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Mustang News

Welcome back, Mustangs!

We've had a great first few weeks with our new and returning Mustangs! We are proud of our Kinard community and happy that each of you is a part of the incredible things happening at our school. Our dedicated staff, hard-working and enthusiastic students, and supportive parents make Kinard a school of excellence. View the pictures below for a peek into our first days kicking off the 2025-26 school year.



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Quick Reference Guide and Standards-Based Instruction, Assessment, and Reporting Practices

During the first weeks of school, students reviewed the policies and practices outlined in our Kinard Quick Reference Guide in their classes. This document was also provided to parents as part of our Back to School Night resources. If you haven't had a chance to review it yet, click to read and review our [Quick Reference Guide](#), which contains very important school-wide information including:

- Student/Teacher Communication Practices and Strategies
- Behavioral Expectations
- Academic Expectations
- Standards-Based Grading Practices and Synergy Information
- PSD Work Habits Rubric
- Dress Policy
- And much more...

In addition, students have been introduced to many aspects of our Standards-Based Instruction, Assessment, and Reporting practices as summarized [here](#). Both of these documents are also available on our website.



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Parent/Community Partnership and Registering as a Volunteer

We held our initial community partnership meeting on August 22. The community partnership is a group of Kinard parents, family, and community members helping to foster a school community of appreciation and fun. They work closely with the Kinard staff to organize and support various events and activities for both students and staff. In addition to discussing the purpose of the parent partnership, we reviewed volunteer opportunities and events. If you were unable to attend but want more information, please view the presentation [here](#), contact our volunteer coordinator, Virginia Chevalier at kinardvolunteers@gmail.com, or contact our academic dean, Cecilia Bonertz, at cbonertz@psdschools.org.

If you are not already a registered Kinard volunteer and would like to support Kinard in this way, please complete these [steps](#) to ensure you are approved before volunteering. At this time of year, it takes a bit longer for the district to process new applications, so we recommend you complete this process as soon as possible.

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Kinard Community Extravaganza!

Mark your calendars for an evening of fun, food, and wellness! 🎉 On Thursday, September 4, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, we're hosting our annual Kinard Community Extravaganza and Wellness Fair.

🍔 Food Trucks: Indulge in a variety of delectable dishes from food trucks that will be parked on-site. There will be plenty of options for everyone's taste buds!

🧘 Wellness Fair: Take a break from the delicious treats and explore our wellness fair, where you can learn the eight dimensions of health with a variety of community partners, including UC Health EMS, Safe Routes to School, Colorado Youth Outdoors, and more! There will be a chance for both kids and adults to win prizes for turning in a completed Wellness Fair bingo card.

This event is not just about food and fun—it's about coming together as a community to celebrate our history as a school and enjoy a memorable evening together. If you would like to help in a volunteer role, please review and sign-up for volunteer options [here](#).

Please bring your own blankets, lawn chairs, and sun and/or rain covers. We will gather in the Kinard courtyard and athletic fields on the west side of the building. This event is only open to Kinard students and families, and we respectfully request that you leave your furry friends at home (unless they are service animals). If you have any questions, please contact Cecilia Bonertz, Academic Dean, at cbonertz@psdschools.org or 970-488-5407.



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Kinard Community Extravaganza!

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KINARD COMMUNITY EXTRAVAGANZA

FOOD TRUCK RALLY

Enjoy a variety of food trucks, music and social time.

Bring your own blankets, chairs & sun covers.



WELLNESS FAIR



Explore a variety of vendors, delve into the 8 dimensions of wellness, and seize opportunities to win exciting prizes.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2025
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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Mustang Music 5K

The Mustang Music 5K is a fundraiser to provide additional instruments, instruction, and experiences for our wonderful Kinard Music students.



