



Monday Memo

5 April, 2021

Schedule Change

A reminder that PSD has made changes to the district calendar for this Spring and Friday, April 16th is now a staff exchange day for conferences and a Professional Learning Day for classified staff. At Options we try to follow the district calendar, so *we will not have classes on Friday, April 16th.*

On a related note, the last day of Options classes will be Friday, May 14th

Enrollment for PSD Options for the 2021-2022 School Year

Packets for confirming enrollment in Options for 2021-2022 were emailed last Friday. If you cannot find it or did not receive the email, please call or email Amy at 970-490-3086 or aboyd@gmail.com in our Front Office and she will send it out to you straight away. Class registration will not take place until mid-May at the earliest as we are in the process of building our staffing model, but we are so excited to get back to offering a variety of great classes to you all!

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/>

Lace up your running shoes and get ready for race season!

The 22nd annual Healthy Kids Run Series looks a little different this year! Due to social distancing and health/safety considerations, Healthy Kids Club will provide participants with 4 one-mile course maps that they can complete anytime during the designated month, on their own.

The courses:

- May – Fossil Creek Park, Fort Collins
- June – Chapungu Sculpture Park at Centerra, Loveland
- July – Lee Martinez Park, Fort Collins
- August – Twin Silo Park, Fort Collins



Registered kids ages 5-12 will receive a custom bib and can earn a t-shirt and trophy for completing all 4 runs. Adults and teens 13 and up will receive a bib and can earn a t-shirt for completing all 4 runs.

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 this 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 one week. This means that students, parents, and staff, will not be able to walk from the main parking lot (the south one) to the east side of the building during this timeframe. Please follow the plan outlined below to access the classrooms on the east side of the building from April 7th through April 16th:

- K-2 families: To access the courtyard for student drop-off, walk from the west side (Stover Street) of the building.
- 3rd-4th grade families: To access room 118 (Ms. Petrino's classroom exterior doors), walk from the west side (Stover Street) of the building, along the north side (Prospect).
- 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.

Xylem Global Student Innovation Challenge 2021

It is free to participate and each project will compete for a share of the \$20,000 prize pool! During this eight-week virtual hackathon, scheduled for April 5 to May 28, high school students will have the opportunity to develop 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. Addressing the rise in devastating floods.
3. Imagining a water system for a Mars colony.
4. Creating a game to increase interest in a global water monitoring initiative.

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](#).

Reminders from previous Monday Memos

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.



Healthy Kids Club

The March edition of the Healthy Kids Connection is out! This monthly source of news, resources, contests and education strives to help keep Northern Colorado families and schools healthy and connected. You can find the December issue in [English](#) or [Spanish](#). Take a minute and check out the website healthykidsclub.org to learn more about Healthy Kids Club!