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# Kinard Middle School



## 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 luncheon for all staff on February 12. Our staff always have rave reviews of these events, and we are so grateful to have the support of our community.



### NJHS Inducts New Members

On February 10, Kinard inducted 63 new 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Kinard Middle School

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## MathCounts Team and Individual Competitors Headed to State Competition

At the Northern Colorado chapter competition, 7 MathCounts members qualified for the state competition in March. Our team of Neo Luo, Erika Tang, Angela Wang, and Joseph Lee placed first. The first-place team members along with Michael Luo and Yihan Jing were ranked in the top 10 and competed head-to-head with each other and students from other Fort Collins schools. Neo, originally ranked second, beat a Preston student to take first place. Erika earned third place and Angela earned fifth place. Think Le just missed the top 10 cut off, earning 11th place and a spot in the state competition. Congratulations to all our mathematicians who competed, including Sophia Gao, Xavier Jones, Elbert Han, Sammy Meng, and Jeremy Yang.

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 Olivia MacLeod for placing second in the Poudre School District Spelling Bee! Her impressive performance has earned her a spot to compete at the Colorado State Spelling Bee. Congratulations, Olivia!



## Northern Colorado Expanding Your Horizons presents

### An interactive STEM conference!

**what**

A one-day conference for middle school girls\* with hands-on STEM workshops!

\*Grades 6-8; including trans & gender non-conforming youth

**when**

April 12th, 2025 9-3pm

**where**

Colorado State University

**how**

Register March 1<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> at: [nocoeyh.wixsite.com/home](http://nocoeyh.wixsite.com/home)



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Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable!

Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school!

Want to sponsor this school?

Please contact

Rob Mangelson at [Rob@tscacolorado.com](mailto:Rob@tscacolorado.com) or (720) 878-4107.

## Essay Contest Winners

Two Kinard students earned second place honors in the Elks Americanism Essay Contest this year! Ronan Jones and Gwen Silva both won second place for their grade level in the Elks Americanism Essay Contest. Their essays on "What does patriotism mean to me?" will now move on to the state, and possibly the national, competition. Great job, Ronan and Gwen!



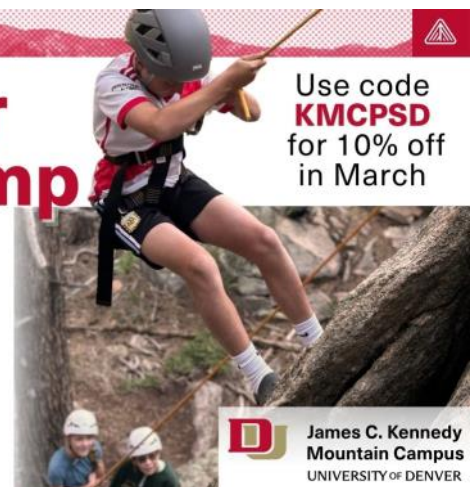
## 3-Day Summer Adventure Camp

P.A.S.S. Camp at Kennedy Mountain Campus  
RED FEATHER LAKES, CO



Ages 9-15  
\$600 per session  
Learn more & enter to win a free session!

Use code **KMCPSD** for 10% off in March



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## Rotary Students of the Month

Last month, three Kinard students were recognized by the Fort Collins Rotary Club as the Rotary Students of the Month. Congratulations to Stuti, Allie, and Sara! You all are amazing representatives of Kinard character and excellence!



## 2nd Annual Kinard Dodgeball Tournament

The second annual Kinard Dodgeball fundraiser is coming up this month on Thursday, March 13th from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Last year, we had 288 Kinard students participate with a ton of team spirit, great costumes and awesome sportsmanship. Sign-ups are currently live where students can register in a team of 6 or as a free agent. To register for a team please go to <http://tinyurl.com/kinarddodgeball>. Team registration fees are \$30 per team and can be paid to the front office with cash or check or on [SchoolPay](#).

Families and friends can come cheer on their student and watch dodgeball games throughout the night. There will be concessions available for purchase, including main dinner entrees, and can be purchased with cash or card.

Please check out our website for more information by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/kinarddodgeball>.

