



Friday Update

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February is Black History Month!

“Defining myself, as opposed to being defined by others, is one of the most difficult challenges I face.”

—Carol Moseley-Braun, politician and lawyer“

Congratulations Maddi!

FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH: MADISON GILL-TWITT



Congratulations to Maddi, recognized as PGA's student of the month! Madison has been focused and productive during an extra challenging school year! She is always willing to jump into the chat during her classes, help out other students and is involved in empowering female leaders through the Futures Lab Young Women's Leadership Conference. She shows amazing dedication to her school work and future career goals in law.

Way to go Maddi!

Summer Job Opportunities with Larimer County

Do you know a student looking for a summer job? The Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development's CareerRise Team is connecting teens, ages 14-18, to information about opportunities with local businesses. They will be hosting two *Virtual* Summer Employment Nights for students and their families, where you can expect the following:

- ❖ Hear from a local employer panel about job search best practices and their unique opportunities
- ❖ Learn about paid internships, other summer opportunities & MORE!
- ❖ Apply to the Larimer County Conservation Corps (ages 18-25)

Virtual Summer Employment Nights are scheduled for:

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Employer panelists include: City of Loveland, Culver's, JAX Outdoor Gear, JAX Farm & Ranch, and The Summit

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Employer panelists include: City of Fort Collins, Urban Air, Walrus Ice Cream, and MORE!

If you have questions, please contact the CareerRise Team at 970-498-6608, email at careerrise@larimer.org, or visit the event page at larimer.org/ewd/summer2021. Click on the image below to see the full flyer.



The Spring 2021 Assessment Windows and Dates

Please keep in mind that these are the testing windows. You will be getting a detailed schedule of when and where your child will be doing in-person testing when we determine how many of our students are going to be in the school and how we can group them in order to do these required assessments safely.

March 29- May 14

- ❖ CMAS (CO Measures of Academic Standards)
- ❖ State Required testing; in-person
- ❖ 3rd-8th Grades in Math, Language Arts
- ❖ 5th and 8th Grades will also be tested in Science

April 19 -May 21

- ❖ NWEA MAPs (Measures of Academic Progress)
- ❖ PSD required testing; in-person with a possible remote option
- ❖ 2nd-8th Grades in Math and Language Arts

Tuesday, April 13

- ❖ Only one day only for all College Board tests)
- ❖ State Required School Day testing; in-person
- ❖ PSAT 9 College Board for 9th grade
- ❖ PSAT 10 College Board for 10th grade
- ❖ SAT College Board for 11th grade

We encourage everyone who feels comfortable with doing in-person testing to participate in these required tests. It will allow us to better tailor our instruction in the future to meet individual student needs. We also appreciate that each family needs to make decisions as to what they feel is in their own best interest. If you would prefer to opt your student(s) out of testing this Spring, the link to the District's digital opt-out instructions

has been included below.

<https://techportal.psdschools.org/Guide/parentvue-how-opt-out-cmas-testing>

Please direct any questions to Dr. Sharp at asharp@psdschools.org.



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Friday Focus***

Reminders from previous Friday Updates

Mental Health Matters Event on February 18th

Click on the title to learn about the next PSD Virtual Mental Health Matters event: [The Upside of Stress](#). The focus will be understanding and managing our stress; the English and Spanish flyers are on the same link

STEM-X Summer Programs

Visit <https://stem-x.org/> to learn about the Summer 2021 program offerings from STEM-X for students entering 3th-9th grades for the 2021-2022 School Year. The application portal is expected to open mid-March, but you can learn which classes are being offered this year!

