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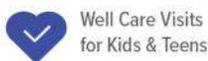
## Mustang News

### Kinard Talent Show

Mustang Community! The Virtual Talent Show was a smashing success. We want to celebrate all of our amazing, talented Mustangs for their hard work putting together incredible and entertaining videos for our show this year. You can view all the amazing acts by visiting [www.flipgrid.com/kinardtalent](http://www.flipgrid.com/kinardtalent). Congrats to all our participants! And a huge thank you to Mr. Graham for coordinating the show for us once again this year!



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## MathCounts Member Qualified for National Competition

8<sup>th</sup> grader Eric Wang recently scored second place in the state MathCounts competition. This qualifies him for the virtual national competition in early May. What an accomplishment! Please join us in congratulating Eric for his incredible skill, hard work, and achievement.

## Concert Orchestra Virtual Concert

Our Concert Orchestra members showcased their learning and growth this year through a [virtual concert](#) recently. Despite most of their learning being online this year, these Mustang musicians have much to be proud of in regard to their musical growth and accomplishments this year. Thank you to our orchestra director, Mrs. Griffey for coordinating this opportunity for our students, and to Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. Bean, and Ms. Lindahl for making the audio and video recordings so we could share their performance!

## Last Day of School

Wednesday, May 26, the last day of school for 2020-2021, will be a half day for students. **Kinard students will be released at 11:40 a.m. on May 26**, and no lunch will be served on that day. It will be a full day for staff. The last day for meals to be provided to the community will be Tuesday, May 25.

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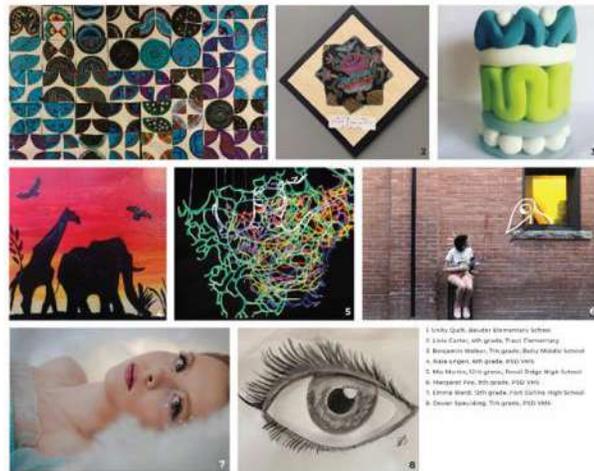
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## Designs and Images District Art Show

The Designs and Images Art Show, usually hosted at CSU's Hatton Gallery, is going virtual this year! Visit <https://art.colostate.edu/designs-images-2021/> to view the full collection of art from PSD students this year, including images from eight Kinard student artists.

### A CELEBRATION OF THE CREATIVE PROCESS DESIGNS & IMAGES 2021



1. Sydney Qualls, Boulder Elementary School  
 2. Zaina Carter, 8th grade, Pearl Elementary  
 3. Benjamin Mallick, 7th grade, Rocky Mountain School  
 4. Kaiti Springs, 4th grade, PHS 1905  
 5. Ella Martin, 20th grade, Summit Ridge High School  
 6. Margaret Fox, 8th grade, PSD 1905  
 7. Emma Ward, 10th grade, Fort Collins High School  
 8. Grace Newsham, 7th grade, PSD 1905

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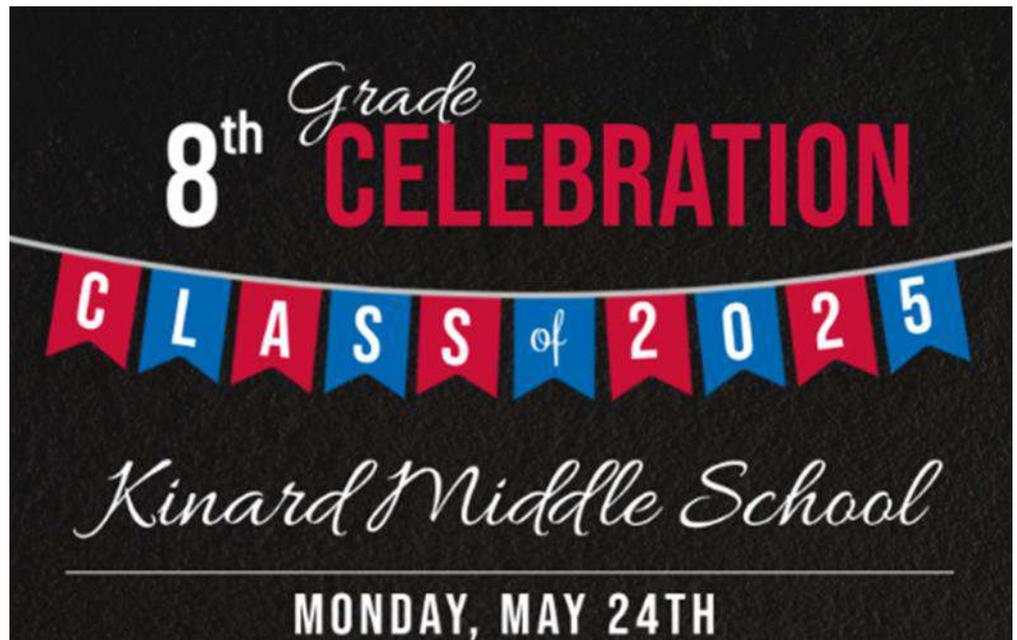
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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration

Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders- please mark your calendars for **Monday, May 24** for our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration. We are in the process of planning and getting approval for an event to honor our incredible 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for their many contributions to Kinard over the last three years. This year's celebration will likely be held outdoors with a limited number of spectators permitted to attend. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!



