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Kinard's 20th Birthday Bash!

Thank you to everyone who came out in early September to help us celebrate our 20th anniversary with our Kinard Community Extravaganza! We loved seeing everyone come together for some good food, fun, dancing, and connecting as a Kinard community. We want to thank all our community partners and the many staff members, past and present, who helped contribute to the special event. It was a fabulous way to honor our school's history and share a memorable evening as a community. We can't wait for the next 20 years! Go Mustangs!





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Fall Athletics Wrap-up

Our student athletes are working hard and representing their Kinard character on and off the field/court. We are excited to have over 300 students participating in fall sports. We are proud of each of our athletes and their accomplishments and efforts and look forward to seeing how they finish their seasons in the coming days. Go Mustangs!





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Art Service ELO Project

Through the City of Fort Collins' Art in Public Places Program, Mr. Vizzini and his Art Service ELO students were able to collaborate with local artist Gale Whitman to paint a transformer cabinet near Kinard. The art students had the opportunity to actively participate in all stages of the mural project, from brainstorming the design to painting with Ms. Whitman. They spent most afternoons in September working on the project, and their hard work

has paid off! The mural is a beautiful depiction of our local Colorado landscapes and native pollinator species. As you come to school soon, check out the finished project at the northwest corner of Trilby and Ziegler Roads. Way to go, Mustang artists!







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

Our 7th grade class once again had the opportunity to participate in some fun and unique learning experiences this fall. Mr. Benson, Mrs. Jordan, and their P.E. students took advantage of the beautiful Colorado fall 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 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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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Kinard's Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Thursday**, **October 10 and Tuesday**, **October 15 from 4:00-7:00 p.m**.

Conferences on both October 10 and 15 will be 5-minute drop-in style conferences in our cafeteria and gymnasiums. You can come and chat with any of your child's teachers without having to sign up ahead of time. In an attempt to balance lines and wait times for each evening, we suggest that families with last names A-L attend on October 10 and those with last names M-Z attend on October 15. We also realize that there is a cross country meet on Thursday, October 10 and encourage any cross country families to join us on Tuesday, October 15 instead.

Our School Resource Officer, Kate Garcia, will also be on site on Tuesday, October 15 to answer any questions you might have regarding her role at Kinard, student safety, or internet safety. Stop by her table in the cafeteria to learn more!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are a great way to meet your child's teachers, learn about your child's classes, ask individual questions about your child's academic progress, and gain insight into a variety of school resources to support your child's learning throughout the year. We understand that 5 minute conferences may not be enough time to discuss concerns and also that the need to communicate with teachers can arise throughout the school year; therefore, you may contact any of your child's teachers at any point throughout the school year to discuss any concerns or questions you may have. <u>Click here to visit our online staff directory.</u>

Additionally, because of the number of students that each middle school teacher serves, we know we cannot visit with every family and that conference lines are often long. You can also communicate with teachers via email or view your child's progress in each class via <u>ParentVUE</u>. Parent/guardian attendance is not required at conferences, though we do want to offer this opportunity for those interested.

If you have any questions about parent/teacher conferences, please contact Erin LaRue, Assistant Principal, at <u>elarue@psdschools.org</u> or at (970)488-5410.

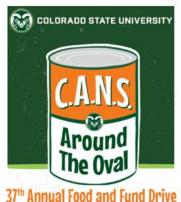
Student Picture Retake Day

Skillman Photography will be returning to Kinard on Thursday, October 24, starting at 7:30 a.m. for our final school picture opportunity of the year. If your child has not had his/her individual student photo taken this year or you would like a retake, please bring them to school a bit early to ensure time to have the photo taken before class starts at 8:15.

Click here to preview package options and/or order online using school code KCMS2024. Order forms are also available in Kinard's main office and from the photographer. If you have questions, please call the Kinard main office at (970)488-5400.

