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Mustang News

Thank You, Parents!

We are so appreciative of the incredible support that our parents show for our school community on a daily basis. From supporting your children with their schoolwork to navigating the traffic oval twice a day for pick-up and drop-off to contributing time and energy to help with our events and programs, we are so privileged to work alongside you!

Words cannot express our sincere gratitude for all the appreciation you show us as well! We would like to take a moment to specifically thank all the parents that contributed to our winter staff celebration at the end of December. Our staff genuinely felt your love and appreciation in every detail. The food was absolutely delicious, and the cookie boxes and gift cards were the icing on the cake to ring in the holiday season.

We want to thank you so very much for the incredible amount of time, effort, and resources you put into making our school such a unique and special place!



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Lego Robotics

Another successful season for Kinard Lego Robotics! The Kinard Electric Emperors Team placed 2nd overall for the Champions' Award at the Poudre Qualifier. The next stop was University of Colorado Denver for the First Lego League State Competition in early December.

Way to go, Mustangs! And a huge thank you to Mr. Berthold, Mrs. Horn, and Mrs. Grigg for guiding, supporting, and coaching all the teams!



Winter Music Concerts

We ended the semester with an impressive series of music concerts and events from our choir, band, and orchestra students! What a fabulous way to celebrate the dedication and hard work from our students who are committed to the performing arts at Kinard.



Choir- Directed by Mr. Scott Wheeler

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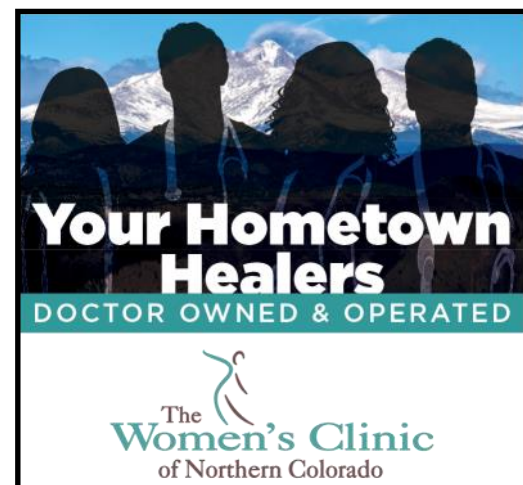
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Band- Directed by Mr. Mike Perez

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The Fort Collins chapter is currently welcoming 6th - 8th grade girls and their mothers to join for 2024-2025.

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Madrigal Dinner

This December we celebrated the 17th anniversary of Kinard’s Madrigal Dinner. And with two full-length shows this year, it was bigger and better than ever! What an amazing display of our fine arts and music programs! The music, acting, food and drink were nothing short of spectacular. The Madrigal Dinner is a “Renaissance Fair-type” production set in 16th century England where the patrons enjoy a 4-course meal, and the actors/musicians perform all around the dinner setting. It is a collaborative production, put on by the drama and music programs at Kinard and directed by Mr.

Wheeler. Thank you to the teachers, all the drama students, musical performers, parent volunteers, and everyone involved for all your hard work and fabulous performances!



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Boys Basketball

Congratulations to our boys basketball team on a successful season! All four of our teams battled hard throughout the season and showed tremendous growth. Our varsity team qualified for the playoffs as the fourth seed after a few late season wins. After upsetting the number one seed in the semifinals, they carried that momentum into the championship game and walked away as the PSD middle school district champions! Congratulations to Coach Giusti, his assistant coaches, and all the players on a season we won't soon forget. Great job, Mustangs!

We look forward to cheering on our girls basketball team and our wrestlers in the coming weeks.

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Boys Basketball



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Book Fair

The Kinard Book Fair was a huge success, and we owe YOU a thank you! We were able to give teachers books from their wish list and restock our Media Center shelves with new releases. The Book Fair brings out the BOOKJOY in everyone!