DATE: Saturday, October 4

LOCATION: Kinard Middle School

SCHEDULE: 9:00am 5K race

10:15am Reverse Parade and Fun Run

5K DETAILS: The 5K features a chip-timed race through the lovely neighborhoods around Kinard Middle School. Enjoy the music along the course provided by the Kinard Music students.

REVERSE PARADE/FUN RUN DETAILS (10 and younger): Perfect for children 10 and younger, the Reverse Parade is a Fun Run in which participants will walk or run 1 mile (4 laps) around the Kinard Track. Musical groups will surround the track playing music while YOU parade around them!

Mustang Music ZEROK: Not a runner? Don't like mornings? Can't attend in person? Just want the shirt and to support the music program? Well you can do this from home or even out-of-state by signing up for the ZEROK! This entry includes a shirt and all proceeds go to the music program, but you don't have to lift a foot!

Sign-up by September 15 to be guaranteed a tech t-shirt for the race!

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Mustang Music 5K

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Kinard Middle School Band, Choir, Drama, & Orchestra



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Kinard Music Uniforms “Swap Meet”

Do you have a former Kinard Mustang who would like to upcycle and donate their gently worn music uniforms for our current students in the Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Honors Winds, and Philharmonia Orchestras? Please bring any uniform donations to either Mr. Perez or Mrs. Griffey by Friday, September 5. Thank you!

Every School Day Matters, Student Absences, and Early Pick-ups

Because regular attendance helps all students be successful, PSD has joined the state of Colorado in the state-wide campaign, *Every School Day Matters*. Students who attend school regularly perform better academically and are more likely to graduate from high school than students who are chronically absent (defined as missing 10% or more of school days, excused or not). Unfortunately, one in three Colorado students are chronically absent, according to the Colorado Department of Education.

The district’s overarching goal is to reduce our rates of chronic absenteeism by 3.4% each year for the next three years to cut our chronic absenteeism by 50%. PSD also strives to reach 95% average daily attendance. While a goal of 100% attendance doesn’t leave space for occasional student illness, going to school 95% or more of the time helps students stay on track with their schoolwork and feel more connected with staff, peers, and activities at school, which has positive impacts on student mental health and belonging.

If your child is ill and will not be attending school on a given day, please be sure to call in to our 24-hour attendance line at (970)488-5401. Please leave us your name, your child’s name, and his/her student ID number. Even if you contact your child’s individual teachers to notify them of the absence or to request make-up work, you still need to call the attendance line to confirm the absence with our office staff. You can also report an absence for your child via [ParentVUE](#).

Additionally, if you plan to pick your child up for an appointment or early dismissal, please call our main office at (970) 488-5400 as early in the day as possible. It can be more difficult to get your child to you quickly if you wait to call until you are in the parking lot or immediately needing your student for dismissal.

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Counselors' Corner

Greetings to all of our new families and those returning! There are two counselors to support students and families at Kinard, and we divide our caseload by last name:

- Mrs. Patti Young - students with the last names starting with A-G; pyoung@psdschools.org; 970-488-5406
- Ms. Karen Irvine - students with last names starting with H-Z; kirvine@psdschools.org; 970-488-5408

Our offices are located in Kinard's Student Services office. You can easily connect with us and the Student Services department online via Kinard's homepage (under "School Info" and "Directory"), or by clicking on these links:

[School Counseling Learning Page](#)

[Kinard Student Services](#)

With the assistance of our amazing 8th grade WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Leaders, we welcomed approximately 285 6th graders on August 13. We also visited 6th grade ELOs last week to share how students can connect with us at school and online, as well as our role as school counselors and how we support students. Later this quarter, we will teach our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) curriculum in 6th grade classrooms to support students' development of healthy relationship skills, which includes how to handle conflict or bullying situations. Visits to 7th and 8th grade classrooms to teach SEL curriculum and ICAP (Individual Career and Academic Planning) skills will happen in September and October.

Please reach out with any needs or questions you have.



