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Mustang News

Kinard's Global Leadership Travels to Costa Rica!

In late March, Kinard's 8th grade Global Leadership class traveled with EF Tours to Costa Rica. The group of 24 traveled to various locations throughout the country including San José, Sarapiquí, Arenal, and Guanacaste. During the journey, they took part in several different activities such as visiting a coffee farm, white water rafting on the Sarapiquí river, snorkeling, visiting a local hot spring, and much more. Students had the chance to serve the community by painting a school, cleaning up their soccer field and even played a game with the students. This taught students the importance of giving when you can, and that "we" is more important than "me." The students also got to go to a local market and learned about the vibrant Costa Rican culture and the basics of Spanish. The students were a little hesitant at first, but once they got comfortable, they almost became fluent. All in all, the Global Leadership class learned important lessons about culture, sustainability, "we" first and, thanks to the trip, they became a true family.

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Science O State Competition

Both of our Science Olympiad teams had great performances at the state competition last month! The teams competed in 23 different events, and our red team finished 9th and our blue team finished 11th out of 30 teams who qualified and competed at UC Colorado Springs. Please join us in congratulating our amazing Science O students and our incredible coaches who helped them all season!



Orchestra State Festival

Our Symphony Orchestra was one of only three middle school orchestras to be invited to this year's CASTA State Festival in mid-April. They performed beautifully and earned the highest possible ratings once again! Congratulations, Mrs. Griffey and our Mustang musicians!



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Student Leadership: Environmental Service-Learning Adventure Trips

In April, Kinard Environmental Leadership traveled to Catalina Island to participate in an environmental program off the coast of California. Kinard shares a vision of raising environmental awareness while making a difference in their local community. The aim of this class trip is to provide students with authentic and engaging learning experiences that reflect the civic responsibilities that the students will face as citizens in the real world.

While on the island, students engaged in an experiential-based outdoor learning curriculum that taught them important principles about the environment. Using one of the most diverse ecosystems on the planet as their classroom, students explored a local watershed and cove and climbed high mountain peaks to learn about healthy ecosystems and to develop interpersonal leadership skills.



While the trip was filled with recreation and adventure, it was far from a vacation. Students participated in a variety of service-learning projects to enhance the Catalina Island community. The primary objective of the service-learning component was an ongoing ecological restoration project designed to help protect the biodiversity on the island. Students removed

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Student Leadership: Environmental Service-Learning Adventure Trips *continued*

invasive species and planted new native plants as a part of the regenerative process that Kinard students have been a part of for the past 14 years on the island. Another service project taught students about healthy food choices and composting principles while working in the organic garden on the island.

In addition to learning about sustainable environmental practices, students enhanced their leadership skills and personal growth through team-building activities that included ocean kayaking, a high ropes course, and night snorkeling.

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Choir Performs National Anthem

The Mustang Chorale and Mr. Wheeler performed the National Anthem at the Colorado House of Representatives to gavel in their session and then sang at the Rockies game in the same day. They performed beautifully both times!



7th Graders Participate in P.E. Field Trip & Spark Interviews

Our 7th grade class had the opportunity to participate in some fun and unique learning experiences this spring. Mr. Benson, Mrs. Jordan, and their P.E. students took advantage of the warming Colorado weather and some local resources to provide all 7th graders with an exceptional field trip experience at Colorado Youth Outdoors. Colorado Youth Outdoors exists to build relationships through traditional outdoor recreation. While at CYO, all students had the opportunity to rotate through stations, including archery, fishing, BB guns, and survival skills, run by trained professionals. At each station, students learned about safety and how to follow the instructor's guidelines in order to participate in the various outdoor activities.



While some 7th graders were on the field trip, we had the unique opportunity in the building to conduct "Spark Interviews" with the 7th

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7th Graders Participate in P.E. Field Trip & Spark Interviews *continued*

graders who remained in their classes each day. As part of the Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) process, Kinard staff members personally interviewed every 7th grader to learn about their hobbies, academic interests, and visions for their futures. Our goal is to connect with each child individually to learn more about their personal “sparks” or areas of passion and how our school can support the vision that students are creating for themselves.



