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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 2024-25 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 at Back to School Night. 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

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.

Kinard Community Extravaganza!

Mark your calendars for an evening of fun, food, and wellness! 🍷 On Thursday, September 5, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, we're hosting our annual Kinard Community Extravaganza. It will be four events in one epic celebration!

🎂 20th Birthday Celebration: Celebrate Kinard's 20th birthday with us! We are proud of our history and want to share a special evening with our former and current Mustangs!

🍔 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!

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Kinard Community Extravaganza!

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 Wellness Fair: Take a break from the delicious treats and explore our wellness fair, where you can learn about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Engage in interactive activities, get valuable health tips, and discover resources that promote physical and mental well-being.

 Taste of Kinard: Our award-winning choir has been invited to perform in England in December 2024. As part of their fundraising efforts, they are sponsoring a Taste of Kinard as part of the evening’s festivities. Tokens will be available for purchase on the choir [website](#) and can be exchanged for dessert samples. These will be in addition to a few food trucks that will also be selling desserts.

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](#).

Bring your family and friends, umbrellas, lawn chairs or blankets, and we’ll see you in the Kinard courtyard and athletic fields on September 5th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Cecilia Bonertz, Academic Dean, at cbonertz@psdschools.org.  



KINARD COMMUNITY EXTRAVAGANZA

KINARD’S 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

FOUR EVENTS. ONE EPIC CELEBRATION

FOOD TRUCK RALLY

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

Bring your own blankets, chairs & sun covers.





TASTE OF KINARD

Sample Ice Cream from Shoppes All Over Fort Collins!

Tickets = \$10 (gets you 5 tokens). \$2.50 for additional tokens.

WELLNESS FAIR

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



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2024
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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Exciting News from Our Orchestra Program

We are excited to share that our Symphony Orchestra has been accepted to perform at the National Orchestra Festival in Atlanta, Georgia in March 2025. Congratulations, Mustang musicians and Mrs. Griffey!



To help the Symphony Orchestra raise funds for the trip, they will be hosting a Silent Auction (more info coming soon!) and are seeking community donations. They will also have a fundraiser at Panera on September 16. See the fliers below for details.

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Donations Needed!!!

HELP THE KINARD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ATTEND NATIONALS IN ATLANTA!

MUSTANG FAMILIES!!!

We need your support in collecting items for our upcoming SILENT AUCTION to help our Kinard Orchestra raise money to attend the National Orchestra Festival in Atlanta!

Any type of donation is welcome. Get creative and think out of the box. What kind of talents do you have that you could offer as a service or provide a lesson, Do you have any memorabilia items? Maybe some gift cards that you haven't used. Do you own your own business and could offer your product or services? Maybe you have a vacation home that you could donate a weekend getaway or season tickets to an event? We appreciate your support for this once in a lifetime opportunity!

Donations Due by September 21st!

Donation Contact:
Jennifer Thomas
970-732-0362
jthomas0814@yahoo.com



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Exciting News from Our Orchestra Program

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20% of sales will benefit
**Kinard Middle School
Symphony Orchestra**

September 16, 2024
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
2721 Council Tree Avenue
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Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.

Panera
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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 6. Thank you!

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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 band students.



DATE: Saturday, September 28th

LOCATION: Kinard Middle School

SCHEDULE: 11:30am 5K race

12:45pm Reverse Parade and Fun Run

5K DETAILS: The 5K features a chip-timed race designed to show the beauty of the neighborhoods by Kinard Middle School. Enjoy the music along the course provided by the Kinard and Fossil Ridge bands.

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 band? 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 band, but you don't have to lift a foot!

Sign-up by September 9th to be guaranteed a tech t-shirt for the race!

Register online at www.kinardband.com/5k.

Student Absences and Early Pick-ups

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 "Contacts"), 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 260 6th graders on August 14. We will be visiting 6th grade ELOs in September 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, and additionally how to handle conflict or bullying situations. Visits to 7th and 8th grade classrooms will happen later this fall.

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 19th (½ of 7th grade PE students) or September 20th (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 gun- 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 19 and Friday, September 20. 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 second 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 Thursday, October 3.
Permission forms will be distributed later in September.

While at the event on October 3, 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 & Marketing
4. Computer Science
5. Creative & Arts
6. Education
7. Engineering, Construction, & Manufacturing
8. Health Science
9. Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation
10. Public Safety, Criminal Justice, & Military

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: Tuesday, September 10, 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 NEW options for ALP Goals and upcoming GT related events. 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](#)

Save the Date for an Upcoming Parent Night - Thursday, September 19

We are planning a parent information night for Thursday, September 19, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. 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. More information will be communicated soon.