During the Book Fair, we love giving our students a chance to win a \$20 Scholastic Gift Card if they are “caught” reading. Quinn McEvoy, Sydney Lareau, Dex Brors, Caleb Forrester, and Owen Stow were our winners this year! Here are a few photos from their shopping spree:



An event like the Book Fair requires many hands, and we could not do it without our parent volunteers. A big shout out to Brittney Ouellette, Deborah Shepard, Andrea Booth, Jamie DeForge, Tammy Nelson, Cristin Jones, Erin Lillis, Deanna Rinehart, Sara Merrill, Jaclyn Kane, Adria Peterson, Heather Hartman, Katie Bainbridge, Barbara Hager, Tanya Orloske, Christa, Greg and Grandpa Giffin, and Lavina Davis. Thank you for your time and commitment to Kinard!

Spelling Bee Winner

Please join us in congratulating 8th grader Devika Nair for winning our Kinard Spelling Bee for the second year in a row. The winning word was popocatepetl, if you want to feel not smarter than an 8th grader! Devika will represent Kinard at the District Spelling Bee this month. Congratulations, Devika!

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Registration for 2024-25 School Year

Current 6th and 7th graders will be receiving their registration materials for next year's courses between January 22-25. Parents will also be sent an email with registration resources by the end of that week. **Registration forms are due January 31 to the Student Services Office.**

Current 8th graders will be listening to presentations from our PSD comprehensive high schools on **January 26**. If your 8th grader is not going to one of PSD's comprehensive high schools, you may want to contact their high school for registration information. High school registration forms are to be **completed by February 8 when high school counselors will be here at Kinard to talk with students individually and collect those completed and signed forms.**

When the registration materials come home for all grade levels, please encourage your student to read the course descriptions thoroughly. Registering for classes is a commitment and influences the development of the master schedule both here and at the high school. Making changes in the fall can be problematic.

Please feel free to contact or Patti Young (students with last names A-G at 970-488-5406 or pyoung@psdschools.org) or Karen Irvine (students with last name H-Z at 970-488-5408 or kirvine@psdschools.org) with any questions.

8th Grade "Find Your Future" College & Career Day

In partnership with Colorado State University, Poudre School District's Career & Innovation Team is hosting the first annual college and career expo for all 8th grade PSD students. The goal of this event is to support 8th grade students in learning about options and careers in high school and beyond.

**Date: Kinard 8th graders will be attending Friday, January 19th.
Permission forms will be distributed January 10th and will be due back January 17th.**

On January 19th, students will depart Kinard at 9 a.m. and return at 2 p.m. While at the event, they will attend two self-selected breakout sessions, hear from organizers, and be provided lunch.

8th Grade “Find Your Future” College & Career Day

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Our 8th grade students have taken a survey to indicate their top breakout session choices. Choices included:

1. Business/Marketing - Rockwell Hall College of Business Auditorium
2. Agriculture/Natural Resources - Nutrien Agricultural Sciences
3. Engineering - Walter Scott Engineering Building
4. Computer Sci - Computer Science
5. Skilled Trades - Construction Management
6. Health Science - Behavioral Sciences
7. Education and Human Services - Education Building or Morgan Library
8. Law Enforcement and Public Safety - Green Hall (Possibly stay in ballroom)
9. Media/Visual Arts - Nancy Richardson Design Center

Contact Patti Young (last names A-G) at (970)488-5406/pyoung@psdschools.org or Karen Irvine (970)488-5408/kirvine@psdschools.org with questions.

Vision & Hearing Screening

Our annual **Vision and Hearing Screening** will be on **Friday, January 26**, and we could use your help that morning!

All 7th graders will be screened during 1st period, and we need about 16 volunteers that morning from 7:45 – 10:30 a.m. to ensure a smooth and efficient screening. No prior experience is necessary; a quick training will be provided that morning.

If interested, please follow the below instructions:

1. Login to your Volunteer Portal through this link: <https://apps.raptortech.com/Volunteer/Login/NjA0MzpwB2x1bnRlZXI6ZW4tVVM=>
2. When logged in, click on Events within the Navigation Menu (Kinard is on Friday, Jan. 26th)
3. Review the details of the Event you wish to sign up for and click “Sign-Up”.