C.A.N.S. Around the Oval

The Kinard Global Leadership class is starting C.A.N.S. around the Oval this fall to help families in need. C.A.N.S. around the Oval will start on Thursday, September 26, and will end on Wednesday, October 16. You and your children can donate canned foods, nonperishable items, money, cash/coins, or checks (written to the Larimer County Food bank or Kinard Middle School). You can also donate online using the QR code below (be sure to add your child's name, grade, and first period class in the comment







box). Your child can drop off any donations to their first-period class. Our goal is to raise \$6,501 and 5,000 pounds of food so that people with food insecurity can have meals to eat. The firstperiod class in each grade with the most donations are going to get an amazing prize! If you have any questions, please contact Marc Pravlik, Kinard Global Leadership teacher at marcp@psdschools.org.

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Counselors' Corner

October is Futures Month: We use October to look at interests, ideas for future pathways, and what is called ICAP – Individual Career and Academic Plan. Staff will have "Ask Me About" signs on their doors about the



colleges they have attended, there will be information shared about postsecondary options, and counselors will be working with students on ICAP activities using a platform called Xello. Students across all 6-12th grade levels in PSD use Xello to explore their ICAP. In addition, there will be daily announcements, a scavenger hunt, and we are <u>encouraging everyone to</u> wear their favorite college gear every Wednesday during October.

Parent/Guardian Info Session: Have you ever wondered how to get your child interested in a career pathway for the future or to support them in exploring graduating with options? Are you curious about tools that can help them navigate their plan? If so, we invite you to join our counselors, Karen Irvine and Patti Young, on Thursday, October 24 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for a hands-on demonstration related to what our students are learning about their Individualized Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) and the webbased system, Xello, that PSD uses to explore and save portions of students' ICAPs. We will meet in the Kinard Media Center. Parents of all grade levels are welcome. You can reserve a spot by emailing Karen (kirvine@psdschools.org) or Patti (pyoung@psdschools.org) if you are planning to attend.

<u>Parent Career Survey</u>: We know we have a wealth of knowledge in our community and would love to tap into your professional experience. Please fill out this <u>survey</u>, if you would be interested in potentially being called upon to share your career with students.

Throughout each school year, there are occasions where we may call upon professionals from our community to share some insights with students about career and future planning. We will use contact information compiled through the survey for experiences such as career fairs or individual student career mentorships/interviews. If you complete the survey, we may contact you based on student interest in your career field.

Student Laptops

Please help your student to remember to bring their *fully charged laptop to school every day*. Each classroom has only one spare laptop, and any remaining inventory is used for students with laptops being repaired. Therefore, it is critical that students bring their assigned laptops to school to engage in learning each day. Thank you!

Support for Families in Need

We are heading into the time of year where some community organizations are offering support to families in a variety of ways (e.g., food baskets, coats, holiday gifts, etc.). We know there are circumstances families face that create needs for support. If your family would like to be considered for support, please fill out this linked confidential <u>Google survey</u> that our counselors will use to get you connected to helpful resources. While we cannot guarantee that an organization can fulfill every request, we want to gather information to best support our families where possible. You can also click on this link to access community resources: <u>211</u>

Please reach out to our school counselors with any questions:

Patti Young (student last names A-G): (970) 488-5406, pyoung@psdschools.org

Karen Irvine (student last names H-Z): (970) 488-5408, kirvine@psdschools.org

School Accountability Committee

Our second School Accountability Committee (SAC) meeting will be held on Monday, October 21, 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 through an organized group composed of both parents 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. We welcome any parent to attend our next meeting, even if you were unable to join our first quarter meeting.

Lost and Found

Has your student misplaced a water bottle, lunchbox, jacket, or other belongings at school? Have them come check the lost and found in our main office- it is overflowing with student items! We donate any items remaining in our lost and found at the end of each month. Also, please encourage your child to write their first and last name on items they bring to school, especially water bottles and lunch boxes. We return any items that have student names on them directly to the individual.

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!