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GT Trip: CSU E-Days

On April 24, our students in GT with an engineering interest, attended CSU “E-Days”. This annual event showcases the Senior Design Projects from every department in CSU Engineering. Our Kinard students experienced an amazing day of hands-on learning as they interacted with the Senior Design Teams demonstrating their projects!



March Book Madness for the WIN!

Kinard celebrated March Madness with BOOK Madness! After weeks of debating their favorite books in English classes the Championship Book was crowned....*The Hunger Games*! Our individual student bracket winner was Carter Smailes! Seeing our students passionate about their favorite books was a highlight of March.



Spring Food Truck & Wellness Festival

We are excited to soon be hosting our Spring Food Truck & Wellness Festival on **Thursday, May 4, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM**. We invite students, families, and staff to come together to build connections and community with food, friends, and fun. Please bring your own blankets, chairs, sun or rain covers, and plan to enjoy a plethora of food trucks, a DJ, and a Wellness Fair. We plan to gather in the Kinard courtyard and athletic fields from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Cecilia Bonertz, Academic Dean, at 488-5407. See you there!



Kinard Wellness Fair
May 4th—5:00-7:00 p.m.

On the Kinard Track
Families, Neighbors, Staff & Students are welcome

Vendors include & are not limited to:

- Firefighters
- Pet Therapy
- Table Tennis
- Zone Fitness
- Pathways Hospice
- PSD Culture & Diversity
- UC Health – Healthy Hearts
- City Golf
- Vindeket Foods
- SAVA
- UC Health- EMS
- Red Cross

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 8-12

Let's celebrate our hardworking teachers! The theme for the week is "You Mean the World to Us!" Please [sign up here to help](#) our staff appreciation committee celebrate our teachers during the week of May 8th.

- **Wednesday, May 10:** International lunch
 - ◊ We would like to celebrate the diversity in our world, where we are from, and/or our favorite places to visit. Let's bring our favorite international dishes (HOMEMADE OR STORE BOUGHT) for the staff to enjoy! If you don't have a favorite international dish, no worries....bring your specialty! Please have luncheon food dropped off in the main office by 10am so everything can be set up in time for first lunch! If you need to arrange other drop off details or have questions, please contact Rebecca Clark at beccarc@gmail.com
- **Friday, May 12:** Coffee cart and breakfast items

8th Grade Celebration

Parents of 8th graders, please save the date of Thursday, May 25th for our traditional 8th Grade Celebration event this year. This is one of our most anticipated events of the year! Please join us as we recognize the accomplishments of our 8th graders and celebrate their contributions to Kinard as they transition to high school. Please note, we will host the event in the gymnasium of Fossil Ridge High School to allow for more space and seating.

Thank you for your continued time and effort to make this a special event for all! Please contact Erin LaRue, Assistant Principal, at elarue@psdschools.org if you have specific questions about the event.



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Entrepreneurship's Mother's Day Plant Sale

Discover the joy of growing your own organic vegetable garden at home. Kinard Entrepreneurship class is selling a variety of seed-started, organic tomato and pepper plants to fund our class, as well as donate to Give Next. We have started plants from seeds, and they will be ready to transplant later in May. We have used all organic materials and resources.

Tomato plants for sale:

- beefsteak
- cherry red
- Roma

Pepper plants for sale:

- green, red or yellow bell pepper
- sweet pepperoncini
- red cherry pepper
- banana pepper



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Pick up will be 7:00am - 8:00am and 3:10pm - 3:45pm on May 19th. Please contact Mr. McGonagil at jmcgonagil@psdschools.org with any questions

Technology Check-In: May 22 & 23

We will be checking in district devices and materials from students on May 22 and 23. Please remind your students to bring the following equipment to school on Monday, May 22, and Tuesday, May 23:

- laptop
- laptop charger (if lost, please purchase a charger on [SchoolPay](#))
- laptop case (if assigned)
- MiFi (if assigned)

If your student will not be here on the scheduled collection days, they must return their equipment on their last day of attendance. Thank you for helping your students with this responsibility.