If you have never volunteered in PSD, please visit <https://www.pdschools.org/community/volunteers> to register. Please email Heather Julian, Health Tech, at hjulian@psdschools.org if you have any questions about the screening and volunteers@psdschools.org if you have any questions on signing up.



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Kinard Yearbook

If you haven't ordered a copy of our award-winning Kinard yearbook for the 2023-2024 school year, you still can! Click [here](#) to complete the order form online. If you are unsure if you ordered a yearbook, please contact Ally Lonac, Yearbook Adviser, at alonac@psdschools.org.

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2024 CMAS Assessment Window

Please mark your calendars! The 2024 CMAS Assessment window is March 25th – April 26th. All students will take 3 English Language Arts assessments and 3 Mathematics assessments. Additionally, 8th graders will take 3 Science assessments. Please see the calendar below for a tentative schedule for when each of these assessments will occur. As you plan ahead, we would greatly appreciate you doing your best to avoid appointments or other student absences on these days.

The state assessment system, Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS), is designed to measure student mastery of Colorado’s academic content standards. Colorado’s academic content standards indicate skills and knowledge necessary to prepare students for success from early school readiness to postsecondary competencies, reflective of both workforce readiness and 21st century skills. Student progress toward these outcomes is measured through CMAS, which provides information to teachers as they incorporate the content standards in their daily instruction. CMAS results are also used for school and district accountability.

We will send a more detailed and specific calendar of testing days as we get nearer to the assessment window. If you have questions about the CMAS assessments, please contact Cecilia Bonertz, School Assessment Coordinator, at cbonertz@psdschools.org or (970) 488-5407.

Kinard CMAS Calendar 2024

MARCH/APRIL 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25 ODD	26 EVEN	27 ODD	28 EVEN	29 ODD
1 ODD	2 EVEN	3 ODD	4 EVEN	5 ODD
English Language Arts				
8 EVEN	9 ODD	10 EVEN	11 ODD	12 EVEN
Math				
Science 8				
15 ODD	16 EVEN	17 ODD	18 EVEN	19
Make-Up Testing				No School
22 ODD	23 EVEN	24 ODD	25 EVEN	26 ODD
Make-Up Testing				

SRO Corner

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JANUARY 2024

Happy New Year from the SRO team! As we ring in the New Year, we want to discuss the important topic of mental health.

As School Resource Officers, we regularly collaborate with PSD's Mental Health Professionals within our schools. We also team up with the Fort Collin Police Services Mental Health Response Team. Our goal is to be able to best support and serve our student and school community. SROs have received and complete ongoing training on mental health, particularly related to adolescents. As Police Officers, we can place individuals on mental health holds, if certain legal criteria are met. We have access to and utilize a variety of resources within the community.

It may or may not be easy to spot if an adolescent is struggling with their mental health. It is important to remember what your child's baseline and "normal" looks like for them. Some signs your child might be having mental health difficulties could include:

- Overt mood swings, irritability, anger, or tearfulness.
- Notable changes in sleep, weight, or eating habits.
- Withdrawing more than usual from friends, family, and community.
- Loss of interest in the things they usually love or suddenly quitting activities they enjoy.
- Signs of drug, substance, or alcohol use.
- Signs of self-harm such as cuts, burns or bruises that your child hides or cannot explain credibly.
- Increase in or suddenly partaking in high-risk behavior.
- Recent decline academically.

As always, please reach out to an SRO or Mental Health Professional with questions. We are always here to help!

IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

- 911 (In case of emergency)
- 970-221-6540 (FCPS Non-Emergency Phone Number)
- 988 (National Crisis Line- Call or Text)
- 970-676-6955 (Imagine by Northpoint- for adolescents aged 13-17)
- 844-493-TALK or text "TALK" to 38255 (Colorado Crisis Services- Statewide)
- 970-494-4200 (Summit Stone Crisis Services Acute Care Facility- available 24/7)

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Seal of Biliteracy

Did you know that PSD offers a Seal of Biliteracy for students studying World Languages?

Poudre School District honors students who speak more than one language by awarding them a Seal of Biliteracy on their high school diplomas. The PSD Seal of Biliteracy is a prestigious credential for graduating high school seniors who can read, speak, listen, and write at a high level in another language, as well as in English. The endorsement honors students who have studied another language, as well as those who have grown up speaking a language other than English.

