

THE EAGLE FLYER

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March 2023

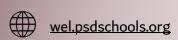
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Note from the Principal's Office...

Dear Parents and/or guardians,

As we continue to lean into our Mission: to ignite curiosity, to nurture resiliency, and to empower lifelong learning; we have opportunities this spring that align to that mission both in our building and outside. Please take a moment to see opportunities for students this spring as highlighted in our newsletter.

Currently, we are finalizing our course requests for the fall and planning for our upcoming master schedule. During this time of year, we are typically reflecting on our bell schedule, and the opportunities it provides for our students. Over the last few years our students have engaged in a number of bell schedules across multiple buildings. If you have any insight, and/or passions, around the structure of our bell schedule please take 5-10 minutes to fill out this survey so we can get your perspective as a parent and/or guardian.

Along the same lines, we are right around the corner of testing season which is an incredibly important time for us to identify additional supports for students, creating additional support classes for students, and placement in requested classes for next year.

The purpose of these assessments is to collect student growth and achievement data, as well as school growth and achievement data. Schools across the state are given a grade on these assessment results and this data is compiled into the school performance frameworks at the state level. As a building we also use this data to help with placement of students in courses and in planning what courses we should be offering. We also use the school performance framework to plan as a building to make instructional improvements and adjustments.

The best way for students to prepare for these tests is to get a good night's sleep in the days leading up to the tests and breakfast the morning of. Please remind your son or daughter to bring their laptops fully charged on all testing days. No cell phones, food, or drink will be permitted in the testing rooms. However, if your student(s) requires a snack for the testing session, they may bring one, keep it in their backpack, and it can be eaten outside the testing room. Breakfast will be available in the Commons as usual each day.

Lastly, please save the date for Parent/Student/Teacher conferences, the evening of March 23rd. This is one designated time to meet with teachers and your student(s) together. As we have received feedback about the convenience of jumping into a virtual conference and scheduling time, we are also working out the details to provide an in-person option as well. As always, if you have any questions about your student's engagement prior to this evening please reach out directly to their teacher(s).

Please let us know what questions you have as we strive to finish the year strong, while also planning for next year.

Sincerely,

Kelby Benedict

CMAS and PSAT Testing Schedule

The CMAS and PSAT testing is coming in April please see the dates below:

April 4th-6th: 6th, 7th, and 8th English and math CMAS will be from 9am-2pm

April 11th- 12th: 8th Science CMAS will be from 9am-11:05am

April 13th 9th and 10th PSAT will be from 9am-1pm

Students not testing on these days will be on a modified schedule of classes.

Please check your email in the next couple of weeks for additional information.









Eagles Athletics

Upcoming Middle School Athletics:

Boys & Girls Golf (6th-8th): 3/6-3/10 Optional Camp, Official Tryouts begin 3/20

Girls Softball (7th & 8th): 3/6-3/10 Optional Camp, Official Tryouts begin 3/20

Girls Intramural Soccer (6th-8th): 3/6-3/10 Optional Camp, Official Practices begin 3/20**

Track & Field (6th-8th): 3/20-3/24 Optional Camp, Official Practices begin 3/27

Unified Basketball (7th & 8th): 4/3 Official Practices begin

Is your athlete ready to play?

- Register at psdathletics.org **MS Girls Soccer players must complete a paper registration form from the WMHS Athletics Office.
- Pay Athletic Fee via School Pay or by check
- Sports Physical on file with the Athletic Department (valid for 365 days)
- Pick up an orange card (athletes cannot participate in official practices without this) Athletes must get an orange card for every sport.

Middle School Golf Parent Info Meeting (boys & girls) March 7^{th} 6:15-pm in the commons with Coaches Shaw and Fox

View our activities calendar and sign up to receive notifications of any cancellations or changes at https://www.patriotleagueco.org/public/genie/430/school/1646/





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Counseling Corner

We just wrapped up a successful registration season and have completed all course requests for students entering grades 6 through 11. If you have specific questions around your student's current classes or future options, please feel free to reach out. Spring Break is just around the corner and we encourage you and your students to practice self-care as we head into a busy spring.





With our spring testing season quickly approaching, we also wanted to share some test anxiety resources. You can read about test anxiety for teens here and find tips for beating test anxiety here. We are happy to provide more individualized support for students upon request.

