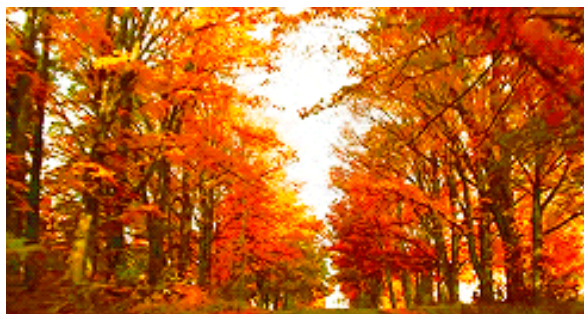




PGA Friday Update

October 1, 2021

Upcoming Dates - Mark your calendar	
October 11	Parent Community Forum (see below) 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
October 14	K-5 No School
October 15	K-12 No School
October 18	First day of second quarter
October 18	Vision & Hearing Screening for high school
October 19	3:45pm - PTO meeting at PGA or click here to join virtually
October 21	6:00pm - 8:00pm Fall Festival at PGA (in person)
October 22	2:30-4:00 Playground Connect (location details next week)
October 25	2;30 - 4:00 pm Second quarter supply pick-up for virtual families
October 29	2:30 - 4:00 pm Virtual Fall Festival

Important Links

[Regular Weekly Schedule Chart 21-22](#)

[PSD 2021-22 Calendar](#)

[PGA Attendance Policy](#)

[Traffic Flow and Parking at PGA](#)

[PTO Meeting Dates](#)

[PGA Club Information Page](#)

OCTOBER Lunch Menu

Click [here](#) to view the lunch menu



PGA Tech Support

Click [here](#) to make an appointment



General notes for all PGA Students

Clubs

Check out PGA's club offerings on this page:

[PGA Club Information Page](#)

Not seeing something that sparks your interest? Students and parents that are interested in taking the lead on a student-led or parent-led club, you just need to find a teacher advisor to support you. So, ask your teachers! Many are willing to sponsor a club.



Fall Festival is Coming!

Mark your calendars. We will have two Fall Festivals this year - a virtual one and an in-person one! Students on either pathway may attend either festival. See dates on the first page of the Friday Update. Sign-ups for volunteers will be coming soon from PTO. This is a fun K-12 event for the entire family.

Turkeys, Holidays and more!

It has been an unprecedented 18 months in which all of us have experienced hardship. Please take a few minutes to let us know how you are doing and if we can provide you with a Thanksgiving turkey and/or other holiday supports. We are also checking in with all families regarding your housing situation as we want to ensure access to additional supports and resources for students experiencing housing insecurities. Please complete our brief [Turkey, Holiday and Housing survey](#). Para responder a este formulario en español, [haga clic aquí](#).

A Note about Immunizations from the Health Office

Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private, or parochial kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many diseases vaccines can prevent, unless a certificate of exemption is filed. *For more information, [visit the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment required vaccines web page](#).*

Your student must be vaccinated against or have an exemption on file for:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap)
- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
- Polio (IPV)
- Varicella (chickenpox)

Colorado follows recommendations set by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

- Students entering kindergarten must receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR and varicella.
- **Students entering 6th grade must receive one dose of Tdap vaccine, even if they are under 11 years of age.**
- All recommendations are on the [Centers for Disease Control vaccine schedule web page](#).

Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease and human papillomavirus, but are not required.

You may request these kinds of exemptions from immunizations:

- **Medical Exemption:** good forever while child is enrolled at PSD
- **Non-medical Exemption:** must be renewed each year. That can be done by going to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment site <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>

Please make sure that you have completed the requirements for immunization or exemption as soon as

possible and no later than October 31. If you have questions regarding these requirements or wish to email your immunization record, please send those to our health technician, Kris Kissel (kkissel@psdschools.org).

Reminders from last week:

Hearing and Vision Volunteers Needed

We will need 12 volunteers to help with hearing and vision screening at PGA. High school screening is October 18 and K-8 screening is February 22. Screenings will be from 8:30 - 11:30 with volunteers showing up 15 minutes early. Please contact our health tech Kris Kissel (kkissel@psdschools.org) if you are able to volunteer any or all of that time.