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7th Grade Field Trip to Colorado Youth Outdoors

The PE department is excited to continue the annual Colorado Youth Outdoors (CYO) field trip for our 7th graders. This is an exciting field trip opportunity and partnership with the Colorado Youth Outdoors Program. 7th graders will go on the field trip for the whole day on September 18th (½ of 7th grade PE students) or September 19th (the second ½ of 7th grade PE students). Colorado Youth Outdoors exists to build relationships through traditional outdoor recreation. All students will have the opportunity to rotate through four stations taught by trained professionals. At each station, students will learn about safety and will need to follow the instructor's guidelines in order to participate in the following activities:



Archery- on a professional range

Fishing- at various ponds on the property

BB Guns- on safe gun range using one pump BB guns

Survival Skills- learning outdoor survival skills

This field trip is to not only give our students an incredible opportunity to experience outdoor recreation, but also to introduce our upcoming archery and fishing units in the spring semester. This will meet many P.E. and Health Standards in the area of Prevention and Risk Management and Emotional and Social Wellness.

More information will be coming soon from your student's PE teacher. If you would like to be a parent volunteer for this trip, please make sure you are a PSD registered volunteer by following this link

<http://tinyurl.com/psdvol>, then email Mrs. Jordan (bjordan@psdschools.org) or Mr. Benson (jbenson@psdschools.org).

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7th Grade Spark Interviews

Throughout their time at Kinard, our school counselors work with students on creating their Individualized Career and Academic Plans (ICAPs). As part of the ICAP process, students at Kinard take inventories to learn about their personal learning styles and career interests using a web-based PSD program called Xello. Through Xello, students can compile and track academic and career plans throughout their middle and high school years.

In addition to the work that students will be doing in Xello, Kinard staff members will be conducting “Spark Interviews” with each 7th grader on Thursday, September 18 and Friday, September 19. Over the course of those two days, all 7th graders will also be attending a P.E. field trip to Colorado Youth Outdoors (see previous story). We found this to be a unique scheduling opportunity that would allow us to interview each student on the day they will not be attending the field trip.

The “Spark Interview” will ask students about their hobbies, academic interests, and vision for their futures. This will enhance the work students do through Xello by allowing each student to have a personal conversation with a staff member about his or her passions, interests, and potential future goals and plans. Our hope is to connect with each student individually and learn more about their personal “sparks” or areas of passion and how our school can support the vision that students are creating for themselves. The “Spark Interview” student responses will be utilized in future activities in 8th grade and for individual reflection.

If you have additional questions about the ICAP process, please contact our school counselors:

Patti Young (last names A-G)- pyoung@psdschools.org or (970)488-5406

Karen Irvine (last names H-Z)- kirvine@psdschools.org or (970)488-5408

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8th Grade Career Exploration Day

In partnership with Colorado State University, Poudre School District's Career & Innovation Team is hosting the third 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 Monday, October 6. Permission forms will be distributed later in September.

While at the event on October 6, students will visit CSU to engage with business professionals, CSU faculty, and students about career pathways, including:

1. Agriculture & Veterinary Science
2. Aviation & Automotive
3. Business, Finance, Investing, & Marketing
4. Computer Science
5. Creative Design & Culinary Arts
6. Education
7. Engineering, Construction, & Manufacturing
8. Health Sciences
9. Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation
10. Public Safety, Criminal Justice, & Military
11. Technical Theater & Multimedia Arts

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.

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Kinard GT Program Information Night: Thursday, September 18, 5:30-6:30 pm

Parents and guardians of students with GT identification(s), please look for an email from Kinard's GT Program Coordinator, Wendi Grigg, for an RSVP invitation to attend Kinard's GT Program Information Night. This presentation supports parents who are new to GT and/or any other parents who are seeking an overview of gifted and talented education in PSD, how to provide support for your child's Advanced Learning Plan (ALP), and how students grow in their GT education at Kinard. This is also a great opportunity to learn about how ALP Goals are integrated into the school day and the options for students to boost their Advanced Learning Plan with a wide array of enrichments. Please contact Wendi Grigg at wgrigg@psdschools.org for questions.

