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Mustang News

Welcome

Dear Kinard Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-21 academic school year! We hope that you and your child (ren) have experienced a smooth and supported transition back to school this fall. Middle school transitions include very intentional planning and processes, which help parents and students at each grade level. While we all know this year will be like no other, we are committed to working together to create the greatest possible learning experience for every one of our Mustangs.


The core of our mission is to ensure high levels of learning for all students, preparing them for success in high school, college, and beyond. As we challenge students academically with the rigorous Core Knowledge sequence, we also support students with the developmental tasks that are inherent during early adolescence.



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Welcome

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Thank you for joining us at Kinard, and we look forward to an exciting school year!

Respectfully,
The Administrative Team

Get to Know Your School

Want to learn a bit more about our building and what makes Kinard so special? Click the photo to watch a video to learn about Kinard's designation as a Green Ribbon School and how we're paving the way in energy efficiency and conservation!



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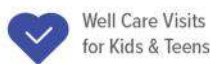
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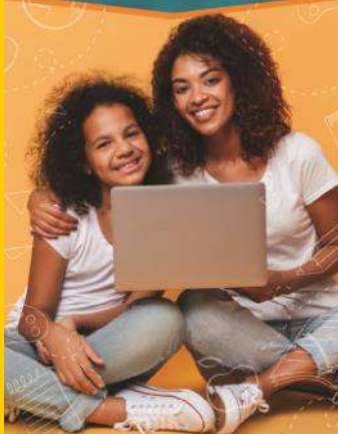
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[Click here](#) to view the Staff Directory on our website for all other staff contact information.

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Kinard's Daily Remote Learning Schedule

See below for our daily schedule that we will follow while in remote learning for at least the first quarter of the school year.

Kinard Daily Remote Learning Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15-9:05	Period 1- Synchronous Learning				Asynchronous Learning and Support
9:15-10:05	Period 3- Synchronous Learning				
10:15-11:05	Period 5- Synchronous Learning				
11:15-12:05	Period 7- Synchronous Learning				
12:05-1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1:00-1:40	ELO- Synchronous Check-in	ELO- Synchronous Check-in	ELO- Synchronous Check-in	ELO- Synchronous Check-in	
1:40-3:10	Asynchronous Learning and Support	Asynchronous Learning and Support	Asynchronous Learning and Support	Asynchronous Learning and Support	

Having Tech Trouble?



If your child experiences issues with technology and/or their school laptop during remote learning, please email marniea@psdschools.org or call (970) 488-5418 to report the problem.

Kinard Website

Our school website is a valuable resource and can often be used as a primary source of information. Visit <http://kin.pdschools.org> to find:

- Teacher Learning Pages Websites and Contact Info
- Synergy - StudentVue/ParentVue Login
- Mustang News
- Sports and Club Information
- Kinard's Activity Calendar
- Daily Schedules

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Virtual Back to School Night

This year, we will be hosting Back to School Night remotely. Our teachers and staff are hard at work putting together videos and resources that will provide information and insight into a student's learning experience at Kinard. The Virtual Back to School Night will begin with a live YouTube premiere kick-off video and message from the Kinard administration. From there, we will share how to access all individual teachers' videos and resources. **Save the date of Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m. for the video premieres.** Please note: if your family is not available at this date or time, don't worry! The videos will be available any day after this date for you to view at your convenience.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Due to safety restrictions and limits to in-person gatherings, Kinard will not be hosting our traditional parent/teacher conference evenings this fall. If you have a question or a need to reach out to a Kinard staff member or one of your child's teachers, please do so at any time. We are always available to help and support! For a complete list of staff contact information, see our [staff directory](#).

Order Your Kinard Spirit Gear!

Are you looking to get in the Mustang spirit with some cool new Kinard shirts or hoodies? Order now from Gojo Sports! [Click here](#) to purchase online. Our first ordering window closes October 3rd so order now to get your gear as soon as possible. We will offer a second ordering window later in the fall.

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Class Materials Distribution

Many of our teachers want to provide class-specific materials to students in order to support their learning from home. Below is useful information regarding this process that will take place on September 14th, 15th and 16th.

Additionally, Skillman Photography will be in attendance during all three material distribution days. Please ensure that you attend your assigned time in order to get your 2020-2021 school picture taken. ([Click here](#) to view and print the order form.)

Schedule:

We will be running materials distribution in the afternoon, once students have completed synchronous class time and lunch. On the designated day by grade level, **students in that grade level will not have ELO class**. To support safety precautions and minimize group sizes, we have divided each day into 30-minute timeslots based on student last name.

