



Friday Update

2 April, 2021

TONIGHT!

Meet the Superintendent Finalists during the Friday, April 2 Online Community Forum

Search firm Hazard Young Attea & Associates, or HYA, will host a virtual forum from 5-8:30 p.m. April 2 during which PSD students, families and community members can meet the three superintendent finalists selected by the Board of Education. There will be time for attendees to ask questions. Information about the finalists will be posted on the [PSD Superintendent web page](#) when it is available, prior to the forums. Spanish interpretation will be available. Get the online meeting link and call-in option information [here >>](#)



¡ESTA NOCHE!

Conozcan a los finalistas para el cargo de superintendente durante el foro comunitario en línea que se llevará a cabo el 2 de abril

La empresa de búsqueda Hazard Young Attea & Associates (HYA, por sus siglas en inglés) organizará un foro virtual de 5:00 a 8:30 p.m. el 2 de abril, durante el cual los estudiantes del Distrito Escolar Poudre (PSD, por sus siglas en inglés), las familias y los miembros de la comunidad podrán conocer a los tres finalistas que la Junta de Educación seleccionó para el cargo de superintendente. Habrá un tiempo destinado para que los participantes hagan preguntas. En el momento en que la información sobre los finalistas esté disponible, se publicará en [la página web de Búsqueda de el/la superintendente del PSD \(PSD Superintendent Search webpage\)](#) antes de que el foro tenga lugar. Se ofrecerá interpretación del inglés al español. Obtengan el enlace de la reunión en línea, así como información sobre la opción de participar mediante una llamada telefónica, [aquí.](#)

Spring 2021 Assessment Windows and Dates

March 29 - May 14

CMAS (CO Measures of Academic Standards)
State Required testing; in-person
Grades 3 - 8 in Mathematics & Language Arts
Grades 5 & 8 will also test in Science

April 19 - May 21

NWEA MAPs (Measures of Academic Progress)
PSD required testing; in-person, possible remote option
Grades 2 - 8 in Mathematics & Language Art

Please keep in mind that these are the testing windows. Please check your email for a detailed schedule of when and where your child will be doing in-person testing.

Tuesday, April 13

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 ParentVue technology support portal with instructions is here: <https://techportal.psdschools.org/Guide/parentvue-how-opt-out-state-testing>

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

Asphalt Replacement

We had originally planned on having the asphalt that is adjacent to the Alliance Program (the old kindergarten classroom) replaced over spring break, but inclement weather derailed those plans. After talking with the contractor, this work is now expected to happen next week, likely starting on April 7th. The work will involve removal of the current asphalt, pouring new concrete, and then staying off the new surface for at least a week. This means that students & parents, as well as staff, will not be able to walk from the main parking lot to the east side of the building during this timeframe. Please follow the plan outlined below for building access to classrooms on the east side of the building for the dates of April 7th through April 16th:

- K-2 families: To access the courtyard for student drop-off, walk around the west side of the building.
- 3rd-4th grade families: To access rooms 118 and 120 (Ms. Petrino and Ms. Gusak's classroom exterior doors) for student drop off, walk around the west side of the building.
- Teen Parents & Alliance Program: To access classrooms, please park on the east side of the building.
- K-4 classroom dismissal: Teachers, please lead students through the main entry of the building to access the parking lot for student pick-up at the end of the day.

We hope that the work is able to be completed in the time frame indicated, but we will keep you posted if weather impacts the schedule.

Update to the Last day of School

The last day of school for the 2020-2021 school year is Wednesday, May 26th will be a half day for students. Students will be released 3.5 hours early and no lunch will be served on that day. It will be a full day for staff. The last day that lunch will be provided will be Tuesday, May 25th.



February Student of the Month: Daisy Solt!

FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH: DAISY SOLT



Daisey, we are so proud of you and watching you grow through these 11 years you have been at PGA. Daisey has always been a leader in building community. She always dives in to help get conversation going in classes, helps lead and bring awareness to the Allies and Diversity club, and is ready to help any of her peers. She has done all of this while taking the majority of her classes at Front Range.