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### **Here come's the sun...are you prepared?**

As the days warm up, our students and staff are spending more time outside. Especially this year, students are taking mask breaks, eating lunch, or even participating in class activities outside to allow for safer COVID protocols. This does mean students are spending more time outdoors during the school day than normal. Therefore, we recommend considering applying sunscreen before school or bringing a bottle of sunscreen in backpacks to school to be prepared for spending class time outside during the day.

### **School Dress Code**

As the days get warmer and we shed our winter wardrobes, we want to remind our school community about the dress code. At Kinard, we follow the PSD dress code, which can be found in the [2020-21 Student Rights and Code of Conduct](#) booklet. Students at Kinard are encouraged to dress in a neat and appropriate manner that reflects pride in themselves and their school. Clothing should permit the student to participate in all school-related activities, regardless of weather.

- Clothing must cover the torso and should not reveal personal garments.
- Shirts with no straps or very narrow straps, or shirts too revealing are not appropriate attire for a school setting; short shorts also fall into this category.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Hats should be removed when inside the building, unless part of a celebration/event or necessary for an individual due to special circumstances.

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## Clean Water Fundraiser

One of our current 7<sup>th</sup> graders is currently coordinating a fundraiser to support access to clean water around the world. If you would like to support her cause and encourage her service learning and caring spirit, you can donate cash in the Kinard main office or donate online at [csdw.org](http://csdw.org). See flyer below for more details. If you donate online and are willing to share the amount, please email Erin LaRue at [elarue@psdschools.org](mailto:elarue@psdschools.org) so we can help this student track her fundraising progress. Thanks for your generosity, Kinard!

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Donations will begin April 15th.

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### **New Immunization Exemption Process for 2021-22**

Please see the information below from Poudre School District and the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment:

Getting vaccinated is an important part of school readiness and keeps children from catching and spreading diseases that can make them sick. We wish you and your student a healthy school year!

#### **Required and recommended vaccines**

- Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private, or parochial kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent, unless a certificate of exemption is filed. For more information, visit [cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines). Your student must be vaccinated against:
  - ◇ 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. You can view recommended vaccine schedules at [cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/parents-adults/resources-parents.html](https://cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/parents-adults/resources-parents.html).
- Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease and human papillomavirus, but are not required.

#### **Exclusion from school**

- Your student may be excluded from school if your school does not have an up-to-date vaccine record, certificate of exemption, or in-process plan for your student on file.
- If someone gets sick with a vaccine-preventable disease or there is an outbreak at your student's school and your student has not

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received the vaccine for that disease, they may be excluded from school activities. That could mean lost learning time for them and lost work and wages for you. For example, if your student has not received a MMR vaccine, they may be excluded from school for 21 days after someone gets sick with measles.

#### **Have questions?**

- You may want to talk to a healthcare provider licensed to give vaccines or your local public health agency about which vaccines your student needs or if you have questions. You can read about the safety and importance of vaccines at [SpreadTheVaxFacts.com](https://www.spreadthevaxfacts.com), [ImmunizeForGood.com](https://www.immunizeforgood.com), and [cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-education](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-education).

#### **Paying for vaccinations**

- If you need help finding free or low-cost vaccines and providers who give them, go to [COVax4Kids.org](https://www.covax4kids.org), contact your local public health agency, or call the state health department's Family Health Line at 1-303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777. You can find your local public health agency at [cdphe.colorado.gov/find-your-local-public-health-agency](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/find-your-local-public-health-agency).

#### **Vaccination records**

- Please take your student's updated vaccine record to school every time they receive a vaccine.
- Need to find your student's vaccine record? It may be available from the Colorado Immunization Information System. Visit [COVaxRecords.org](https://www.covaxrecords.org) for more information.

#### **Exemptions**

- If your student cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit a *Certificate of Medical Exemption* to your school, signed by a health care provider licensed to give vaccines. You only need to submit this certificate once, unless your student's information or school changes. You can get the form at [cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions).

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- If you choose not to have your student vaccinated according to the current recommended schedule because of personal belief or religious reasons, you must submit a *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* to your school.

**Nonmedical exemptions must be submitted annually at every new school year (July 1st through June 30th of the following year).** There are two ways to file a nonmedical exemption:

- File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* WITH a signature from an immunizing provider, OR
- File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* received upon the completion of our online education module.

*Downloadable certificates and our online education module are available at [cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions).*

#### **How's your school doing on vaccinations?**

- Some parents, especially those with students who have weakened immune systems, may want to know which schools have the highest percent of vaccinated students. Schools must report immunization and exemption numbers (but not student names or birth dates) to the state health department annually. Schools do not control their specific immunization and exemption rates or establish the Vaccinated Children Standard described in C.R.S. 25-4-911. Schools must include their MMR immunization and exemption rates from the most recently completed school year in this letter. Schools may choose to also include immunization and exemption rates for other school-required vaccines. Additional immunization and exemption rates can be found at [COVaxRates.org](https://COVaxRates.org).
- For a full list of MMR immunization and exemption rates, listed by school, please [visit this page on the Poudre School District website](#).

### PSD Stem-X Summer Programs

See the flyer and website link below to learn about PSD's Stem-X summer program.



The flyer features a central graphic of a blue brain filled with various STEM-related icons such as a rocket, books, a laptop, a lightbulb, a gear, and a funnel. To the left, a colorful burst of lines radiates from the word 'STEM-X'. The background is light blue with gear patterns.

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