8th Grade Parents/Guardians:

Parents of 8th grade students also have the opportunity to celebrate and honor your child by buying a baby ad. You can order a baby ad for the yearbook at <u>theyearbookcompany.com</u>. There is an early-bird discount for ads submitted (photos, message, & payment) by November 1!

Science Olympiad 2024-25 Kick-Off

Calling all interested student participants and event coaches/volunteers! We are excited to get started with the Science Olympiad club this year. **Student registration forms and fees are due to Mrs. Murphy no later than October 11.** Currently, 38 registration forms have been turned in, and the capacity for a completed set of three teams is 45 total students. If you turn in your registration form once the number of students has reached 45, there is *no guarantee* that you will go on to compete in any capacity and you will serve as an alternate; however, you will still be allowed to participate in the club, as well as the practices.

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Science Olympiad 2024-25 Kick-Off continued

The first Thursday night Science Night will be hosted on October 17th from 6 -8 PM at Kinard-the central hub for Science Night is in the tech room, 510. Additional room assignments will be addressed as needed on 10/17. For this first Science Night, we will invite students interested in build events to come and meet their coaches, scope out the popularity of each build event in order to make appropriate decisions about the logistics of being selected to compete, and work collectively in order to determine the necessary materials needed for future initial building practices.

The first week of practice will begin the week of October 7 for **some**, **NOT** all, events. Please see the event schedule for coach location as well as meet times on the <u>Science O club webpage</u> (updates rolling in DAILY as coaches communicate and are designated).

Science O is still seeking event coach volunteers! If you have not reached out already and you are able to help out with any of the following, please complete the questionnaire linked in the Q.R. code or email Mrs. Murphy at kaylam@psdschools.org. Here are the events still in need of a coach:

- Microbe Mission
- Meteorology
- Crime Busters
- Write it Do it
- Entomology
- Dynamic Planet-Glacier
- Mission Possible (Similar to last years



6th and 7th Graders: Join Us for an Exciting Opportunity to Travel to Spain in 2026!

Dear Kinard Families,

We're thrilled to announce an upcoming informational meeting about an unforgettable adventure: a trip to Spain in the summer of 2026! This exciting journey will not only immerse our students in the rich culture, history, and language of Spain, but also provide them with invaluable educational experiences.

If you have a 6th or 7th grader at Kinard, please join us on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 6:00 pm at Kinard in room 417 to learn all about the itinerary, educational benefits, and how your student can be a part of this amazing opportunity. We'll share details on sightseeing, cultural activities, and the ways this trip will enhance classroom learning.

Don't miss out on the chance to give your student a summer they'll remember forever! We look forward to seeing you there! <u>RSVP for our</u> <u>meeting at this link.</u>

Reach out to Ally Lonac at <u>alonac@psdschools.org</u> with any questions.

Upcoming Athletic Opportunities

As we start to wrap up a fantastic fall athletics season, we want to recognize and congratulate our over 300 student athletes and their coaches. Good luck to our fall student athletes as they get ready for postseason competitions. It is time now to look forward to our winter sports season. The winter season will begin with boys basketball and will be followed by girls basketball and wrestling starting in January when we return from winter break.

To participate in a sport, there are three required steps:

- 1. Register through SportsEngine
- 2. Pay \$140 sport fee in <u>SchoolPay</u>.
- 3. Provide Kinard with a valid and current physical release form.

Coaches will not be able to let student athletes participate in tryouts or practice without these three steps completed. For detailed information on how to complete each step, <u>please visit our registration page by clicking here.</u>

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Sport Specific Information:

Boys Basketball - 7th and 8th grade boys

Team structure: Varsity, JV, C1 and C2 teams (limited roster/cut sport - up to 36 total players)

Preseason camp: Monday 10/14 - Friday 10/18, 3:30 - 5:30 PM in the Kinard Gym

*Tryouts: Monday 10/21 - Wednesday 10/23, 3:30 - 5:30 PM in the Kinard Gym

Team practice: Starting Thursday, 10/24, 3:30 - 5:30 PM in the Kinard Gym

*Players must have a current physical on file, be registered through SportsEngine, and have paid the \$140 fee to participate in tryouts. For those players who do not make the team, the registration fee will be refunded.