Volunteers to Organize Community Activities

If you would like to organize Friday afternoon outdoor activities for all PGA students and families, please contact Mrs. Olson (cheryl@psdschools.org) to volunteer. These could be gatherings at a local park, a hike, a field trip, etc.

Playground Connect

We loved seeing some of you on the PGA playground this afternoon! The group of parents at this event began planning for more Friday Connect events at different locations around Fort Collins. Our next Friday Connect will be on October 22. Stay tuned for the details next week!



Parent Community Forum

The PGA community is larger this year! In an effort to maintain and build a solid school community, please join our Parent Community Forum, either virtually (link next week) or in-person, on October 11 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. We will share input on the important values we share as a school and ideas about how to build an even stronger community among parents, students, and staff.

Notes from Elementary

Virtual Pathway Supply Pick-up will be October 25 from 2:30 - 4:00 at PGA.

Reminders:

Families on the Virtual Pathway

If you are willing to volunteer your support for students to have lunch together virtually on any Monday - Friday, please let your teacher know. Volunteers must be a registered volunteer with PSD.

Frequently Asked Questions

Please check out the new [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document put together by the Learning Coach Mentors. They have put together a lot of great information for all of our families!

Notes from Middle School

[Click here for this week's Friday Focus.](#)

Notes from High School

High School Learning Coach Coffee - October 7 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM.

Did you ever just wish your kids got on a bus and went to school every day?? The role of learning coach is a unique one and a big commitment even in high school, when students can sometimes be independent and sometimes still need lots of your support! Grab your coffee and join other high school learning coaches for a time of sharing and supporting each other in this important role. Mrs. Olson will also attend to answer questions and listen. Elementary and middle school learning coaches will have separate coffees each month as well. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

High School Conferences

High school conferences will occur during the weeks of October 4th and October 11th. These virtual conferences will be parent-teacher-student and be held with your student's advisory teacher. An email arrived this week with specific information from your child's advisory teacher.

Voter Registration

We will have a voter registration drive on Wednesday, October 6th from 12:00 – 12:30 in the courtyard. Any student who is 16 and up can preregister to vote, then once you turn 18 you will start to receive your ballot in the mail. To register, you need to bring a Colorado issued ID OR the last 4 digits of your social security number. [Click here for more info, to RSVP and sign up for a text reminder.](#) There will be donuts! 🍩😬📦

Counseling Connection

Counselor Caseloads:

Elementary Students - [Chris Hagge](#)

Middle School Students - [Rachel Eaton](#)

High School Students - Last name starts with A-Ga = [Rachel Eaton](#)

Last name starts with Ge-Mi = [Chris Hagge](#)

Last name starts with Mo-Z = [Anne Eakins](#)

Teen Parents = [Anne Eakins](#)

Next Steps & Options = [Stacy Sevelin](#)

Upcoming Events:

Event Title & Location	Date	Description
Teen Self-Care Fair	October 10	11 am - 3 pm at Fort Collins Museum of Discovery
In-State College Fair - Fossil Ridge High School	October 11	6-8pm in the large gym. Open to all PSD students and guardians. Links & more info coming soon.
Colorado Free College Application Days https://cdhe.colorado.gov/cofreeappdays	October 19-21	Submit your college applications to any Colorado college during these days and you do

		not have to pay the application fees!
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Mental Health Tools & Community Resources:



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**RESILIENCY.
SUPPORT.
HEALING.**

Let's continue the conversation.

Fort Collins Museum of Discovery will open this special exhibit about mental health opening on 9/25. More info: <https://fcmof.org/mindmatters/>



Current job/volunteer opportunities for teens: <https://student.xello.world/inspire/opportunities>

. Some of the current listings: Museum of Art Volunteers Needed, Cryptotronix - Info. Interviews, Poudre School District is offering a Photography Internship.

Grade Level or School-wide Updates:

Is your family experiencing **housing instability** or living in the home of another family (doubled-up)? If so, please connect with your child's counselor to talk about resources.

High School Seniors - schedule your senior meeting with your counselor to discuss your current mental health, requirements you have remaining for graduation, and your post graduate plans. We are here to help you reach your goals. Read this [article](#) on the **college application process and timeline**. **Also, the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens October 1st. Click [here](#) to start your application.**

The Boettcher Foundation Scholarship is open. Click [here](#) for flyer and more information.