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Mustang News

Thank You, Volunteers!

February was a month of celebration as we recognized our counselors during *National School Counseling Week* and our classified staff during *Classified Appreciation Week*. We are very thankful to our parent community for helping show our gratitude to our staff with festivities during these two weeks. Most significantly, many generous and helpful parents provided and served food at our Sweetheart Luncheon for all staff on February 14. Our staff always have rave reviews of these events, and we are so grateful to have the support of our community.



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NJHS Inducts New Members

On February 26, Kinard inducted 67 new 6th, 7th, and 8th graders into our chapter of NJHS. National Junior Honor Society was founded in 1929 with 5 main purposes: to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to encourage responsible citizenship, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. Congratulations! We look forward to all the amazing things you will do for our community.



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4 Week Long Sessions:
August 28 - September 22
September 25 - October 20
October 23 - November 17
November 27 - December 22

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ASCENT STUDIO

MathCounts Team and Individual Competitors Headed to State Competition

The Kinard MathCounts team traveled to UNC recently to compete at the Northern Colorado Chapter's MathCounts Competition. Eight students competed as individuals, and four additional students competed as a team. They have been working hard in the after-school club each week since September, and their hard work paid off!

We had 6 students make it to the countdown round, meaning they were in the top 10 individuals at the competition (out of 83 students) and they had to go head to head against each other for top spots. Our team of Riley Wang, Ellie Wang, Neo Luo, and Erika Tang won first place! Riley also placed first overall in the competition. Neo placed third, Joseph Lee placed fourth, Angela Wang placed fifth, and Yihan Jing placed sixth! These seven students will be competing at the state competition in a few short weeks.

Join us in congratulating these amazing students and their coach Mrs. Williams!



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Spelling Bee Winner Advances to State Competition!

Please join us in congratulating 8th grader Devika Nair for placing in the top eleven spellers in the PSD Spelling Bee. Her impressive performance has earned her a spot to compete at the Colorado State Spelling Bee for the second year in a row. Congratulations, Devika!



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CARES Volunteer Field Trip

Our Kinard CARES students gave back to the community recently by volunteering their time at [Vindeket Foods](#) where they helped prep boxes and shelves of rescued food from our community. The founder of Vindeket, Nathan, also came to present to our CARES class and educated them about food waste. Did you know that 40% of all the food produced in America is wasted? Vindeket, a non-profit food rescue that partners with grocery stores, restaurants, and farms to reduce wasted food, is doing something about that! Check them out!



Orchestra Guest Presenter

[Daniel Delaney](#) is a cellist, composer, and teacher who volunteered his time to work with each one of our Orchestra classes here at Kinard!

Mr. Delaney performed a couple of Irish tunes and a piece of his own creation called, "Traffic" for the students, then led them through an improvisation lesson. He built upon their knowledge of the major and minor scales and taught them how to use those to improvise over a backing track he created and shared with us, then also taught the students how to "Chop" and then play their own rhythmic accompaniment! It was a great unique day of music-making and learning!



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				

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Spring Sports

Our spring sports season is just around the corner. Our spring sports consist of girls softball, boys and girls golf, boys and girls track and field, and boys and girls unified basketball. To participate in any sport, all student athletes must be registered through [SportsEngine](#), must have a current physical on file at Kinard, and must have paid the \$140 registration fee per sport (\$70 for unified basketball) through [SchoolPay](#). For detailed information on each sport, please see the email from our athletic director, Kyle Healy, which was sent on 2/19/24. For information on how to complete each registration step, [please visit our registration page by clicking here.](#)

Student Supplies

As we enter the last quarter of the year, we tend to notice that some students begin to run low on school supplies. Please check with your child to ensure they have sufficient school supplies left to help them finish the year successfully prepared for classes each day. The supplies we often notice dwindling include pencils, graph paper, and dry-erase markers. A quick check of your child's locker may even uncover some supplies they didn't even know they had!

Student Laptops: Bring To School Every Day *and* Plug In Every Night

Please remind students to **plug in their laptops every night** so that they bring a fully charged laptop to school every day. This will be especially important during CMAS testing.



Also, please have your child **restart their computer after March 12, 2024**, to allow it to process all monthly updates and be fully functional before returning to school on March 18. This will help your student to easily log into their laptop when returning to school after Spring Break.

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Important Yearbook Information

There is still a limited amount of 2023-2024 Kinard yearbooks available for purchase! Make sure that your student 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. 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!