Girls Basketball - 7th and 8th grade girls

Team structure: Varsity, JV, C1 and C2 teams (limited roster/cut sport - up to 36 total players)

Preseason camp: Tuesday, 1/7 - Friday 1/10, 3:30 - 5:30 PM in the Kinard Gym

*Tryouts: Monday 1/13 - Wednesday 1/15, 3:30 - 5:30 PM in the Kinard Gym

Team practice: Starting Thursday, 1/16, 3:30 - 5:30 PM in the Kinard Gym

*Players must have a current physical on file, be registered through SportsEngine, and have paid the \$140 fee to participate in tryouts. For those players who do not make the team, the registration fee will be refunded.

Wrestling - 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students

Team structure: Open to all students, non-cut sport

Preseason camp: Monday, 1/13 - Friday, 1/17

Team practice: Starting Tuesday, 1/21, 3:30 - 5:30 PM in the Kinard Auxiliary gym

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Upcoming Athletic Opportunities

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Resources for Parents of Kinard Student Athletes:

FIRST, thank you for all that you do!

As an opportunity (and privilege) to better support you as a family, Poudre School District has partnered with <u>A Better Way Athletics</u>. A Better Way Athletics ("ABW") is a Holistic Athletic Management System that helps create alignment with everyone in our athletic programs- from administrators, to coaches, to parents, to athletes!

Check out this short welcome video from A Better Way Athletics: <u>ABW</u> <u>Welcome Video</u>

This partnership aims to provide meaningful resources for coaches and families that help us all provide the best experience possible for the student-athletes.

With that said, <u>please use this Kinard specific link</u> to navigate to our school's login page at "A Better Way". Once you create an account/log-in, take the time to check out the Parent Playbook. These are brief, practical and relevant courses for your family.

PSD Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at Kinard or in PSD, please use this link to register: <u>Volunteer Application</u>

If you are already a registered volunteer, please follow the steps below to view volunteer opportunities:

- Log in to your Volunteer Portal through this link: <u>Raptor Volunteer</u> <u>Portal</u>
- 2. When logged in, click on Events within the Navigation Menu.
- Review the details of the Event you wish to sign up for and click "Sign-Up".

Thank you for contributing your time and talent to Kinard and PSD!

SRO Corner

Welcome to the October SRO corner, where we will address some of the most impactful traffic safety issues as they relate to schools. For both parents and student drivers, safety in school zones is crucial. These areas have reduced speed limits, with speeds posted between 15-25 mph, to protect students during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Whether you're dropping off a child, sibling, or driving yourself, always slow down and stay alert in these zones. When a school bus extends the stop arm to pick up or drop off students, all vehicles in both directions must stop to allow kids to cross safely. Ignoring school zone speed limits or a bus's stop arm not only puts young lives at risk but can also result in serious fines or penalties. Stay focused and prioritize safety for everyone.

Happy October!

SRO Kate Garcia

PSD Health and Wellness Centers

Did you know that PSD has 2 health and wellness centers to serve our students? Locations are at Centennial High School and Lincoln Middle School. The Centers can provide medical, behavioral, and mental health services to any/all PSD students.

Services include:

- Prevention services, such as annual well-child exams and sports physicals
- Treatment of acute medical issues, such as colds, flu, acute illness and infections
- Management of chronic health conditions, such as asthma and diabetes
- Validated health needs assessments including screenings for depression and anxiety
- Counseling for mental health issues, skill development and resiliency building
- Health and wellness planning for adolescents
- Reproductive health care

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- Prescriptions and in-house lab tests
- Health education and awareness campaigns
- Referrals to other medical and mental health professionals
- Vaccines/ immunizations (in collaboration with the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment)
- Dental screenings and services (in collaboration with community providers)
- Assistance with Medicaid/CHP+ enrollment (Centers are a Certified Application and Assistance Site or CAAS provider)