Below are shared links for parents from the lens of the GT Coordinator; however, many of these resources have relevant topics for all parents raising adolescents:

- [An Overview of Gifted Identification in PSD](#)
- [An Overview of PSD Advanced Learning Plans \(ALPs\)](#)
- [FAQs about the Gifted Program in PSD](#)
- [Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted \(SENG\)](#)
- [2e Twice Exceptional Newsletter](#)
- [Project Gutenberg, a library of over 70,000 free eBooks](#)
- [StudentCompetitions.com](#)

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School Accountability Committee

We are reaching out to all parents/guardians to extend an invitation to serve on our 2025-2026 School Accountability Committee (SAC). Our first SAC meeting for the year will be held on Monday, September 15 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Kinard Media Center. The Kinard School Accountability Committee meets four times per year, approximately quarterly.

The SAC is a wonderful opportunity to enhance our partnership with parents/guardians through an organized group composed of both parents/guardians and teachers at Kinard. The SAC has a very specific focus, established by the Colorado Department of Education and Poudre School District. Primary topics for analysis and discussion will include budget allocation and Kinard's Unified Improvement Plan (UIP). Other topics that may be discussed in this committee include but are not limited to: parent involvement, student transitions, curriculum, instruction, assessment, systems for support, communication, technology, leadership, decision-making, positive behavior support, and school-wide capacity building.

Save the Date for an Upcoming Parent Night - Thursday, September 25

We are planning a parent information night for Thursday, September 25, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in our Media Center. This evening is being designed for parents to help support the developmental needs of your middle school students and to introduce our standards based instruction and grading practices. Come learn with us!

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Standardized Assessment Results

If your child took CMAS in a PSD school last spring, he/she will soon be bringing home hard-copy reports of his/her ELA and math results. In addition, parents/guardians of 6th graders will soon receive reports for students who took CMAS science assessments in a PSD school last spring. At the same time, we will send home hard-copy reports of fall MAP results for reading and math.

We also want to remind you that standardized assessment results are available through ParentVUE. After logging into ParentVUE, please use the following options from the menu of icons:

CMAS: PSD Documents (bottom row of icons) → All assessment documents → CMAS

- CMAS_2025 (or other year) - These reports provide information about your student's mastery of skills and concepts in the stated subject area.
- CMASGrowth - These reports will be available soon and will show information about your child's growth as measured by the ELA and math assessments. Growth data will only be available for students who took assessments in both the current and previous years.

MAP: Student Information → Scroll all the way to the bottom to view graphs of your student's percentile rank on CMAS and MAP assessments (results available through spring 2025 for both assessments). For more information on MAP, please see the family guide [here](#).

If you have questions about interpreting your child's assessment results, please contact his/her teachers. You may also contact Cecilia Bonertz, Academic Dean, at 970-488-5407 or cbonertz@psdschools.org.

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PSD Community Classic

Save the date for this year's Poudre School District Community Classic at CSU's Canvas Stadium! Four PSD high schools will play games against each other. All PSD students get free admission!

Date:

Friday, September 26, 2025

CSU's Canvas Stadium

Game Schedule:

Fort Collins vs. Fossil Ridge – 4:30 PM

Wellington vs. Timnath – 7:00 PM

Tickets:

Free for all PSD students and staff

\$15 for non-PSD adults (available at the CSU Ticket Office)



The poster is divided into two main sections. The left section features a large shield-shaped logo with '2025 canvas COMMUNITY CLASSIC' text. Below the logo is a photo of four people in suits walking on a field. The right section is titled 'MARK YOUR CALENDAR' and shows a collage of sports images. Below the collage, it specifies the date 'FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH' and lists two games: '4:30 PM' featuring Fort Collins (FC logo) vs. a goat mascot, and '7:30 PM' featuring a paw print logo vs. an eagle mascot. At the bottom, it states 'ADULT TICKETS \$15' and 'VISIT CSURAMS.COM', with a note about free admission for PSD students and staff.

