



PGA Friday Update

April 8, 2022



Upcoming Dates - Mark your calendar		
April 13		PSAT/SAT: Students in grades 9-11 should arrive on campus by 7:50 am
April 15		NO SCHOOL
April 18		11th Grade CMAS Science Testing
April 20 and 21		Sports Spirit Days!
April 22		8th Grade Science CMAS
April 27		K-2 Field Trip to Spring Creek Gardens 9:30-noon
April 27		5th grade Field Trip to Horsetooth, 8:45-3:00
May 2		2nd - 5th grade Virtual Pathway Assessment (MAP and DIBELS), on campus 8:20 - 11:30 p.m. See elementary section for more information.
May 4		2nd - 5th grade Virtual Pathway Assessment (MAP and DIBELS), on campus 8:20 - 11:30 p.m. See elementary section for more information.
May 13		No School- Please note that this differs from the PSD calendar. We will have school on May 16.

Important Links

[PGA Parent/Student Handbook](#)

Regular Weekly Schedule Chart 21-22

[PSD 2021-22 Calendar](#)

[PGA Attendance Policy](#)

[PGA School Calendar](#)

Traffic Flow and Parking at PGA

[PTO Meeting Dates](#)

[PGA Club Information Page](#)

[How to order a yearbook](#)

APRIL Lunch Menu

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



PGA Tech Support

Click [here](#) to make an appointment



Notes for all PGA Families



Testing Continues

CMAS/PSAT/SAT Schedules
<u>5th Grade</u> - Monday/Tuesday
<u>9/10th Grade</u> - Wednesday
<u>11th Grade</u> - Wednesday
12th Grade - Wednesday Asynchronous Day

District Advisory Board (DAB) Update

In March Dr. Dwayne Schmitz presented on the major takeaways from the monitoring report (a 2 day presentation to the board in February and March reviewing data on 15 major targets set forth by the board of education). The data indicates that the pandemic has impacted academics across the country, but that PSD has remained ahead of the state and nation as we have been in the past. The dip in scores in literacy and in math compared to previous years is being reviewed and, according to Dr. Giles, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary schools, be addressed with a K-12 literacy review to ensure that all students are getting the most out of their literacy time.

Dr. Schmitz then shared data about the connections survey. There are many visualization tools available to look at data in PSD. To find these tools go to the PSD website- click on community- click on research and evaluation. The connections survey is one of the links on this page. To access different screens, click on arrows at the bottom to move through the pages. There are drop downs on each screen that allow users to sort by school, to dig into the data and learn the specifics for our school.

- Jodi Quass, DAB Representative

Mental Health Matters

The annual Mental Health Matters event is approaching. Visit the website [here](#) to explore the offered sessions.



PGA Garden Crew

The PGA Garden crew is getting ready to start digging. [Click here](#) for information and to join the crew.

FUNdraiser: Painting with a Twist - Postponed

PTO will be postponing the Painting With a Twist Fundraiser that was scheduled for April 11, 2022. We will be setting a date at our next PTO Officers' meeting this coming week. The event will most likely take place in September 2022. Those who had already signed up will be receiving a full refund.



PTO Officer Elections for 2022-2023

PTO supports our school in so many ways including hosting the Fall Festival and Book Fair, teacher appreciation, fundraising to purchase additional supplies and provide a senior scholarship each Spring, and so much more. Our PTO officer positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. For the 2022-2023 school year, the PTO is looking for candidates interested in the following positions:

- Vice President (potential opening)
- Secretary (potential opening)
- Treasurer

If you are interested in any of these positions for next year, please email: psdpgapto@gmail.com.



No School- Friday 5/13

Note: This date is different from the PSD calendar.

This is an approved variance to to minimize the impact on PGA student schedules.

Options will have school 5/13

We will have school on May 16, which is also a variance from the PSD calendar.

