

Friday Update

25 September, 2020

October Count

October Count is the process by which the State of Colorado determines how to fund schools based on attendance and participation on the part of students. The official count day is Thursday October 1st. Teachers are creating assignments in their learning platforms (Google Classroom, Blackboard) that become available on October 1st and are due on October 1st to help gather evidence of participation. Please be sure to help your child(ren) complete these assignments on Thursday. Teachers and staff will contact students and families on Thursday who have not completed these assignments to encourage their completion. It is vital that we have participation from every student at PGA, and we appreciate your help in this effort.

Learning Together Workshops- **HAVE BEEN CANCELED**

STEM-X is disappointed to cancel our Fall 2020 Learning Together Workshops. This was requested by the Poudre School District due to changing PSD COVID conditions and to ensure compliance with current Larimer County, and State of Colorado health guidelines.

PSD Student Think Tank

Do you have ideas to help make PSD a better school district? The Board of Education is interested in your feedback and participation in our Student Think Tank! Please complete this link and help us understand the student perspective.



A Note from our DAB Representative

Hi PGA! I am your District Advisory Board Representative. My name is Jodi Quass and I have a 1st and 5th grader at PGA. The DAB is a parent group with parents from all schools in PSD. We meet to support our kids by learning what and how the district is implementing new measures and making recommendations to the cabinet and superintendent about what we parents feel through our monthly meetings and through our annual report to the full board. We have made recommendations to the full board about school start times in 2018-2019 and about use of the increased tax dollars for mental health in 2019-2020. Each month I report back to you, the PGA parent body and to our leadership through the School Accountability Committee (SAC). If you are interested in serving with me as my alternate, please email me: jodiquass@gmail.com.

In September, we had a Q and A with Assistant Superintendents Scott Neilsen and Todd Lambert that covered many of today's issues including diversity/treatment of minorities in our school, social justice and the use of suspension and expulsion, police presence/school resource officers, and covid. It is evident that the parent community has many concerns about many big issues and that PSD leadership, including both the cabinet and the board, are working hard on each of these issues. The board meetings are being live streamed, if you are interested in watching or voicing your questions concerns. The next board meeting is Tuesday October 13. Meeting agendas, live stream, and minutes are available at:
http://www.psdschools.org/your-district/board-of-education/board-meetings-agendas

Fort Collins Museum of Discover Mind Matters Exhibit – All Grades:

The Mind Matter Exhibit opens October 3rd and is free to all PSD students!! Don't miss this excellent opportunity!
https://fcmod.org/mindmatters/

Day of Industry Event – Juniors and Seniors:

HP Inc, Hewlett-Packard Enterprise, Intel and Otterbox have joined with CSU to create a ½ day event targeted at groups underrepresented in tech fields to show them that a career in technology and engineering fields is an option for everyone. The event is scheduled for November 7. At Day of Industry 2020 we'll share about the most exciting future careers in technology, and offer registered students an opportunity to participate in fun and inspiring activities such as industry panels, hands-on workshops, and small group discussions. Email Miss Chris (chhagge@psdschools.org) if you are interested in attending. An informational flyer is here, and more details can be found here.

Seniors Don't Miss Out!

Seniors - Free College Application Day – October 13th

For the third year in a row, the Colorado Department of Higher Education is teaming up with colleges and universities across Colorado to waive college application fees for all Colorado students on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. That means if you submit your application between 12:01 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. that day, you can apply for free to any public institution in Colorado and many private institutions as well.

Seniors – Virtual College Fair

Colorado's 2020 Virtual College Fair is next week. See attached for details and make sure to register if you plan to attend. Also attached is the list of over 350 colleges attending, as well as the workshops that are offered. Students can register for one or all of the sessions. They can join and leave at any time to join another session. Students will automatically be on the college mailing list once registered.



Important Reminders From our School Nurse, Julie

Click here to read some important information from our school nurse: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_kBmHLhScziFQBOwRsRYFynPnMTWPCIK/view?usp=sharing

The images below share some additional health information

Back to School Immunizations



Larimer County Department of Health and Environment

Keep your kids up-to-date on their required and recommended vaccines for school.

Shots available to children and teens on Medicaid, without health insurance, or with health insurance that does not cover immunizations at no cost.

Want to schedule an appointment? Have questions?

Call: (970) 498-6767

Text: (970) 999-1770

www.larimer.org/immunizations

Vacunas de Regreso a la Escuela



Departamento de Salud y Medio Ambiente del Condado

Mantenga a sus hijos al día con las vacunas requeridas y recomendadas para la escuela.

Vacunas disponibles para niños y adolescentes con Medicaid, sin seguro médico o con seguro médico que no cubre las vacunas sin costo.

¿Quiere programar una cita? ¿Tiene preguntas?

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Reminders from last week's Update

Pop-Up Pantry at Poudre High School

Thursday, October 1st there will be a Pop-up Pantry at Poudre High School from 4:30-6:00pm. There are no special requirements to attend; anyone that needs food is welcome! The pantry is a drive-thru model and Spanish translation is available. Flyers are attached to this update.

Young Women in Leadership Program – Grades 9-12

This year, PSD Futures Lab is looking forward to having a Young Women in Leadership program open to **any** PSD high school student. Participants are not required to be enrolled at Futures Lab. Students can fill out the interest form on the contact page and join the email list. They will host virtual events (and, hopefully, in-person eventually) for students to explore leadership skills, connect with community mentors, and develop their voice.
http://youngwomeninleadership.weebly.com/