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School Accountability Committee

We are reaching out to all parents/guardians to extend an invitation to serve on our 2024-2025 School Accountability Committee (SAC). **Our first SAC meeting for the year will be held on Monday, September 16 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.

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 science assessments in a PSD school last spring.

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

- ◇ 2024 reports are not yet available but should be soon! In the meantime, you can view results from previous years.
- ◇ CMAS_2024 (or other year) - These reports provide information about your student's mastery of skills and concepts in the stated subject area.
- ◇ CMASGrowth - These reports show growth as measured by the ELA and math assessments. Growth data is only available for students who took assessments in both the current and previous years.

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Standardized Assessment Results *continued*

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 2024 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.

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!

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2024

CANVAS STADIUM

COMMUNITY CLASSIC

TIMNATH VS WELLINGTON
4:30 PM

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VS POUDBRE
7:30 PM

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OUTSIDE THE STADIUM
STARTING AT 3:30 PM

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- US ARMY ACTIVITIES
- LIVE DJ

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Important Yearbook Information

The 2024-25 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. 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 September 9)
- Lego Robotics (starting now- student interest meeting in ELO on September 4)
- MathCounts: Calling all mathematicians! MathCounts (our math competition and problem-solving club) will start meeting on September 10 after school in the Media Center. We will meet on Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:00 PM in the Media Center to practice problem solving. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Williams (awilliams@psdschools.org). Hope to see you there!

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Student Clubs & Extra-Curricular Activities

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- National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) (starts in October for returning members; new members can apply in January)
- STEM Club (starts mid-October)
- Science Olympiad: Calling all Mustang scientists! Science Olympiad will be hosting a joint student interest meeting in ELO on September 4 with Lego Robotics in Mr. Berthold's room at 2:35 p.m. We will also be hosting a parent/guardian informational meeting on Thursday, September 12 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend but are interested in helping to coach a Science O event this year, use the QR code to complete the coach interest form. Questions? Reach out to Mrs. Murphy (kaylam@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!!



This year, your School Resource Officer team is going to be sharing topics monthly in school newsletters to engage with parents and send home some tips for safety both at school and home. This month we are going to be discussing the role of the School Resource Officer within Poudre School District.

Your Fort Collins Police School Resource Officers are certified police officers who have all received basic and advanced police training through the Fort Collins Police, as well as a nationally accredited Police Academy. We all come from different walks of life, but all have the same basic skills and abilities. Many of us have advanced skills in things like Crime Scene Investigation, Traffic Accident Reconstruction, Forensic Investigations, Crisis Negotiation, Bicycle Safety and Operation, Medical Skills, SWAT operations, Firearms, Arrest Control, and other specialized skills. We all then have been through a School Resource Officer school which is a national certification from National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) to become SROs and work within the schools.

Your SROs are taught the concept of “The Triad” during our NASRO School which is the foundation for In School Policing. The Triad concept explains that an SRO should be Three Things:

First and foremost, we are Law Enforcement Officers, meaning we are Sworn Peace Officers capable of investigating crimes, traffic accidents, responding to emergency situations, writing traffic tickets, and of course providing security, safety, and officer presence at all our schools and school events.

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The second component of The Triad is, Mentor. We all have chosen to become SROs not to write tickets but to mentor the youth of our community. We want to help in building high quality young adults and recognize that the better the foundation, the stronger the individual. We mentor students in all manners of life, from good decision making to conflict resolution, as well as mental health and wellbeing. We often counsel on the dangers of drug and alcohol use as well as help students navigate peer conflict. We have found that for students to be successful in their schooling often the only thing missing is one trusted adult. Students have a whole list of adults in the building they can trust for mentoring or counseling, and your SRO offers a new and unique lens for students on how to develop mentally, relationally, scholastically, and socially.

The third component of The Triad is Teaching & Guest Speaking. Often SROs are asked by teachers to come to class and lend our expertise to certain lessons. With all the SROs on the team, that expertise varies greatly from school to school, but often we teach lessons on the Bill of Rights, Traffic Safety, Bicycle Safety, Internet Safety (for both students and parents), Cyber Bullying, or School Safety. SROs have also found themselves teaching on a multitude of other topics as well from photography to physical education, reading to elementary students or giving “Stranger Danger” presentations, helping with mock trials in English or Social Studies classes, the list is endless. We love the opportunity to impact the youth in our community and any chance we are presented to interact in healthy and helpful ways, we are going to jump at the chance!

