



Friday Update

9 October, 2020

On-Campus Learning Update

We are excited to share some details about the optional on-campus schedule for elementary, middle, and high school students. Although we had wanted to get this update out on Friday afternoon, Mr. Avery had an internet service outage at his house that prevented him from doing so. Please view [this video message](#) for additional details, and visit [this new page](#) on our website for details about the schedules.



Virtual Fall Festival

The PTO has put together a great *virtual Fall Festival* this year! [Here](#) is the flyer that lists the planned activities, describes ways you can help out, and get you excited for a fun evening!

Keeping Halloween Fun and Healthy in 2020, from Larimer County

Click [here](#) to read the latest guidance on Halloween safety from Larimer County. PGA will share this each week through the end of October so you can stay up-to-date on recommendations from the County's department of Health & Environment for having a fun and safe Halloween.

Calendar Update

Please be aware that November 9 is a school day. It was previously a teacher work day, but with the delay to the start of the school year it was changed back to a school day. For up-to-date calendars, you can visit our [school website](#) or the [PSD calendars page](#).

Teal Pumpkin Project

If you do decide to hand out treats to trick-or-treaters this year, please consider participating in the Teal Pumpkin Project. Putting a teal pumpkin on your doorstep means you have non-food treats available, such as glow sticks or small toys. This simple act promotes inclusion for kids with food allergies or other conditions, who enjoy the tradition of trick-or-treating, but cannot have candy or various food items.

- ❖ Provide non-food treats for trick-or-treaters
- ❖ Place a teal pumpkin in front of your home to indicate to passersby that you have non-food treats available
- ❖ Spread the word! Share the Teal Pumpkin Project with your friends and family

Go to the [Teal Pumpkin Project](#) to learn more, including ideas for non-food treats and flyers to hang in your window, instead of painting a pumpkin. Another benefit of some non-food treats is that they can be sanitized and enjoyed over and over again!



Pop-up Food Pantry Schedule

The Food Bank for Larimer Co. is hosting a series of Pop-Up food pantries in response to COVID-19. Anyone in need of food is welcome to attend. The pantries will be “drive-through” and Spanish translation will be available. The next Pop-Up pantry will be in the south parking lot adjacent to the track at Poudre HS at 201 S. Impala Drive. Please click [here](#) to view the flyer listing dates and times.

Youth Celebrate Diversity Virtual Conference- High School Conference

The Time To Unite Virtual Diversity Festival is *this weekend, October 10th and 11th*. This festival will feature interviews, panels, performances and more, created and curated by students from across the U.S. to address the unique challenges faced by young people in 2020. To learn how you can join in please click [here](#)

Below are some community events and activities you might be interested in:

Daughters of the American Revolution Book Donation

The Ft. Collins chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution have collected over 100 books for young readers grades 3 and 4. If you would like to receive books for your students, please send an email to bhiggins@psdschools.org.

Colorado Public Achievement Network Webinars

See [this flyer](#), upcoming topics include:

- ❖ 2020 Election & Voting
- ❖ Inequities of Covid-19
- ❖ The Roles of Youth in Social Change

[CSU Cans Around the Oval](#) and [CSU CANversations Around Food](#)

Make a Difference Day, October 19th - October 24th- [how to volunteer](#)

[Elks Club 5th Grade Essay Contest](#)

Reminders from last week's Update

Colorado Free Application Day Oct. 13

THIS COMING TUESDAY!

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.

[Learn more from the Colorado Department of Higher Education](#)

Back to School Immunization Clinics

The Larimer County Department of Health will be hosting two low-to-no-cost immunization clinics during the month of October for qualifying children. To about requirements, dates and times, and locations please click [here](#) to view a flyer in English or Spanish.