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Important Yearbook Information

The 2025-26 Kinard yearbook is available for purchase! Make sure that your child doesn't miss out on our yearbook tradition. It's the only book that captures the year's events, activities, friendships, experiences, and memories from Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School. You may place your order for the yearbook at [jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com). If you have already purchased a book, thank you! If you are unsure, please contact Ally Lonac, Yearbook Advisor, by email at alonac@psdschools.org. This year's book is one you won't want to miss!

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Helpful Procedures & Expectations

As we start the school year, we wanted to share some helpful reminders to ensure a school environment focused on learning and student growth. We appreciate the support of families and our community to establish the conditions that help students feel safe and able to learn every day.

Appropriate Dress

Responsibility for the dress and appearance of students generally rests with the individual students and their parents/guardians. Student appearance should reflect pride in themselves when attending school and school-sponsored events. As stated in district policy, students must wear: a shirt (with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides underneath the arms); pants or the equivalent (e.g. a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress, or shorts); and shoes (e.g. sandals, boots, or athletic shoes).

- Clothing choices need to allow for the participation in all school-related activities (e.g. flip flops, Crocs, and sandals are okay for school, but students should bring athletic shoes when they participate in P.E. and health classes due to the activity level).
- Students who wear shirts with inappropriate statements or pictures that cause or have the potential to cause disruption to the learning of others will be asked to wear the shirt inside out or will be provided with another shirt if one is available. They may also call home and ask their parents/guardians to bring a different shirt or top.
- Hats or hoods that do not obscure a student's face or ears are permitted.

Drinks in Halls/Classrooms

We have noticed some students bringing "fancy" drinks, such as coffees and smoothies, with them to school in the morning and carrying them in the halls, taking them to class, or storing them in lockers. It is our policy that students consume these beverages prior to entering the building and to not bring them to lockers, the hallways, or classrooms to ensure the cleanliness of our building and a continued focus on learning in classes. Water is always permitted throughout the building. We appreciate your support in keeping our building looking its best!

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Helpful Procedures & Expectations *continued*

Food Deliveries

We are also experiencing an increase in the number of students who are ordering lunch for delivery each day at school. We frequently have GrubHub, DoorDash, etc. deliveries to students throughout the day. While we realize these deliveries may happen on occasion for a special event, we ask that students do not regularly order food for delivery to the school. Deliveries often do not arrive on time for the student's lunch period, which then causes disruption to classes and student learning. Also, the frequency of deliveries places a burden on our front office staff who are already working hard to support students, staff, and families throughout the school day. Please encourage your student to pack a lunch from home or get a healthy, balanced meal from our cafeteria instead of ordering in food from local restaurants. Thank you for your consideration!

Student Clubs & Extra-Curricular Activities

We have a variety of clubs and extracurricular opportunities that promote student involvement and cater to many different student interest areas. Below is a list of the current clubs we offer at Kinard. If your child is interested in participating in some of these wonderful activities, please see [our website](#) for specific meeting times, dates, and locations. *Please note: Specific dates and times are subject to change and some club sponsors are still solidifying start dates. Additional communication about Kinard clubs and activities will be sent through subsequent newsletters, emails, and updates on our [activity calendar](#). Be on the lookout for all our amazing student opportunities!

School-Sponsored Clubs:

- Fitness Club (starts second quarter)
- Lego Robotics (starting now- contact Mr. Berthold (aberthold@psdschools.org) for details)
- MathCounts: Calling all mathematicians! MathCounts is a club aimed at preparing students for various math competitions throughout the year. We will start meeting on September 9th after school. We will meet each week on Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:00 PM in the Media Center to learn advanced math competition strategies

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Student Clubs & Extra-Curricular Activities

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and to do competitions. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Williams (awilliams@psdschools.org). Hope to see you there!