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Eagles Soaring Forward

Wellington Middle-High School Weekly CCC
Updates



Career, College & Military

As we begin to establish our College and Career center, you will be able to find updates here regarding college visits, resume-building, and application workshops, as well as financial aid and scholarship information.

We are so excited to provide information regarding the many opportunities students have after graduation.

If you have any questions please direct them to Marissa Herzog at mherzog@psdschools.org.

Upcoming Events!

- March:
 - o 03/23/2023- PSD Hiring Fair
 - PSD Hiring Fair Flyer- Click Here
- · April:
 - 04/04/2023- Teacher Recruitment
 Education & Preperation (TREP) Application
 closes
 - o 04/28/2023- Bilingual Career Event
 - Front Range Community College April 28th 9:30 am- 1:30pm Tour of FRCC

Local Bilingual Community members Q&A

- May
 - 05/04/2023- Multilingual 8th grade Transition Night
 - 6-8pm, Overview of 240+ and Future Ready Mrogramming
 - More details to come

Inspiration

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

– Benjamin Franklin

Find additional details and information at https://www.psdfutureready.org/

Supporting our Schools

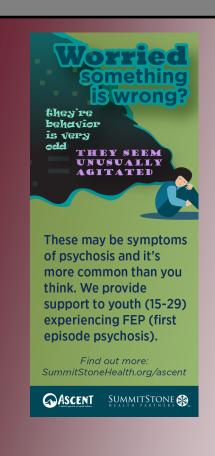






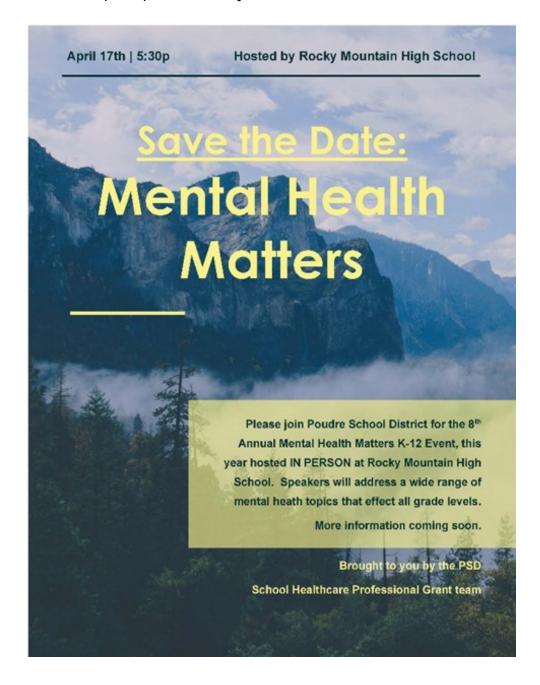
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Counseling Corner, continued...

Happy 2023....it's a new year and there may be some new phone numbers or addresses that should be updated in your students online file. We want to ensure that in the case of any emergency, we have the most up to date information for your student. That being said, please make any changes such as phone numbers, additional emergency contacts that might need to be added or deleted through your Parent VUE portal. Address changes can only be made by coming in to the counseling office and filling out a form or they can be made with a phone call to 970-472-2707 or by emailing me at phunter@psdschools.org. These changes can only be made by persons listed under the parent/guardian tab in the student's electronic. Thank you for your efforts to keep us up to date with your student's information.





Super Art Artists

Congratulations to our Super Art artists for the 2022-2023 school year, Elle Sheneman and Lacy Mize! Each year, one artist from each school is picked to attend the Super Art reception to be celebrated by our Superintendent, principals, teachers, and families. Elle was chosen for middle school from a sewing project called "Cats and Soup", and Lacy is representing high school with a drawing from the "Impact Story" unit. Their work will be on display at the Poudre School District building for one year, and in WMHS for years to come.

Congrats to you both on your accomplishments!









Need a Little Help?

There will be no McBackpack delivery the week of Spring Break-March 13-17. The Wellington Food Bank will be open on Thursday, March 16 from 3:00-4:30 at River of Life Church located at 3161 County Rd 62E if you need food assistance during the break.

School supplies! Is your student running low on paper, or their pencil has been sharpened down to a little nub? Please come see me in office C124 and stock up. I also have new backpacks, pens, highlighters, and folders.

