Director
E: AllisonT@IFCS.org | O: 303-789-0501

Cookie Exchange



We are hosting a holiday cookie exchange for our amazing teachers & staff at Powell on Thursday, December 12th. We are looking for volunteers to bake cookies & other treats to bring to the Powell office on Wed. Dec 11th between 1-3 pm or Thurs. Dec 12th no later than 9 am. Please bring them in a disposable container labeled if they contain peanuts/tree nuts.

This is a wonderful Powell tradition where we allow the teachers/staff to fill a box full of treats to take home & share with their families. Please [click here to be directed to the sign up genius](#). Thank you for your delicious & generous support!

Subscribe to Powell Daily Announcements!

Do you want to know what is going on around Powell?
Subscribe to the daily announcements through this link

<https://powellpumasda.blogspot.com/>
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to stay in the know about what is happening!

New LPS Open Enrollment Process Begins October 1st

LPS offers many educational choices to resident and non-resident families and welcomes out of district students. Colorado state law allows non-residents to enroll students in any Colorado school without paying tuition when state and district guidelines are followed. Resident families may attend their attendance-area school or apply for open enrollment at another LPS school.

In an effort to better serve families, LPS now offers two open enrollment windows. All qualified students who apply within an open enrollment window will be part of a random drawing for acceptance, following district enrollment guidelines. This means families will have several weeks to turn in open enrollment applications for a random drawing of qualified students. Families will no longer feel pressured to line up on October 1st to turn in applications for open enrollment. Open enrollment applications must be turned in to each requested school. Families are encouraged to apply during window one.

LPS Open Enrollment Guidelines

District residents have priority consideration over non-residents.

There is space available at the student's grade level.

There is a school program appropriate for the enrolling student.

The student must be in good standing, grades, attendance and behavior, in his or her previous school. Good standing applies to resident and non-resident students seeking new and continuing open enrollment.

Open enrolled students must reapply at level changes, elementary to middle and middle to high.

Open enrolled students wanting to continue at the same school next year must complete an "Intent to Renew" form. This must be done each year by January 10.

LPS Open Enrollment Windows

Enrollment Window One begins October 1 and ends November 15. Students will be notified by December 6.

Enrollment Window Two begins November 16 and ends January 10th. Students will be notified by January 17.

Because preschool and kindergarten registration does not take place until January, families will be notified of open enrollment acceptance by the end of January.

Parents are responsible for providing transportation for open enrolled students. District transportation may be provided when space is available on an established bus route. To see if bus transportation may be available, please visit <https://littletonpublicschools.net/bus-transportation> on the district website and complete an online "space availability" form. Keep in mind that space available transportation requests may not be processed until October.

For more information visit the district website: <https://littletonpublicschools.net/open-enrollment>.

Sources of Strength

The Sources of Strength focus for November is our Gratitude Campaign (connecting with the Source of Strength, Spirituality). Gratitude and Spirituality connect in that being grateful lifts our spirits. Research has shown that practicing gratitude can reduce the negative effects of stress, improve sleep, and cultivate positive emotions.

During our Gratitude Campaign, students will engage in various activities. Students will write thank you notes to people in the building who may not be recognized often enough for all they do. We'll also talk about the importance of thanking veterans for their service and how to do that. In CORE+ classes, we'll run a 14 day gratitude challenge.

How can you be involved in this campaign, you ask? You and your family can come to Powell's Chili Cookoff at Powell on November 7th. We'll appreciate sharing a meal together and talk about how grateful we are for one another.



VETERANS DAY

Powell will be celebrating Veterans Day on **Monday, November 11th** with a range of activities. It is an amazing event, and the veterans are so appreciative of the warm welcome they receive from Powell.

To help make this day extra special, we are requesting gift card/monetary and food/drink donations to help us provide morning and afternoon refreshments for our service members.

In addition, several volunteers are needed to greet, serve, and direct our guests. Please click on the below link to support this special celebration at Powell.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F44AEAD2DA3FA7-powell10>

PUMA PROWL

On October 8th the kids enjoyed the Puma Prowl and this could not have happened without all of the wonderful volunteers and donations! Thank you to everyone that showed up for the event and helped and to those that donated gift cards, candy, and Gatorade for the event. We hope to see you on the track next fall for our next Puma Prowl!





Powell Goes To Italy!

Current 7th graders are invited to travel with classmates on an educational tour to Italy during the summer of 2021. See the history you have learned about in the classroom up close, such as the Colosseum and Roman Forum. Experience the Italian culture and gladiator school. Gain life-long skills of travel, responsibility, and independence. Earn high school credit.

An informational meeting will be held Thursday, November 14 at 6:00pm in Ms. Carstensen's classroom (3068). At least one parent/guardian must attend, students are not required to attend. The option to enroll will be available starting the evening of the meeting. Seats are limited at the meeting, and on tour. Please fill out this [Google form](#) to RSVP.



Littleton Public Schools

Community Night with the Colorado Avalanche



COLORADO AVALANCHE

VS



COLOMBUS BLUE JACKETS

Saturday, November 9th • 7:00PM • Pepsi Center

TICKETS START AT \$26

NO ADDITIONAL TAXES OR FEES!

Subject to change

TO ORDER TICKETS:

Avalanche.TeamKSE.com/LittletonPublicSchools/

Each ticket includes a \$5 donation to the Littleton Public Schools Foundation



Martin Luther King Day!

Can't Make the Game Above? Come to the Back Up!

Monday, January 20th, 2020

Colorado Avalanche vs. Detroit Redwings

TO ORDER TICKETS: Avalanche.KSETickets.com/LPSBU

For questions please contact Kiley Long with the Colorado Avalanche at 303.405.7625 or email Kiley.Long@TeamKSE.com



We would like to give a big shout out to our October volunteers who helped coordinate the Puma Prowl, Teacher/Staff Conferences Dinner, Classified Employees Day & LPS Stride! Thank you to the parents, guardians & family members who donated food, money and supplies to make all of these events a huge success. We couldn't do it without you!

Heidi David, Rene Meale, Jan McElhiney, Stephanie Dix, Lorelee Barr-France, Maren Plisko, and Jen Roby

All volunteers who help out in the school will need to log in to LPS Connect and create an account. This system will conduct a background check for all volunteers as well as screen any visitors who enter the building.

https://lps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/lps/login_form.aspx?app=0

Any time you visit Powell, please ring the bell outside the main entrance & be prepared to show a photo ID. Head directly to the Attendance Office & check in as a volunteer or visitor using the computer provided.

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Keep up with important information on the PTO Website!



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- Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchase to Powell Middle School.
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- Support Powell Middle School



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

KING SOOPERS



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.

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

Meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday of the month



THE NEXT MEETING IS
11/13 @ 10:30AM
ALL WELCOME!!