- National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) (starts in mid-September for returning members; new members can apply in January)
- Science Olympiad: Calling all Mustang scientists! Science Olympiad will be hosting a parent/guardian informational meeting on Thursday, September 11th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend and your student wants to be a part of Science Olympiad, they can pick up a registration form from Ms. Blumberg (room 526). If you are interested in helping to coach a Science O event this year, please use the QR code to complete the coach interest form. Questions? Reach out to Ms. Blumberg at kablumberg@psdschools.org.
- Yearbook (starting now- students apply to Mrs. Lonac to be in her ELO class)



Student Initiated and Led Clubs:

If a student has an interest that lies outside of the listed school-sponsored clubs, they are welcome to explore starting their own club. Student initiated and led clubs are open to all students and can happen before or after school. Students interested in starting a student initiated and led organization must first meet with Mrs. LaRue to start the application process and to understand PSD policy around student initiated and led organizations. Students should come to that meeting with a general idea or proposal for their club - a description of the club, purpose of the club, when and where they would like the club to meet, as well as how frequently and for how long each meeting will run. Students will also need to find a staff sponsor who agrees to monitor and supervise the club.

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SRO Corner

Hi from your friendly SRO Kate Garcia! Most kids call me Officer Kate. I am the SRO at Kinard, Bacon, Werner, and Zach Elementary Schools. Within Fort Collins Police Services, I am also a Crisis/Hostage Negotiator, on the Peer Support Team and on the Bike Team. Before I was a Police Officer, I was an EMT and got my BS in Kinesiology from the University of Rhode Island. In my free time, I love spending time with my family, playing hockey, fly fishing, and coaching softball at Kinard! Go Mustangs!!



With the coming of a new school year, your Fort Collins Police School Resource Officers wanted to take a moment to introduce our program. Our SRO program began in Fort Collins in 1995 as a result of a partnership between Fort Collins Police Services and the Poudre School District.

We have three basic goals:

- Provide a safe learning environment and help reduce school violence.
- Improve school/law enforcement collaboration.
- Improve the perceptions and relations between students, staff, and law enforcement officials.

Currently the FCPS SRO team is composed of 11 officers, 2 corporals, and 1 sergeant who oversees the SRO Program. These 11 officers have responsibilities for all 38 PSD schools within the City of Fort Collins limits. With our partners from Larimer County Sheriff's office and the Timnath Police department, there is an SRO representative for all 51 PSD schools.

We often are asked what we do as SROs, this can be summarized through the concept from the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) concept of "The Triad".

The three components of The Triad are Law Enforcement, Mentorship/Counseling, and Guest Speaking/Teaching.

These three branches make up a well-rounded School Resource Officer. During the school year, SROs can be found at their sites mentoring

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students, offering advice about peer conflicts, or bullying. We may be found assisting in presentations in classrooms on a wide variety of topics. We also assist in traffic safety surrounding our schools through presence, traffic stops, and education.

We may be found in elementary schools reading to students or evaluating a science fair project. We may be playing hockey in PE classes or teaching bicycle safety and handing out stickers.

We also may be called upon to enforce the law in rare cases where students offend and harm others. These incidents can sometimes lead to direct referrals to community programs to repair harm, a Juvenile Summons to the Juvenile Court, or in extreme and rare cases, arrests. We also continuously collaborate with school administrators on a wide range of topics from drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse and neglect reporting, threats of violence to individuals or to the school itself.

Our SROs are carefully selected, specifically trained, and properly equipped law enforcement officers who are assigned to work in a school or school community in accordance with the NASRO standard.

Our SROs are always available for questions, and all have varied interests and expertise. We are available to support our schools and school communities as needs arise.

If you have questions about your SRO, please reach out!