Notes from Elementary

End of year testing

All of our K-5 students participate in reading and math testing at the beginning, middle and end of year. This is different from the state testing and opting out is not an option. We get immediate results and can adjust instruction this year, so these tests are required by the district. It's also a great way to determine how students have grown in reading and math from the beginning to end of this year. This testing includes the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) and Measures of Academic Progress of MAP testing. Neither of these tests were created to be administered virtually and the general experience we have had with administering these assessments is that we do not get as accurate a picture of what the students really know when they complete assessments remotely.

For those reasons, we will be administering MAP and DIBELS on campus this spring.

2nd - 5th grade families: All virtual students will be on-campus from 8:20 - 11:30 on **May 2 and 4th. This will be just our virtual students, so it will be small class sizes and we will be enforcing social distancing. We will also plan to distribute KN-95 masks for those who would like to wear them or you are welcome to provide your own.**

Reminder: K-1 families please make sure you sign up for the End of the Year testing!

PGA Running Club- Spring Session



PGA is excited to announce the spring season of the Running Club! We would like to invite you to join us this spring session. Please check out the [information sheet](#) to learn more. You can print a [permission slip](#) or get one from the front office.

K-2 Field Trip

April 27th, the K-2 grades will have an optional field trip to the Gardens on Spring Creek from 9:30 -12:00. Parents are invited! More information will be sent home.

[5th grade families please click the link to read an important message from Mrs. Martine.](#)

[5th grade message](#)

Notes from Middle School

Nice job CMAS testing Middle School! We are proud of your hard work.



Earth Day is quickly approaching on Friday, April 22nd! It is a tradition at PGA to celebrate and recognize Earth Day. PGA is a unique school and therefore we face unique scheduling challenges. Due to scheduling and logistical constraints, we will still be doing CMAS testing on 4/22. We want all of our middle school grades to be able to participate in Earth Day festivities so our middle school will be celebrating Earth Day the following week instead, on Friday, April 29th. We will be offering an optional field trip for 6th-8th grade students on 4/29 from 10am-12pm.

We will be walking to Spring Park from PGA. If students are unable to participate in the field trip, they will be expected to participate in the virtual activities offered instead. Stay tuned for more details in our next newsletter! Students will be hearing more about these activities in their Science classes next week. If your student would like to participate in the field trip, they will need to fill out a permission slip, signed by a legal guardian, and return the form to school prior to the trip on 4/29. If you have any questions, please reach out to vnau@psdschools.org. Thank you and we look forward to celebrating Earth Day!

PGA Running Club- Spring session



PGA is excited to announce the spring season of the Running Club! We would like to invite you to join us this spring session. Please check out the [information sheet](#) to learn more. You can print a [permission slip](#) or get one from the front office.

Climate Leadership Summit

Twenty-three Poudre School District high school students, in cooperation with Colorado State University's (CSU) School of Global Environmental Sustainability, are organizing a free climate summit for Northern Colorado high school students from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022, at the Lory Student Center at CSU. The main goal of the event is to have high school students engage with the foremost leaders in climate science. The summit is free to attend, and attendees will have the opportunity to purchase lunch from the Lory Student Center food court.

For information, schedules, and registration please visit the official [Climate Leadership Summit](#) website. Attendance is limited to 200 participants, so we encourage interested students and groups to register soon.

Notes from High School

PSAT & SAT Information

The PSAT and SAT Assessments will take place at PGA on Wednesday April 13th. Students should arrive promptly at 7:50am. Please [review this document](#) for important details about test day, including:

- The testing schedule for each assessment (students with accommodations for extra breaks or extra time will vary from these standard time schedules)
- What to bring on test day
- Resources to prepare for test day, including the student guide and practice tests
- Out-out information
- For students in grades 10 and 11, information about the Optional Student Data Questionnaire and how to opt-in

Thanks for taking time to review this important information. This will help to ensure a smooth test day experience for all students and support each student's ability to show what they know and do their best!