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## 2nd Annual Kinard Dodgeball Tournament

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KINARD WELLNESS TEAM FUNDRAISER

# DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

**\$30 PER TEAM**  
(\$5 PER PERSON)

REGISTER  
**6 PLAYERS**  
PER TEAM

**PRIZES FOR  
TOP TEAMS**



ALL MALE  
ALL FEMALE  
MIXED  
(GENDER/GRADE)

**THURSDAY  
MARCH 13TH**  
STARTS AT 3:30PM

**KINARD  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL GYM**

REGISTER BY 3/7 AT  
[TINYURL.COM/KINARDDODGEBALL](http://TINYURL.COM/KINARDDODGEBALL)

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## **Kinard Middle School**

### **8th Grade Career Fair- Volunteers Needed!**

We will host our annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Fair on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and are hoping to utilize some of the expertise in our community.

We are looking for professionals from a variety of careers who are willing to speak with 8th grade students over the course of 80 minutes in a fair-style event. Students will ask questions about what got you interested in your profession, your pathway, and possible courses to explore in high school.

If you are interested and available from 8-10 a.m. on April 29<sup>th</sup>, please fill out this survey: [Parent Career Survey](#)

We are especially looking for medical professionals (surgeons, nurses, cardiologists, doctors, etc.), people in the creative arts, professional athletes, video game designers, veterinarians, fashion designers, marine biologists, chefs, bakers, personal trainers, and a variety of engineers.

If you have any questions, contact Karen Irvine, (970) 488-5408 or [kirvine@psdschools.org](mailto:kirvine@psdschools.org). Thank you!

### **2025 CMAS Assessment Window**

Please mark your calendars! The 2025 CMAS Assessment window is March 31 – April 25. 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 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.

**2025 CMAS Assessment Window**

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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](mailto:cbonertz@psdschools.org) or (970) 488-5407.

**Kinard CMAS Calendar 2025**

**MARCH/APRIL 2025**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 ODD	1 EVEN	2 ODD	3 EVEN	4 ODD
7 EVEN	8 ODD	9 EVEN	10 ODD	11 EVEN
MATH			SCIENCE (8th Grade Only)	
14 ODD	15 EVEN	16 ODD	17 EVEN	18
ELA			No School	
Make-Up Testing				
21 ODD	22 EVEN	23 ODD	24 EVEN	25 ODD
Make-Up Testing				



## **Kinard Middle School**

### **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. We are searching for our next girls golf coach! If you or someone you know might be interested in coaching our girls golf team, please reach out to Mr. Healy, Athletic Director, at [khealy@psdschools.org](mailto:khealy@psdschools.org).

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 2/25/25. 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!

### **Important Yearbook Information**

There is still a limited number of 2024-2025 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](http://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](mailto:alonac@psdschools.org). This year's book is one you won't want to miss!

## Kinard Middle School

### **SRO Corner**

#### **Firearm Safe Storage & Safety: What You Need to Know**

While owning firearms is a right, it comes with serious responsibilities, including ensuring that your weapon is stored safely to prevent unauthorized access, accidents, and theft. Whether you're a seasoned gun owner or new to firearm ownership, practicing safe storage and handling is critical for protecting yourself, your family, and your community.

#### **Safe Storage Practices**

1. **Use a Gun Safe or Locking Device** – Store firearms in a locked safe, gun cabinet, or secure storage case. For an added layer of security, you can use a cable lock or trigger lock.
2. **Store Firearms Unloaded** – Always store guns unloaded, with ammunition stored separately in a locked container.
3. **Educate Household Members** – Ensure that everyone in your household understands firearm safety, especially children. Teach them never to touch a firearm without adult supervision.
4. **Secure Keys and Combinations** – Keep safe keys or lock combinations in a separate and secure location to prevent unauthorized access.
5. **Be Mindful of Firearm Transportation** – When traveling with firearms, ensure they are secured in a locked case and comply with all transportation laws.

#### **Colorado Firearm Storage Laws**

Colorado law requires that firearms be securely stored when not in use to prevent access by unauthorized users, particularly minors. Under Colorado law, it is illegal to leave a firearm accessible to a juvenile or someone prohibited from possessing firearms if the weapon is not stored in a secure manner.

Colorado recently added laws to storing firearms in a vehicle. They now must be stored in a locked container if the vehicle is left unattended.

Additionally, firearm dealers in Colorado are required to provide locking devices with each firearm sale.

## **Kinard Middle School**

### **SRO Corner**

#### **Firearm Safe Storage & Safety: What You Need to Know**

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#### **The Importance of Safe Storage**

Proper firearm storage helps to prevent tragic accidents, suicide, and theft. According to national statistics, many unintentional shootings occur in homes where firearms are not stored securely. Safe storage is one of the most effective ways to reduce these risks and ensure that firearms do not fall into the wrong hands.