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Last Day of School

It's hard to believe, but our last day of school for the 2022-23 year is quickly approaching! Friday, May 26th is the last day of school for PSD this year. The 26th will have a modified schedule for students, and school will dismiss at 11:40 a.m. On the last day, students will visit each class for approximately 10 minutes, then we will conclude the day with our annual schoolwide outdoor celebration. At that time, students will be able to sign yearbooks, enjoy a snack, and play games on the field (weather permitting). Please make arrangements to pick your child up at 11:40 a.m., and then let the summer begin!

Important Yearbook Information

There is still a limited amount of 2022-2023 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!

Looking Ahead to August Registration

For those families returning to Kinard in the fall, please mark your calendars with the following August Registration dates. Similar to previous years, Skillman Photography will be present during registration to take students' school photos.

<u>Thursday, August 3rd:</u>	7 th and 8 th grades	8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (Last names A-L) 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. (Last names M-Z)
<u>Friday, August 4th:</u>	6 th grade	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
<u>Wednesday, August 9th:</u>	Make-up registration*, all grades *Skillman Photography not present	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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Lost & Found Items

Please note, all unclaimed lost and found items will be donated to a local charity after school ends on Friday, May 26th. If your child has misplaced any belongings at school, be sure they stop by the main office prior to the last day of school to claim them from the lost & found. We currently have quite the collection of water bottles, jackets, and special items, such as earbuds, glasses, phones, and jewelry!

School Supplies for 2023-24

As we look ahead to next school year, we've posted [grade-level supply lists for the 2023-24 school year](#) on our website.

However, if you are interested in pre-ordering your child's supplies for 2023-24, you have an opportunity to do so now through the EPI (Educational Products, Inc.) program. Instead of going to buy paper, pens, folders, etc. separately, you can simply pay one price and order a supply kit online. The kit includes all of the supplies your child will need for their classes, and the kits will be delivered to your home the week of July 24th. Supplies for elective courses are not included. Optional supplies for 7th and 8th grades, such as calculators, can be added to your purchase for an additional fee.

To order, go to <https://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks/>, and shop by using Kinard's account number **KIN957(3 letters/3 numbers)**. **Ordering is available now through June 12th, 2023.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Theresa Varn, Office Manager, at tvarn@psdschools.org or at (970) 488-5405.

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Give Next Gratitude and End of Year Report

We, the students for Give Next extend our heartfelt gratitude for the generous donations from the Kinard community towards the class grant funding goal. With your donations and an amount of matching donations from Alpine Bank, we more than met our fundraising goal!

Our Kinard Give Next class set a goal of \$1500 for the year, but in total, we raised \$2213.06 to add to the \$5000 provided by our classroom donor. We were excited to learn this as it enabled us, in our grant-making decisions, to fully fund the grant requests from [Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed](#) and [Big Thompson Watershed Coalition](#). Additionally, we were able to grant the remaining funds to [The Ember Alliance](#)!

To get to our decision-making process and reach consensus, we interviewed and conducted site visits for the nonprofit grant requests that align with our mission to fund organizations that are concerned for Larimer County residents and natural areas affected by natural disasters and habitat degradation as a result of climate change.

When we interviewed the Director of Big Thompson Coalition, we learned about issues still threatening the watershed from the Cameron Peak and Troublesome wildfires that ravaged the Big Thompson and Estes Valley areas. We learned about the various techniques this nonprofit is using to help with wildfire mitigation and forest restoration. In April, we went up into the Poudre Canyon into the heart of the Cameron Peak wildfire burn scar to learn firsthand about similar work being done by Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed. We observed where wildfire mitigation was done with mulch by helicopter, forest restoration, and continued efforts to protect the river as a source for drinking water for 300,000 residents along the Front Range. We also learned about the dangerous concerns with repeated flash flooding in the Poudre Canyon from a resident whose family survived the 2020 Cameron Peak fire but lost their historic 1885 home.