*****Please be sure to read important information regarding required state testing in the***
Information for All PGA Families above. If you plan to opt your student out of testing,
the directions to do so are included in this information.**

Climate Leadership Summit

Twenty-three Poudre School District high school students, in cooperation with Colorado State University's (CSU) School of Global Environmental Sustainability, are organizing a free climate summit for Northern Colorado high school students from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022, at the Lory Student Center at CSU. The main goal of the event is to have high school students engage with the foremost leaders in climate science. The summit is free to attend, and attendees will have the opportunity to purchase lunch from the Lory Student Center food court.



For information, schedules, and registration please visit the official [Climate Leadership Summit](#) website. Attendance is limited to 200 participants, so we encourage interested students and groups to register soon.

Earth Day Celebrations

Please RSVP for your preferred Earth Day Celebration [HERE](#). Friday, April 22, 2022 from 12:00 - 2:45pm

Options are:

- On-campus: All 9th-12th students are invited to meet on campus at noon to have lunch together (bring your own lunch) and prep the garden beds for planting. We will then split into 2 groups and you can either bike to Cattail Natural Area OR walk to Spring Park. If you plan to bike with us, please bring your own bike and helmet. Full schedule [here](#). Signed permissions slips are due by April 19th- please turn them into your advisor



or email a digital copy to hmcgrath@psdschools.org

- Virtual: There will be a variety of options for you to choose from to celebrate Earth Day together virtually. Check your advisory class for more info on Friday, 4/22. We're excited to see how you use the day to celebrate!



Counselor Caseloads:

All Elementary Students & High School Students with last names starting with Ge-Mi = [Chris Hagge](#)

All Middle School Students & High School Students with last names starting with A-Ga = [Rachel Eaton](#)

High School Students with last names starting with Mo-Z + Teen Parents = [Anne Eakins](#)

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

Engagement Specialist & Counseling Intern: [Lindsay Fullerton](#)

Upcoming Events:

Event Title & Location	Date	Description
Virtual K-12 speaker series from the Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Connections (CAYAC) and the Health District Register	April 5th, 12:00-1:00	School Avoidance and Mental Health: Part 1 - Understanding & Supporting Students Avoiding School
	April 12th, 12:00-1:00	School Avoidance and Mental Health: Part 2 - PSD Perspectives & Support
	April 26th 12:00-1:00	Personal Boundary Setting
	May 3rd, 12:00-1:00	Understanding Adult Anxiety & Coping Strategies
Climate Leadership Summit - High School students	April 15th, 9:30-1:30	Register to attend this amazing event at the Climate Leadership Summit website
Project Homeless Connect Event	April 15, 8:00-1:00	See flyer for this year's Project Homeless Connect. This is an event where many, many agencies come together for one event to provide services for anyone experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.
PSD College Admissions Case Studies Night at Rocky Mountain HS- flyer	April 20, 6-8PM	PSD 9 th 11 th Grade students and families Learn about college admissions processes Please RSVP: Seating is limited. Handouts & pizza will be provided: https://

		tinyurl.com/CaseStudiesPSD
Service Learning Field Trip - High School students	April 22, 12:30-2:30 pm	Any student in grades 9-12 can join us. This month's location has not been confirmed yet. For more information or a permission slip please email Anne at aeakins@psdschools.org .
Colorado Youth Celebrate Diversity Conference at RMHS	Apr 30, 2022 Full day conference	All high school students are invited to participate in this event created by students for students. For more information please contact Anne Eakins, aeakins@psdschools.org

Tools & resources:

Registration open for PSD high school summer school:

FREE - NO FEE 

- Session 1 (online classes only): Begins 8 a.m. Friday, April 1 and ends 3 p.m., Thursday, May 26.
- Session 2 (online classes only): Begins 8 a.m., Wednesday, June 1, and ends 3 p.m., Friday, June 24.

For complete information about courses and to register online, please visit the [PSD 2022 High School Summer School website](#). **Talk with your counselor to be sure to choose the right classes.**

Is your child's screen usage worrisome or problematic?



Did you know more than 60% of tweens and teens watch online videos every day *and* the number of tweens using social media - before they are technically old enough to do so - is growing?

It's nearly impossible to keep kids from screens, so check out [Common Sense Media's four tips](#) to help your family find a healthy media balance that supports your kid's well-being.