#### **Get Involved in Firearm Safety**

- Consider taking a firearm safety course to stay up-to-date on best practices.
- Learn the current laws where you live regarding storage.
- Encourage other firearm owners to practice responsible storage.

By following these safety measures and adhering to Colorado law, you can be a responsible firearm owner and help create a safer community for everyone.

### **Summer School Option for 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

PSD Online HS Summer School is almost here and will remain free to all PSD graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders to seniors. This includes students entering PSD in the 25-26 school year. 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](http://summer.psdschools.org)

#### **Summer School will be offered in two sessions.**

- Tuesday, April 1 - 8:00 am - Thursday, May 22 – 3:00 pm  
**(Registration open March 3)**
- Monday, June 2 - 8:00 am - Friday, June 27 - 3:00 pm **(Registration open May 20)**

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

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

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

### Exclusive Game Night Discounts for Poudre School District

PSD Athletics is proudly partnering with the Denver Nuggets, Colorado Avalanche, and Colorado Mammoth for **exclusive PSD Nights!** Enjoy special discounts and experience the excitement of professional sports—open to all PSD students, staff, families, and supporters!

Denver Nuggets Tickets

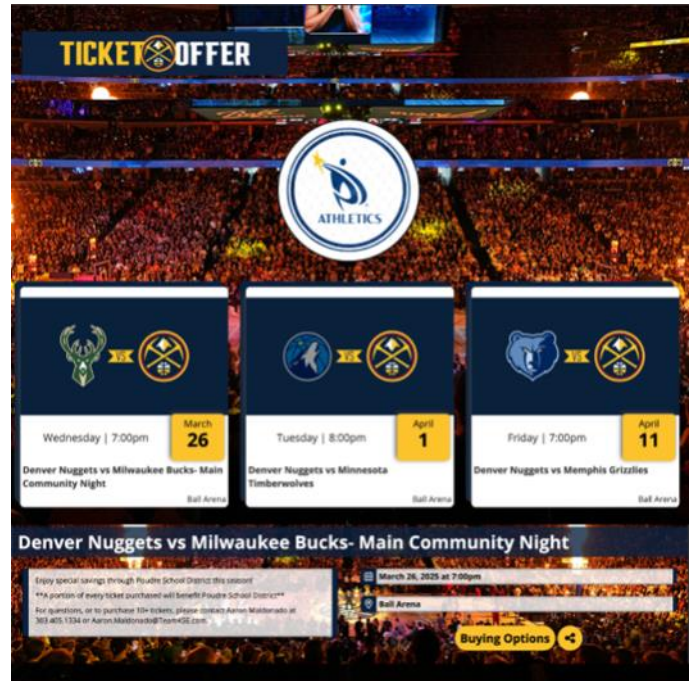
<https://nuggets.spinzo.com/?group=poudre-school-district-36vk>

Colorado Avalanche Tickets

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Colorado Mammoth Tickets

<https://mammoth.spinzo.com/colorado-mammoth-vs-saskatchewan-rush-2025-04-13-BFJSE?group=poudre-school-district-athletics-hvcn>



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## Kids Cooking Contest

PSD's Child Nutrition Department is hosting a Middle and High School Cooking Competition on March 25 at Timnath Middle High School. See the flyer below for more details.



**12<sup>th</sup> Annual!!**

**2025 Theme:  
Farm-to-Table Feast**

**Date:**  
March 25th  
**Where:**  
Timnath MHS  
**Time:** 4:30pm  
to 6:00 pm

**Special Guest:**  
The Owner of Fort Collins  
Cooking Studio!  
**Steve Nalls**

**Competition Details:**

- Teams of **2-3 students** will compete.
- Submit as a group or as an individual.
- Middle and High School students are eligible to enter.
- Show off your skills and learn from culinary experts!