In May, we are holding our Give Next Award Ceremony to honor these nonprofits that we are grant funding. Thank you, Kinard community, for the role you have played in supporting Give Next and in providing needed relief to our residents affected by the fires. We are grateful!

The 2022-23 Kinard Give Next Class

Anne Flemming & Wendi Grigg, Give Next Teachers

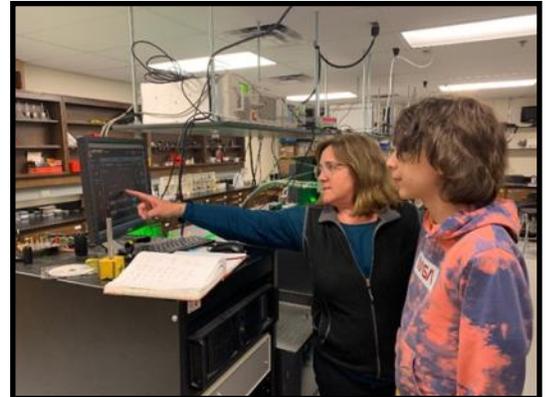


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Career Explorations in Kinard GT

Our students in Kinard's GT Program are continuing to grow in their Advanced Learning Plans with opportunities for career mentorship experiences in chemistry, the culinary arts, and in medicine.

Ilai had an exciting visit to interview Professor Amber Krummel at the CSU chemistry labs. Ilai had a discussion with Dr. Krummel about her research using Nonlinear Spectroscopy. In touring the labs, Ilai observed the laser process used in electrochemical cell research and observed a laser as large as the room and which is like no other in the world.



From private chefs "Juli y Juan's Kitchen," Owen had a fantastic experience increasing his culinary skills for his career aspirations to become an executive chef in fine dining.

Sabine interviewed Dr. Radtke recently and grew in her depth of understanding for career pathways to becoming a doctor with an interest to specialize in pediatrics.



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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 3 - 8:00 am - Thursday, May 25 – 3:00 pm
 - Thursday, June 1 - 8:00 am - Thursday, June 29 - 3:00 pm
- *Math classes remain grade replacement only.

All classes will be online with a teacher for support, monitoring, and grading. There are no mandatory class meetings, but students must have high-speed Internet access. Students will keep their current school computers and MiFi devices to complete summer school classes.

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

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Kinard Health Office: End-of-Year Medication and Health Supplies Pick-Up

Parents, please stop by the health office to pick up medications/health supplies that have been stored during the school year. Medications cannot be sent home with your student. This policy is important to safeguard all students against improper or accidental ingestion of medication.

All medications & health office supplies need to be picked up before 11:00am on Friday May 26th.

Due to the volume of medications in the health office and the process to sign meds out, please come any time before May 26th to pick up medications. If medications are picked up before the last day of school, the needed number of pills can be counted out and kept in the original container at school or students that also self-carry can continue to self-carry only. **If your student stored any health supplies in classrooms, please remind them to gather those from teachers before the last day of school.**

Our school nurse will follow state health department procedures and medications will be properly disposed of, if left in our office after May 26th. This includes ALL medications (Rx, epinephrine injectors, inhalers, diabetic supplies, etc.) not picked up before 11:00am on the last day of school. Medications cannot be saved in the health office over summer break. Thank you for understanding.

If medication is needed at school for the **2023-2024** school year, you may obtain new forms from the PSD website at any time. New forms are needed every school year and do not carry over. You can visit the PSD website for more information and for new forms: <https://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/student-health>

High school has a different self-carry form (also located on the PSD website), and you can self-carry more than emergency meds. Please contact the high school you are attending for more information.

Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

Summer Meals Outreach Resource

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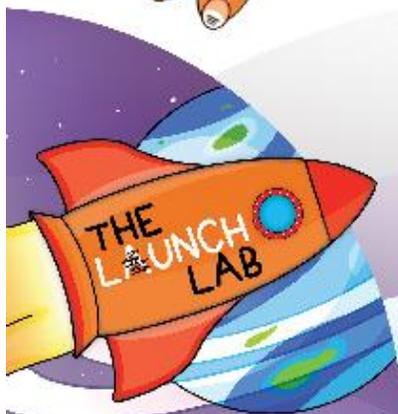
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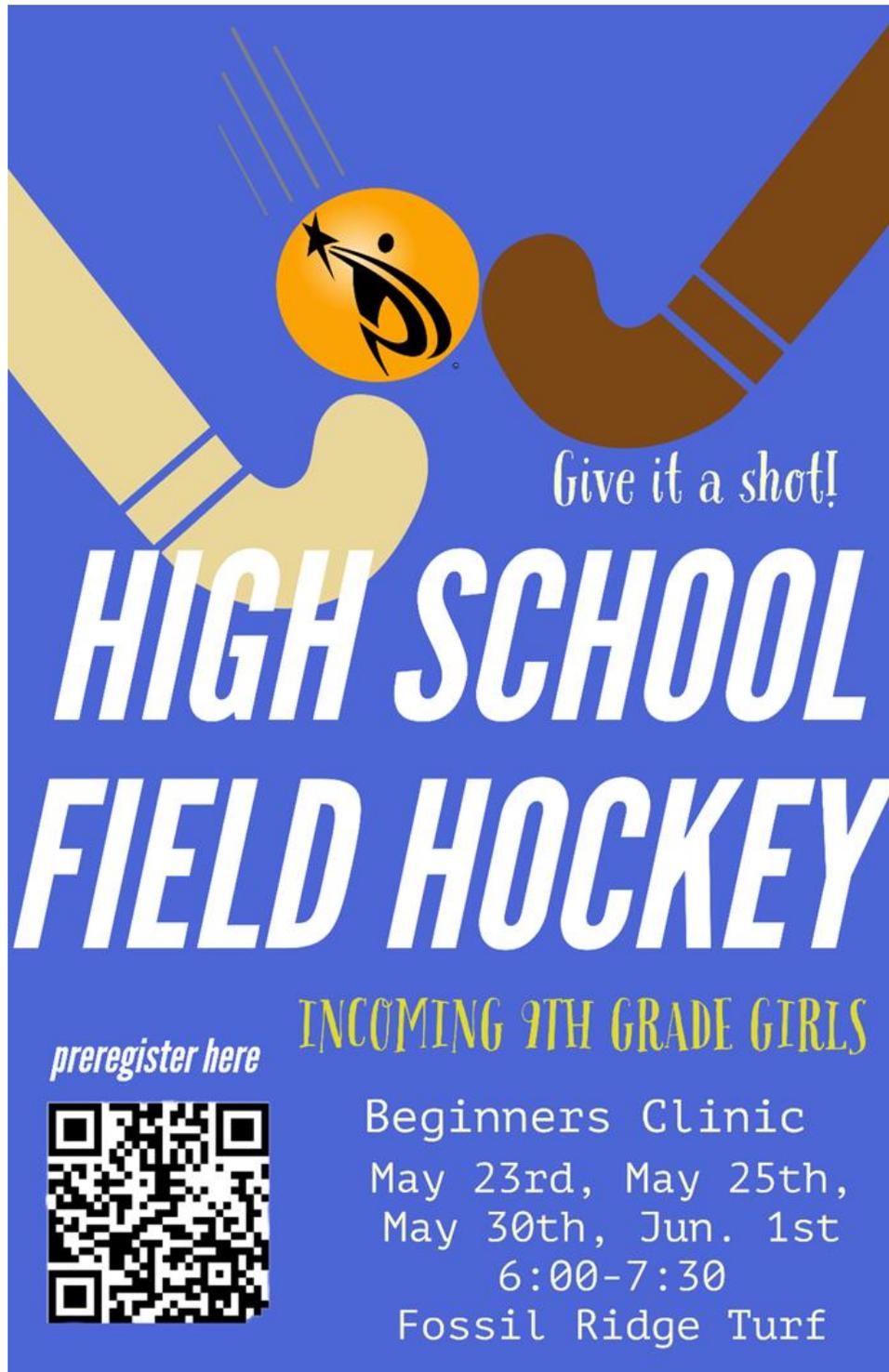


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