Info from Our Kitchen Staff

Did you know students can now purchase the salad bar as an a la carte item? For \$3, a student can get just the salad bar during lunch. While we encourage students to take advantage of the free meal option, students can purchase individual items for a la carte prices. Please note that if a student wants fresh fruits or vegetables as part of the free meal, they must also take a main entree. Only fruits and vegetables would be charged the \$3 salad bar fee.

SRO Corner

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Team is excited for March, and we are getting closer to spring! This month's SRO Corner will be on harassment and the Youth Police Academy.

What is harassment in the eyes of the law, as it has many categories in the Colorado Revised Statutes? The law starts with the intent to harass, annoy, or alarm another person, then it begins to cover several categories of harassment. The categories are touching another person, directing language or gestures at another person, communication online or through phones, calling someone at inconvenient hours, and taunting or challenging others. What's important for students and families to remember is that when it comes to harassment, the law looks at how the person who is being harassed felt, not what the other person may have meant. To avoid allegations of harassment, our suggestions include being kind to each other and remembering we all have different opinions, so it's important to be respectful, open-minded, and have empathy for each other. If all else fails, then find a trusted adult and ask them for help. It is also okay to turn off

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SRO Corner

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your phone, unplug your device, or walk away from someone before they go too far down the path towards harassment.

Now for the exciting part, Youth Police Academy (YPA)! Calling All High Schoolers!

This is a FREE opportunity for high school students to experience law enforcement, including areas of crime scene investigations, building searches, K9s, first responder displays, SWAT, and much more. The program is four days long and has hands-on activities, interactive demonstrations, and team building opportunities. If your student attends a Poudre School District high school, contact your School Resource Officer for an application when they open starting in April. Non-PSD students in grades 9-12 can email eweis@fcgov.com for an application.

Have a wonderful March!

Thank You from 8th Grade Science

Thank you to everyone who donated a dollar to offset the CO₂ our paper roller coaster projects are creating in 8th grade science. Not only is carbon stored in the paper but additional carbon is released during the paper manufacturing process (harvesting trees, transportation, etc.). With your donations, our Global Leadership class was able to get enough sea trees and kelp planted to pull over 7,500 kg of CO₂ out of our atmosphere (more than the paper created). This was a great way to show our students how they can be environmentally responsible.



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Summer School Option for 8th graders

Registration for Session 1 of Poudre School District's summer school program is now open, and Session 2 will open in May. Classes are free for current 8th - 12th grade PSD students. Students can take multiple courses but will complete one at a time. Information about this year's PSD HS Summer School offerings can be found here: summer.psdschools.org

Summer School will be offered in two sessions.

- Monday, April 1 - 8:00 am - Thursday, May 23 – 3:00 pm
- Thursday, June 3 - 8:00 am - Friday, June 28 - 3:00 pm

Students should notify their home school and use home school laptops for summer school. Students who plan to take Physical Education should register for this class first (students who complete all of the online work with a passing grade and are working on their 40 hours of physical fitness logs will be allowed to start a second class early).

If you have any questions, you can contact Kinard's school counselors:

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

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

Health Office Donation Request

Our health office often provides feminine hygiene products for any student who may need some during the school day. Previously, a generous community member helped by donating items to keep our supply stocked with various items; however, we no longer have this resource and are running low on some items. Therefore, if you'd be willing to donate any feminine hygiene products to our health office, we would greatly appreciate the kind gesture.

Products that get used often are regular absorbency tampons, ultra-thin pads with regular or super absorbency (size 1 & size 2), and new cotton underwear of various sizes.

If you have any questions, please call or email Heather Julian, Health Tech, at hjulian@psdschools.org or 970-488-5441.

Donations can be dropped off at the main office or health office at your convenience.

Thank you for your support!

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School Transportation Safety Assessment

Poudre School District staff is working with the City of Fort Collins, consulting firm Next Phase Engineering, and Safe Routes as part of a school transportation safety assessment. There are five schools, including Kinard, that are a part of the study this school year. The study will result in recommendations to improve traffic operations, infrastructure, and other variables to create better options for Kinard students who bike, walk, roll, or take transit to school. The study may also provide recommendations on optimal traffic circulation and management of motorized vehicles traveling to/from school.

We would like to share an opportunity for Kinard families to provide input to help inform the study and its recommendations. Following is a link to an online survey provided by the National Center for Safe Routes to School. The survey is completely anonymous and available in English and Spanish. Please consider completing this survey by March 10, 2024.