**How to Apply:**

Tell us why you want to compete in this epic contest!  
**Slide into our DMs with your story or share your best food creation.**

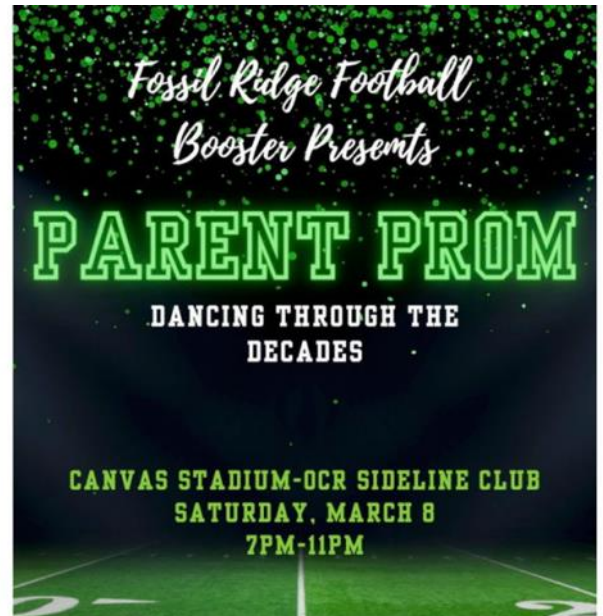
Email submission to: [aowens@psdschools.org](mailto:aowens@psdschools.org)  
Hit us up on **Facebook** (Poudre School District Child Nutrition Department)  
**Instagram** (@psd\_eats)

**Deadline:** March 10th, 2025



### FRHS Parent Prom Football Fundraiser

Click [here](#) or see the flyer below for a fun opportunity to dance the night away and benefit the FRHS football team.



### FRHS Junior Sabercats Rec Cheer

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for children aged 3-14! Fossil Ridge High School's Cheer Team is launching a recreational cheer program. Below is a flyer with additional details.

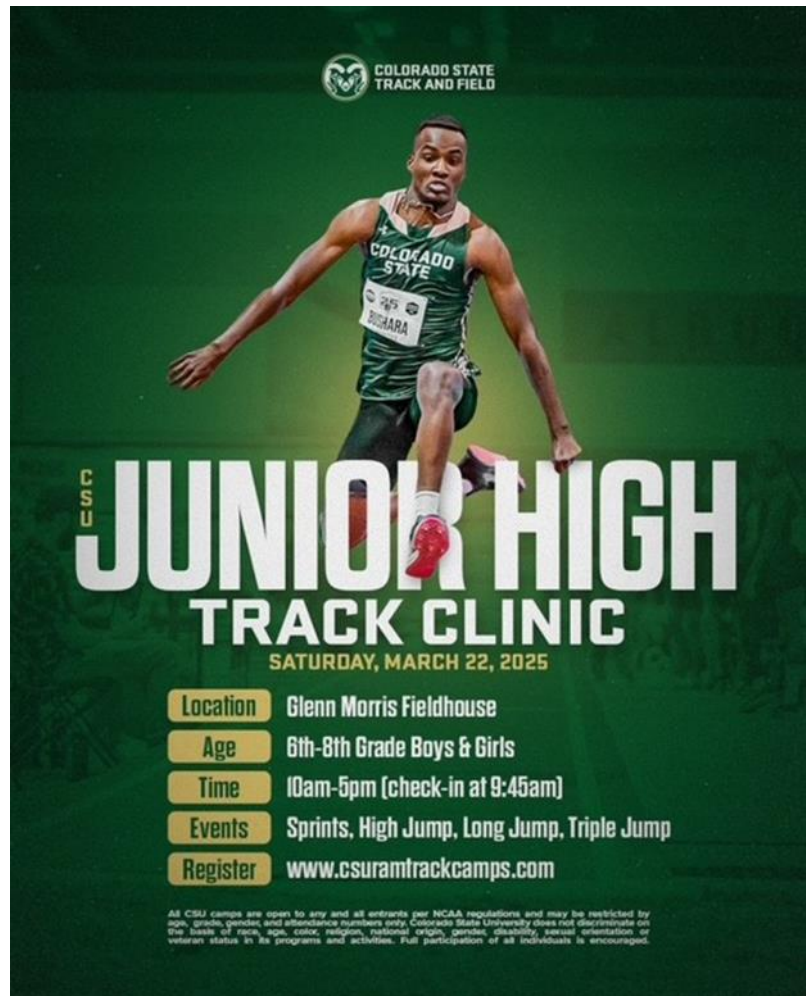


# Kinard Middle School

## **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 22. This is an excellent opportunity for athletes to learn and explore the sport through instruction from distinguished coaches and athletes.

[Register by clicking here!](#)



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## **CSU's Introduce a Girl to Engineering**

Visit <https://coloradostate.swe.org/outreach/> or see the flyer below for an awesome opportunity for girls interested in STEM and Science fields.

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