- **Monday, September 14th: 6th grade only**
- **Tuesday, September 15th: 7th grade only**
- **Wednesday, September 16th: 8th grade only**

- Last names A-C: 1:00 p.m.
- Last names D-G: 1:30 p.m.
- Last names H-L: 2:00 p.m.
- Last names M-O: 2:30 p.m.
- Last names P-S: 3:00 p.m.
- Last names T-Z: 3:30 p.m.

*If you have multiple students across more than one grade-level, please contact Sophia Effler (488-5407 or at seffler@psdschools.org) to schedule a specific material distribution time for your family.

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Class Materials Distribution

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Important Logistical Information:

- Masks must be worn at all times, including outside of the building. If students/parents arrive without a mask, they will not be permitted in the building. (Please note that students will be allowed to remove their masks to get their picture taken.)
- Physical distancing requirements (6 feet between individuals) must be followed at all times.
- Individuals showing signs or symptoms of illness (fever, cough, congestion, shortness of breath, etc.) may not enter the building. If you are experiencing any symptoms on your assigned day, please contact us for alternate options.
- Please park in our south (front) parking lot. You will enter through the **Media Center** doors located on the southeast end of the building.
- We have scheduled a maximum of 50 students per 30-minute timeslot to allow for proper safety and social distancing requirements to be followed. Therefore, only come during your alphabet breakdown time slot and arrive as close as possible to your assigned time.

Reporting an Absence for Your Child



As a reminder, **attendance will be taken in every class period, including ELO, Monday-Thursday**. If your student is absent, you will need to report this information to Kinard. You can still call in to our attendance line to excuse their absence, just as you would do during in-person learning. You can reach our attendance line 24 hours per day at (970) 488-5401.

New this year- you can also report an absence for your child via [ParentVUE](#). If you would like to learn more about this option, [click here](#).

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Counselors' Corner

Welcome back to school from Mrs. Young and Ms. Irvine! We are looking forward to working with students and parents to support the social, emotional and academic growth of all students, as well as their transition to online learning this year. Below are some of the ways we are doing that this fall.

- With the assistance of our 60 amazing 8th grade Mustang Mentors, we will be supporting 6th graders in their transition to middle school. If you have a 6th grader, they will be receiving communication from their Mustang Mentor soon and throughout the year.
- In September, we will visit 6th grade ELO classrooms to introduce ourselves, share how we support students, and how to connect with us. We are looking forward to getting to know our new Mustangs!
- 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will work with us on their ICAP (Individualized Career and Academic Plan) by exploring their interests and learning styles. More info to come, as those classroom visits and lessons take place in ELO periods.

We will be reaching out to students all year in order to connect with them individually and provide personal support using tools such as email, phone calls, and invitations to meet with us online. We realize there is not only remote learning and schoolwork to manage right now but also many emotions. We are here to work with students, parents, and families as you navigate middle school and adolescence, so please don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

Mrs. Patti Young has students with last names starting with A-G
pyoung@psdschools.org --- 488-5406

Ms. Karen Irvine has students with last names starting with H-Z
kirvine@psdschools.org --- 488-5408

Look for activities in October related to future exploration of careers and post-secondary choices.

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School Meals During Remote Learning

Ensuring kids have access to nutritious meals during the 2020-21 school year is a top priority. PSD Child Nutrition and the Transportation Departments have teamed up to make sure meals are available to students at several locations across the district while PSD is in remote learning through Oct. 16. [Click here](#) for more info and a list of distribution locations. One location is right here in Kinard's main (south) parking lot!



Any child 18 or younger can get two sack meals. One sack lunch for that day and a sack breakfast for the following morning. Students do not have to be there in-person to receive meals. Meals are available 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, at numerous PSD schools and additional locations (on scheduled school days). There is no cost for these meals.

Additionally, if your child received Free and Reduced Lunch last year, you may be eligible for money that can help make up the cost of feeding your child during the school closure last spring. Click on this [link](#) for more information.

Does Your Child Need School Supplies?

Thanks to some generous community donors, Kinard has several extra backpacks and student school supply kits for families in need. If you have a financial need for support and could use supplies to help your child learn successfully this year, reach out to your child's counselor:

- Patti Young (students with last names A-G): pyoung@psdschools.org or 488-5406
- Karen Irvine (students with last names H-Z): kirvine@psdschools.org or 488-5408

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PSD Code of Conduct

As part of registration, you should have electronically acknowledged through Parent/StudentVUE that you have read the 2020-21 Student Rights & Code of Conduct. If you have not yet done so, please make time to review the PSD academic and behavioral expectations with your child in PSD's [Student Code of Conduct](#).