Qualified seniors will also be recognized with an honor cord to wear at their graduation ceremony. The PSD Seal of Biliteracy endorsement will be documented on their official PSD transcript.

Kinard students who begin studying a World Language in either 6th or 7th grade may earn this award by their senior year in high school if they continue their World Language studies in high school. Students who speak a second language at home can also qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy. For more details about qualifying for this award go to <https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/psdsealofbiliteracy/home>.

Kinard Give Next Class Fundraiser: Support Local Nonprofits!

On October 10, students in the Give Next class went to CSU for “Kickoff Day.” These Kinard students did an excellent job representing our school at nonprofit workshops and interacting with local community leaders to learn more about philanthropy and their opportunity to improve the lives of those in need in our community. With over 20 other schools in the Give Next program attending Kick Off, this was an inspirational day to set the stage for the rest of the Give Next experience.



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Kinard Give Next Class Fundraiser: Support Local Nonprofits! **continued**

After attending Kickoff Day, the class surveyed the Kinard school community for gaining feedback on the top concerns in our area. In honoring the community's voice and through a consensus decision, the students wrote a mission statement to guide their work for the 2023-2024 school year:

We, the Give Next class at Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School, are concerned for children and families living in poverty that need support for mental health challenges.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Can you join us in helping to make a bigger impact? **The class has set a fundraising goal of \$1,500, and 100% of the funds raised will be awarded to local nonprofits who provide mental health support to children and families living in poverty in Larimer County.**

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to donate to our class fundraiser at the Give Next page of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado. This is a secure site where you can enter any donation amount. Follow the directions on the website and please be sure to designate KINARD as your school. Thank you for your consideration and support of this Kinard Give Next fundraiser!

What is Give Next?

Give Next is a school-based youth grantmaking program for middle and high school students in Larimer County. Each class receives funding from private donors in the Give Next program for grant-making to award to local nonprofits. The students are also encouraged to participate in fundraising to make a larger positive impact in their community. The year-long program begins with Give Next Kickoff Day, a day of information and inspiration. Back at their schools, students work together to identify community needs, choose a focus area, create a mission statement, research nonprofits, volunteer, conduct site visits, review grant applications, and make funding decisions. At the end of the school year, students award grants to selected nonprofits. Give Next is made possible



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Kinard Give Next Class Fundraiser: Support Local Nonprofits! **continued**

through the support of many community partners. Primary program implementation partners are Bohemian Foundation and the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado.

For questions or for more information, please contact Kinard Give Next Teachers:

Anne Flemming, aflemming@psdschools.org

Wendi Grigg, wgrigg@psdschools.org

Drop-off & Pick-up Traffic Safety Reminders

As the weather is colder and chances of snowy days are upon us, we wanted to raise your level of awareness as it pertains to drop-off and pick-up procedures. **Please remember that the traffic queue on Trilby Road is a moving lane. Please do not attempt to stop and wait for your child on Trilby Rd., as it blocks cars from entering the oval.**

In addition, read the list below for recommendations for dropping your child(ren) off in the mornings. You can also review our comprehensive [Kinard Traffic Guidelines](#) that outline safe practices during the drop-off/pick-up process.