We are looking forward to a safe and incredible year in Poudre School District and please if you ever have questions, reach out to your SRO! We are on the same PSD schedule as our schools and are always available to help wherever we can!

Keep an eye out for next month’s SRO Corner!

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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

Poudre School District's health services website has been updated over the summer for families to visit regarding any health support your student may need while in PSD.

Within the health services website you can view valuable information on:

[Health Services for Students](#)

- About School Nurses
- About Health Technicians

[Nurses and Health Techs at Schools](#)

[Medications and Health Care Action Plans](#)

- Procedures for Medications
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 - * HCAP & Self-carry form
 - ◇ Diabetes
 - * HCAP & more
 - ◇ Headaches & Migraines
 - * HCAP & Self-carry form
 - ◇ Seizures
 - * HCAP

[Illness Guidelines](#)

Illness and Returning to School Guidelines

If your student is experiencing any illness symptoms, please refer to these return-to-learn guidelines from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Education (CDPHE):

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- [“How Sick is Too Sick” Guidelines](#)
- [¿Qué tan enfermo es demasiado enfermo?](#)

If your student is experiencing fever, diarrhea, and/or vomiting they must be 24-hours symptom free without medication from their last episode to return to school. If symptoms are explained by a specific illness please see criteria for exclusion from school in the CDPHE [Infectious Disease Guidelines in Childcare and School Settings](#).

Immunizations

- Required Vaccines
- Immunization Exemptions
 - ◇ Nonmedical and Medical forms

Here are other pages within the health services website:

[Respiratory Virus Guidelines](#)

[Lice and Bed Bugs](#)

[School-Based Health and Wellness Centers](#)

[Stock Medications](#)

[Vision and Hearing Screenings](#)

[504 and IEP Services](#)

School Meals and Food Allergies/Intolerances

Returning the completed Meal Modification form to the PSD Child Nutrition Office or your student's health office is an important step for the development of safe meal modifications for your child. Determinations on if a student has a disability that restricts their diet are to be made by a licensed physician. Adjusted meals cost the same as regular meals. The school, school nurse, family, student, and physician will work together to best meet the student's needs. For questions, please contact PSD Nutrition Coordinator Becky Wiggins, rwiggins@psdschools.org.

To apply for a medical disability alternative (Meal Modification), please fill out this [Medical Statement for Dietary Disability Form](#).

For more information, please visit the Special Food Needs section within the School Meals section on the PSD website: [Special Food Needs](#)

FRHS Jr. Dance Clinic

See the flier below for an opportunity to learn from Fossil Ridge's Dance Team.

Come Dance With Us!
September 3rd, 2024

PRE K - 8TH GRADE

JR DANCE CLINIC

Fossil Ridge Dance Team



K-8 September 3rd 4:30pm-6:30pm
**Halftime performance at the FRHS Varsity Football Game on Friday, September 6th*

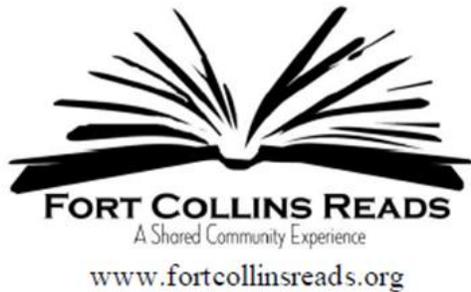
Clinic held at Fossil Ridge High School
Halftime Performance at French Stadium

\$50 PER DANCER
\$30 PER SIBLING

Registration and details: Frhsdance.com

Fort Collins Reads Essay Contest

Calling all aspiring writers! See details below about a community essay contest.



August
2024



Language Arts Teachers and PSD student writers,

For several years Fort Collins Reads has sponsored a writing contest for sixth through twelfth grades, and this year's writing topic celebrates our visiting author Rebecca Kuang. Her book *Yellowface* was a *New York Times* 100 Notable Books of 2023, *Time Magazine's* 100 Must Read Books of 2023, and a Reese's Book Club Pick.

WRITING TOPIC FOR 2024:

Tell a personal story that explains the role social media plays in your life. How important is it, and what are the advantages and dangers you see for young people?

Judges will be Front Range Community College writing students.

Requirements: Submissions ARE DUE MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, should be around 500 words.

Submit here: <https://forms.gle/wyEFVFoLb38CXHN6>

Prizes include a recognition evening on Wednesday, October 23rd, the winners' names in our event program, a gift card for Old Firehouse Books, and a journal. Our 2024 author will have copies of the winning essays.

If you have questions, please contact Marty Marsh from Fort Collins Reads: martymmarsh13@gmail.com