School Clubs

Kinard has historically offered a wide variety of extra-curricular school clubs. Clubs are a wonderful way for students to meet new friends, explore their passions and interests, provide services to our greater community, and find connection to our school. Now that we have had some time to get remote teaching and learning underway this year, we are working hard to add to our complete educational experience for our Mustangs. We are hopeful that many of our clubs can get started around October, even if we continue in a remote learning setting. Stay tuned for more details on clubs starting this fall by checking our [website](#) and reading future emails and newsletters.

Mustang Fall Athletics

As a reminder, PSD has decided to pause middle school athletics at this time with the goal of hopefully offering a modified season for all ten sports after the holiday break beginning in early January. This decision follows weighted discussion over the needs of student-athletes, logistics of the middle school sports program, pandemic-related health recommendations and careful review of CHSAA, State of Colorado and Larimer County guidance. Our district will continue to monitor public health reports for guidance in assessing future sports activities during the upcoming academic year.

The PSD athletic department is committed to supporting and reimagining the experience for student-athletes during these unprecedented times. We will continue our efforts moving forward to be champions of health and safety in our schools and communities, while strategically and safely preparing for a return to in-person operations. When the time comes for us to return to action, we will do what we do best- provide meaningful opportunities for our students to excel and bring our community together. Stay tuned for more details coming next semester!

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Health Office News

Welcome to Kinard, if you are new, or welcome back to our returning families! This is a reminder for the required 6th grade Tdap vaccination prior to entering middle school or any personal/religious exemptions you may have chosen last school year. There is also an overview of medications and ParentVUE for Kinard's health office.



Immunizations & Exemptions

- * Your student should have received the required Tdap vaccination prior to entering 6th grade. Please email the Tdap record to Heather Julian (hjulian@psdschools.org) if you have not done so; this mostly applies to 6th grade families or if you are new to PSD.
- * If you previously did an exemption but have since received any required vaccinations, please provide proof of that immunization record by emailing a copy to Heather Julian (hjulian@psdschools.org).
- * If you want to continue your religious or personal exemption on any required vaccinations, please fill out a new online form every school year by visiting <https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/vaccine-exemptions>. Please email a copy of this exemption form to Heather Julian (hjulian@psdschools.org).

ParentVUE

If you are not sure about your student's submitted immunizations, please view their records on [ParentVUE](#). ParentVUE has an app or you can access it from the Poudre School District website.

In ParentVUE – Under Health:

- You can view [Nurse Visits](#) – how many times your student has visited the health office
- You can view [Health Conditions](#) – anything you need to add/change here, you can do so at the beginning of the school year by emailing our school nurse (Please do so every year so we can have the most accurate health information on file)
- You can view [Immunizations](#) – you can see what we currently have on file for records and it will show you if you are compliant or non-compliant

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Health Office News

Medications at School

If you need forms for any health/medication needs for the health office when we return to in-person learning or to self-carry emergency medications during the 2020-2021 school year, please visit the [Poudre School District website](#). Review and print section 6. Consent for taking medication at school and section 8. Health care action plans for the correct paperwork. Self-carry is allowed and encouraged in middle school for emergency medications only such as Inhalers, Epinephrine injections, Benadryl (severe allergies only), Glucagon, etc. Some families have their student self-carry (backpack/locker/PE locker for after school activities, clubs, athletics, field trips, walking home, etc.) and then store a second medication in the health office if they want. Kinard staff is delegated every school year to help & administer a self-carry Epinephrine injection (EpiPen, etc.). New paperwork is needed every school year and should be filled out by your health care provider. **The completed paperwork and medication (double check expiration date) can be turned in to Kinard's health office by a parent at the beginning of our next in-person learning session.**



If you have any questions regarding immunizations or health needs for Kinard during the 2020-2021 school year, please contact both or either one of us. Thank you!

- ◆ Heather Julian, Kinard Health Tech, hjulian@psdschools.org
- ◆ Kim Williamson, Kinard School Nurse, kwilliamson@psdschools.org
Mobile: 970-222-8316
- ◆ Kinard Health Office FAX: 970-488-5433 (please send an email when you are sending a FAX, so we know to look for it)