<http://www.saferoutesdata.org/surveyformparent.cfm?key=513581>

PSD's United for Prevention: Parenting in the Know

Please join our High School Substance Use Counselors, Deans, and SROs for a night of education to learn more about Vaping, Harm Reduction, and the Opioid Crisis on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 from 6:30pm-7:45pm at Fort Collins High School (flier linked [HERE](#)). This presentation is free, and there is no need to RSVP. The presentation is geared towards educating parents of teenagers on the current trends we are seeing in our schools around substance use. You can expect to learn many of the effects of different substances on the teenage brain and body, methods of education and harm reduction to support youth addiction, and become more familiar with the PSD Code of Conduct in regards to drugs and alcohol on our campuses. This district wide event will be hosted at Fort Collins High School in the McNeal Auditorium. Please plan to join us for the presentation beginning at 6:30pm and ending at 7:45pm. Please plan to park on the North side of FCHS, entering the parking lot from Timberline Road or Vermont Drive. You can enter the school at the McNeal Auditorium entrance on the Northwest side of the school, or through the North entrance next to the North parking lot.

PSD's United for Prevention: Parenting in the Know

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We will also be live streaming the event for any who cannot attend that evening at the link provided below. We will also have a YouTube link of the live stream recording available on our PSD Mental Health Matters website, also linked below, for those who are unable to attend the event, or watch the live stream.

Link to the livestream: <https://www.twitch.tv/jghermanson>

PSD Mental Health Matters Website: <https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/mental-health-matter/home>

United for Prevention
Parenting in the Know

March 5, 2024



Code of Conduct
Substance Use
Harm Reduction

Deans, SROs, and Substance Use Counselors talk about Vaping, Harm Reduction, and the Opioid Crisis. We will be discussing the Code of Conduct and education around substances.

6:30 PM - 7:45PM

**A DISTRICT EVENT
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McNeal Auditorium
on the northwest side of the school

PSD's Mental Health Matters Event

Mental Health Matters is back for a ninth year, this time at Fossil Ridge High School. The April 16 event is from 5:15 to 8:30 p.m. and will feature a mental health resource fair; a keynote address from Michael Kutcher, who will discuss embracing a mindset of strength and possibility; and breakout sessions on various mental health topics. [Follow this link to the Mental Health Matters website to learn more.](#)



The poster features a teal background with decorative circular patterns. It is divided into several sections: a top right section with the event title, a middle left section for the keynote speaker, a middle right section for the resource fair, and a bottom left section for breakout sessions. A QR code is located in the bottom right, and a URL is at the very bottom. Logos for Poudre School District and a 'It's Okay to Ask for Help' emblem are also present.

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Hosted at
Fossil Ridge High School
April 16, 2024

6:00P-7:30P



Keynote Speaker
Michael Kutcher

Michael shares his extraordinary journey of triumph over seemingly insurmountable challenges. He offers a powerful message of perseverance, resilience, and self-empowerment through personal anecdotes and hard-won insights. Michael discusses embracing a mindset of strength and possibility.

5:15P-7:45P

Resource Fair: Community agencies providing Mental Health and Wellness support



7:45P-8:30P

Break Out Sessions with K-12 mental health topics including resiliency, mindful communication, emotional regulation, social media awareness, etc.



For more information go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/PSD-MentalHealthMatters>

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FRHS Cheer Tryouts

Attention 8th graders headed to Fossil Ridge High School next year! See the information below if you're interested in trying out for the FRHS cheer team. Visit frhscheer.com for more details.

REGISTER FOR 2024-2025 CHEER TRYOUTS NOW!



FOSSIL RIDGE CHEER TRYOUTS

COME JOIN OUR FAMILY!



NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH - TUMBLE CLINIC

4:15PM – 5:45PM FRHS GYM

****MUST REGISTER FOR THIS CLINIC SEPARATELY****

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD - TRYOUT CLINIC

4:15PM – 6:15PM FRHS GYM

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH - TRYOUTS DAY 1

4:15PM – 6:15PM FRHS GYM

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH - TRYOUTS DAY 2

4:15PM – 6:15PM FRHS GYM

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH - TRYOUTS DAY 3

9:00AM – 2:00PM FRHS GYM

**MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION
AT [FRHSCHEER.COM](https://frhscheer.com)**

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CSU Junior High Track Clinic

Spots are still available, register today! Take your sprinting, hurdling, throwing, or jumping to the next level at the CSU Junior High Track Clinic on March 17. This is an excellent opportunity for athletes to learn and explore the sport through instruction from distinguished coaches and athletes. High school and junior high coaches can attend this camp free of charge.

[Register by clicking here!](#)

CSU's Introduce a Girl to Engineering

See the flier and website linked below for an awesome opportunity for girls interested in STEM and Science fields.

Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day

Day long event that introduces
middle school girls to the
world of engineering

April 13th 2024

Colorado State University
Scott Bioengineering Building

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