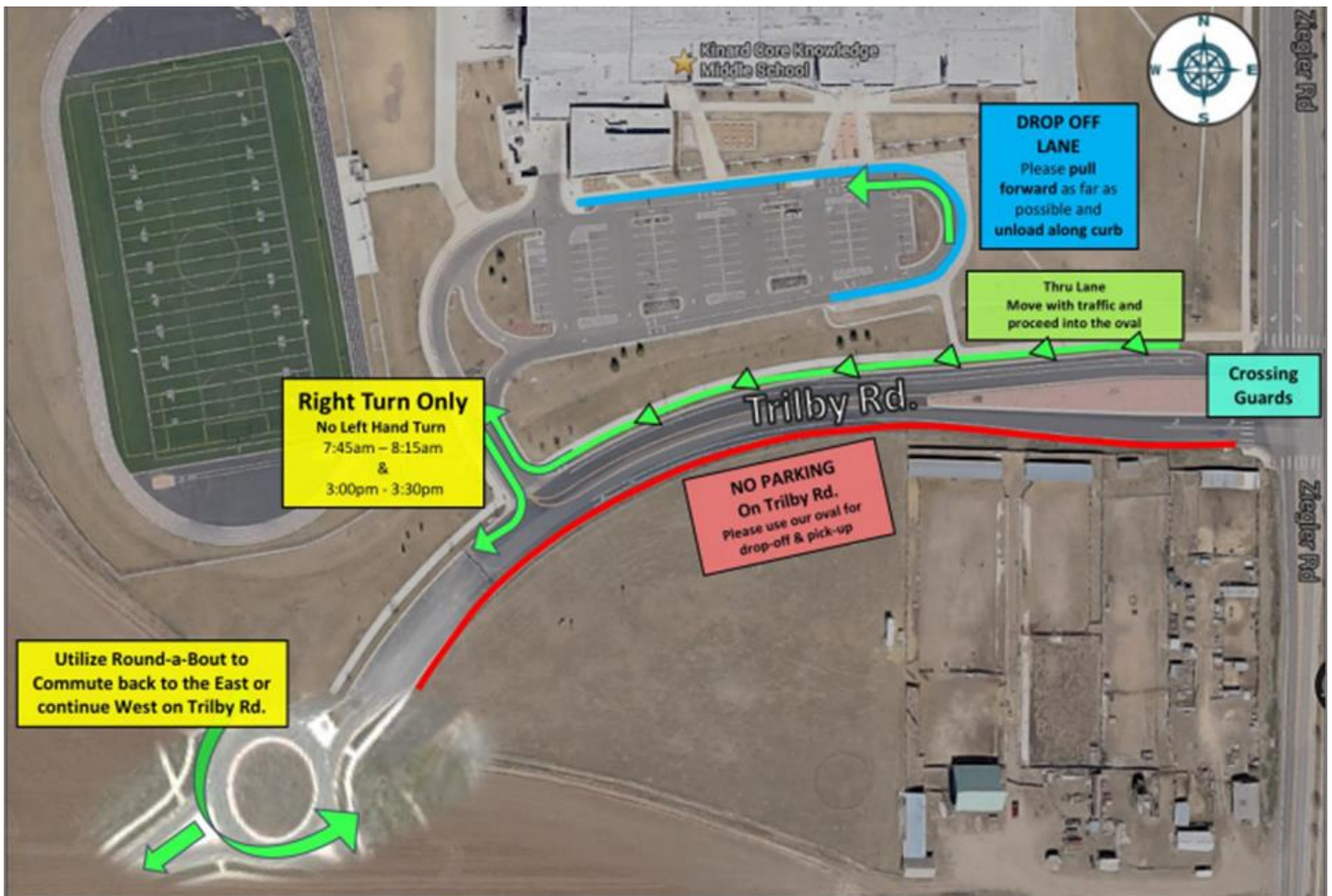
- Leave a little earlier to help avoid congestion on icy roads.
- Please always use **the drop-off lane next to the curb only.**
- Pull your car as far forward along the drop-off and pick-up lane before stopping your vehicle.
- Students should get out along the entire curb area. If you have come to the concrete sidewalk area in the oval, have your child get out and walk along the sidewalk.
- Please have your students ready to exit the car promptly. If your child is not ready to get out of the car, please pull into a parking stall. You can then use the crosswalk and walk your child in when they are ready.

Drop-off & Pick-up Traffic Safety Reminders

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- Students are to exit their vehicle only on the passenger side.
- Parents are to remain inside their cars- please do not leave your car unattended. Parking is not allowed in the drop-off/pick-up lane.

As always, we appreciate your attention to these matters and for helping us to create a safe and positive school environment. We need your help to keep the flow of traffic moving and our families safe in the parking lot. Every child's safety is important to us. It remains our highest priority to ensure that students enter and exit cars in a safe and organized way.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

See the flier below for information and to join the community events.