-Officer Kate Garcia

Kinard Middle School, Zach Elementary, Werner Elementary, Bacon Elementary

kgarcia@psdschools.org

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Mental Health Matters in PSD

Everyone struggles, even if it doesn't seem like it. It's OK to not be OK. Here at Kinard and in PSD, we care about ourselves and each other. We all belong here, and you are never alone. If it just feels like too much and you don't know what to do, remember:

- If you need support in school now, connect with a trusted adult or a counselor. Counselors will connect you to help.
- If someone you know needs help, ask how they're doing, listen to them, and connect them to a trusted adult or a counselor. If you're not in school, talk to a family member or call or text 988.



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Kinard Health Office News

Welcome Back, Mustangs! We're so excited to welcome you to the 2025–2026 school year!

Just a few reminders from the Health Office:

MEDICATION AND HEALTH CARE ACTION PLANS

If your student requires any medications during the school day—**emergency, daily, or over-the-counter**—we must have the appropriate paperwork **signed by a medical provider** on file.

If your student has a **medical condition** that we should be aware of to help keep them safe at school, please don't hesitate to reach out to **Abbie Tusing, Health Tech**, or **Jena Gilbert, RN**, our school nurse. We're happy to assist you in finding the correct forms and ensuring everything is in place.

👉 Use the link below to access the necessary forms for your student's medical needs. Please note that **multiple forms** may be required depending on the situation.

<https://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/health-services-students/medications-health-care-action-plans>

IMMUNIZATIONS

We have already received many immunization records for students this year- thank you for your timely turning in of these required documents! If you still have to turn in paperwork to the health office, please get those records in as soon as possible.

Students entering K-12 Grades must have the following vaccinations and provide documentation of the administration:

- Hepatitis B (minimum of 3)
- DTaP
- IPV
- MMR
- Varicella
- TDaP (minimum of 1)

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Kinard Health Office News

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If there are any reasons your student is NOT receiving one of the above vaccinations, please follow the link to the [Poudre School District Immunizations](#) site, which provides the **non-medical exemption** and the **medical exemption** forms that must be submitted to the school.

If you're unsure about medications and/or immunizations, contact the Health Office—we're here to help

Have a wonderful day!

Thank you,

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PSD Free Peer Tutoring

See the flyer below for information about PSD's free peer tutoring program.



FREE PEER TUTORING

FOOD! PRIZES! FUN!

Come to PSD's new Future Ready Tutoring program!

Get the help you need to succeed in your classes.
Qualified peer tutors from around the district.
Every subject, every level, every topic.

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY 6 - 8 PM

10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 12/3

 **PSD Future Ready at Foothills Mall**
215 E Foothills Pkwy Fort
Collins, CO 80525

 **PSDFUTUREREADY**

LOOKING FOR MORE INFO?



psdfutureready.org/tutoring

Kinard Middle School

PSD and CSU Team Up for Education Day

Poudre School District is excited to partner with CSU once again for this year's Education Day football game on November 8th vs. UNLV.

Tickets are \$15 (inclusive of all fees) each. Additionally, a contribution of \$5 for each ticket sold will come back to your schools. The process is very simple: Scan the QR code on the digital flyer, or use the following link <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Educationday75>

At checkout, customers can simply choose their school from a dropdown menu preloaded with all PSD schools.

HS/MS: contributions will go to Athletic Departments

Elementary: contributions will go to PE departments



Kinard Middle School

Join FRHS Cheer & Dance Team at the Canvas Classic!

See the flyer below for an opportunity to join Fossil Ridge's Cheer and Dance teams on the field during the Canvas Community Classic event.



CANVAS

REGISTER HERE



CLASSIC

**COME BE A SPIRIT LEADER WITH THE
FRHS CHEERLEADING AND DANCE
PROGRAMS!**

CLINIC--24 SEPTEMBER 4:30-6:30 PM AT FRHS

PERFORMANCE--26 SEPTEMBER 4:30 PM AT CANVAS STADIUM