Xylem Global Student Innovation Challenge 2021

This is for high school students, teachers or clubs. It is free to participate and each project will compete for a share of the \$20,000 prize pool! At this eight-week virtual hackathon, scheduled for April 5 to May 28, high school students will have the opportunity to grow their skills in problem-solving, innovation, environmental research and coding by addressing a pressing conservation issue -- water. No past experience with water conservation is necessary - just a willingness to learn and innovate.

Projects will tackle one of 4 challenges:

1. Reducing the water footprint of everyday products
2. Creating a game to increase interest in a global water monitoring initiative;
3. Addressing the rise in devastating floods
4. Imagining a water system for a Mars colony.

Along the way, Xylem will offer engaging webinars, mentoring and feedback sessions on the world's water resources and needs. See the full details and [register here](#).

CSU Programs

- CSU is offering Reading with the Rams, pairing your students with CSU athletes for reading sessions, conversations about college, and other topics. Email Patrick.krza@colostate.edu to schedule a virtual visit!
- CSU is also registering students for K-12 Summer Programs. [Flier is attached!](#)
- CSU's Walter Scott, Jr. College of Engineering students showcase their Senior Design Projects virtually on April 23rd. K-12 students can talk with college students about their projects in real time! More information: <https://www.engr.colostate.edu/current-students/engineering-days/>

PSD College Boot Camp

Hey current Juniors! Would you like to learn about the process of selecting and applying to colleges and universities? PSD is hosting a virtual boot camp just for you. Click on the shrunken image below to enlarge it and learn more.



9th, 10th, and 11th Graders - Note from the Boettcher Foundation

As you begin looking ahead to the process of applying to colleges and scholarships, we wanted to let you know that the Boettcher Foundation will be hosting webinars on "Everything You Need to Know About Scholarships." During these webinars we will go over how students can "ACE" their college and scholarship applications. You can register to attend one of the webinars by clicking on the link below and selecting the date you wish to attend*: <https://boettcherfoundation.tfaforms.net/f/BoettcherSpringWebinars>

- Tuesday, April 13 (5-6 p.m.)
- Wednesday, April 21 (12-1 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 1 (1-2 p.m.)
- Wednesday, May 5 (12-1 p.m.)
- Tuesday, May 11 (5-6 p.m.)
- Thursday, May 20 (5-6 p.m.)

*Because our Zoom attendee number is limited, please only register if you will be able to watch the webinar during the scheduled date and time. If you cannot attend any of these webinars, you can still access an abbreviated video version of the presentation via the FAQs page of our website (located under the question asking if the Boettcher Foundation provides resources on how to be competitive in a scholarship application): <https://boettcherfoundation.org/scholarship-faqs-and-resources/>. We also encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the *Boettcher Scholarship*.



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Focus***

Reminders from previous Friday Updates

Delta Force Volunteers

The PSD STEM-X program is recruiting a select group of high school and college students to help create STEM opportunities for the next generation. The Delta Force volunteers will support our teachers in their interactive, innovative, project-based classes for 2 weeks this summer (June 7-18). Our volunteers will receive access to vocational planning software, cool clothing, lunch daily, and opportunities to build lifelong connections!

Contact Tracey Winey, Delta Force Coordinator (twiney@psdschools.org) with questions. STEM-X will be accepting Delta Force applications starting April 5th, 2021.

For more info on the STEM-X program and for application information:

stem-x.org/delta-force



Colorado Virtual Career Fair

The Colorado Virtual Career Fair will be held *April 19-21, 2021 (Monday - Thursday), 4:00 - 6:30pm* via Zoom. To learn more about it, please click on the Colorado mountain flag below to learn details.



IT support for Students and Families

PSD's IT Department will continue to support families and students through the [PSD Community Tech Portal](#), where technical support information, how-to guides, documentation and more is available. You may also contact a technician at covidtechhelp@psdschools.org or call the Family and Student Support Line at 970-490-3339.