Costs based on ability to pay

The Health and Wellness Centers accept most private and public insurances, including Medicaid and CHP+. The centers offer fee-for-service and a sliding-fee-scale based on federal poverty guidelines. **No student enrolled is ever turned away for inability to pay for services provided by a school-based health center.**

See the flier below for more details or visit the website:

https://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/student-health-centers

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Health & Wellness Centers

The Health & Wellness Centers (operated by Every Child Pediatrics) provides medical, behavioral, and mental health services to any/all PSD students who enroll for our care! Locations at Centennial High School, Lincoln Middle School and more opening soon!

> \$0-\$35 sliding scale (for qualifying families). We accept Medicaid/CHP+, most insurance plans and offer fee-for-service. No student enrolled for care is ever turned away for an inability to pay for services we provide.

Services include, but aren't limited to:

Annual well-child exams/sports physicals

Health screenings

Childhood immunizations

Diagnosis and treatment for sick visits, colds/flu, infections, sprains, wounds, rashes, asthma etc.

Prescriptions and in-house lab tests

Mental health services include skills development, resiliency building, validated screenings and counseling for: • Trauma

- Depression
- Substance use . And more
- Anxiety

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Los Centros de Salud y Bienestar

¡Los Centros de Salud y Bienestar (operados por Every Child Pediatrics) ofrecen servicios médicos y de salud del comportamiento y salud mental a todos los estudiantes de PSD que se inscriban para nuestra atención!

¡Ubicaciones en Centennial High School, Lincoln Middle School y más que abrirán pronto!

Escala móvil de \$0-\$35 (para familias que califican). Aceptamos Medicaid/CHP+, la mayoria de los planes de seguro, y ofrecemos pago por servicio. Ningún estudiante inscrito para recibir atención es rechazado por su incapacidad para pagar los servicios ofrecidos en los Centros.

Los servicios incluyen, pero no se limitan a:

Exámenes anuales para niños sanos/físicos deportivos Exámenes de salud

Vacunas infantiles

Diagnóstico y tratamiento para visitas de enfermos, resfriados/ gripe, infecciones, esguinces, heridas, erupciones cutáneas, asma, etc.

Recetas y pruebas de laboratorio internas

Los servicios de salud mental incluyen el desarrollo de habilidades, el desarrollo de resiliencia, exámenes validados y consejería para: Trauma

- Depresión
- Ansiedad Uso de sustancias

• Y más...

Para obtener más información y inscripción: 970.488.4900





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Teen Self Care Fair

We are thrilled to announce the 6th Teen Self Care Fair on October 13 at the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery.

The annual Teen Self-Care Fair has the goal of creating a space for youth to learn new coping skills and join the conversation around mental wellness and suicide prevention through experiential learning.

This event is for youth (6th-12th grades) to explore new ways to practice self-care, including therapy dogs, medieval longsword, art, aerial silks, music, exercise groups, and much more. Youth can also enjoy community resource booths, free food trucks, and giveaways!

Entry to the museum and food trucks are FREE!



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PSD Stars Youth Night

See the flier below if you have a daughter interested in lacrosse!

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Young Entrepreneur Tournament (YET)

The Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development Team is excited to announce the Young Entrepreneur Tournament is back and now accepting applications for the October 2024 session.

The Young Entrepreneur Tournament (YET) helps young people 18 and under to develop their ideas into winning business plans. This four-week journey will encompass everything from idea generation to business launch strategies and will culminate in a business pitch competition where winners will take home cash prizes (over \$2,000 in prize money to give away)!

They are hosting a YET pre-tournament orientation and ideation session on Tuesday, October 1 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at 200 West Oak Street in Fort Collins. They will share what to expect, how to prepare, and how best family and friends can support young entrepreneurs. See the <u>YET website</u> for more details.



The Young Entrepreneur Tournament is accepting applications for fall 2024!