WMHS Little Food Pantry-Did you know we have a small food and hygiene products pantry at our school? It is open to anyone that needs it. Currently, we are offering only non-perishable food like pasta, rice, beans, pasta sauce, cereal, some snacks, tuna, canned vegetables and fruit, and soup with the hopes of being able to offer limited vegetables and dairy items next year. Our current stock of hygiene items include shampoo, conditioner, body wash and bar soap, tooth paste and toothbrushes, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products. We are always taking donations! For more information, contact Dawn Luze our McKinney Vento Family Advocate for Wellington schools at 970-472-2727 or email dluze@psdschools.org



WMHS Drama Club Presents:

Radium Girls by D.W. Gregory Performances at WMHS on the following nights:



Friday, April 14th at 7:00pm - doors open at 6:30pm Saturday, April 15th at 7:00pm - doors open at 6:30pm Sunday, April 16th at 2:00pm - doors open at 1:30pm

Ticket sales to begin in Mid-March

Attendance News

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we reflect on our first semester as a middle-high school, we have noticed some policies and systems that we need to tighten up. One of those policies is our tardy policy. A student is unexcused tardy when they are not in the classroom when the class starts and do not have a tardy excused pass from an adult in the building. Since the beginning of the school year, WMHS students have accrued 21,033 unexcused tardies. If we estimate that the average minutes tardy is three minutes, students have missed a combined 350 hours of class or 14 days of school. We know that this significantly impacts academics, behaviors, and our teacher's ability to maximize learning time. Moreover, promptness is a skill that leads to professional success. As a result, we are implementing the following tardy policy. Students who accrue three or more unexcused tardies in a week will serve lunch detention. This policy will go into effect the week of February 27th. The table below explains the specifics:

Number of Unexcused Tardies in a Week	Lunch Detention Days
3	1
4	2
5	3
6	4
7	5
Above 7	In-School Suspension (ISS)
Continued excessive tardies after ISS	Consultation with administration and deans of students to create an individualized student support plan.

We understand that this policy will take time to iron out and there may be exceptions made for certain extenuating circumstances. We continue to monitor and improve as necessary.

If you have any questions, please reach out to WMHS Admin at swatkins@psdschools.org.

Thank You,

Wellington Middle-High Administration Team

Friendly Reminder from the Attendance Office

Please call the attendance line to report all day absences, report specific class periods missed, or to excuse tardies.

Please Note: Checking in/ Checking out your student does not excuse an absence. All attendance must be reported to the attendance line.

Middle School Check Out Procedure:

Parent/Guardians must check student out from the front office. Please bring identification. This is for your student's safety. Please call the attendance line to excuse any absences that are a result of being checked out of school early.

High School Check Out Procedure:

Please call the attendance line to report class periods missed.

HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE/TARDY:

- 1. Call the ATTENDANCE LINE: 970-472-2701
- 2. Give your student's full name
- 3. Student's ID number (this is important)
- 4. Date of absence and specific class periods missed
- 5. Reason for the absence
- 6. Parent/Guardian's name & relationship to student
- 7. Contact number

Parents are expected to call daily when a student is absent.

Student will be marked unexcused if no reason is given.

All absences not reported within 48 business hours will remain unexcused on the student's record.

Parents and students are encouraged to use ParentVUE and StudentVUE to monitor their attendance. It is the student's responsibility to check for individual class absences. If a student believes an error has occurred, they should notify the teacher immediately.

According to the Poudre School District Policy, the following are considered EXCUSED ABSENCES:

- illness/injury
- appointments/circumstances that cannot be taken care of outside of school hours
- medical reasons/behavioral
- religious observances/court
- funeral
- district sponsored activities

For the full list of excused absences, please visit:

https://www.psdschools.org/schools/school-registration/student-code-of-conduct







NextGenServe Gives Youth A New Summer Experience



Are you looking for a fun and meaningful experience for middle- and high-school-aged youth over the summer?

Sign up to participate in NextGenServe, a City volunteer program for youth ages 11-18 that focuses on growing leadership skills and service in the Fort Collins community. Volunteers learn about a variety of career paths and work alongside trained City staff in various settings, including parks, natural areas, and the Garden on Spring Creek.

In addition, the NextGen program adopts the Xeriscape Garden outside of City Hall over the summer, where they meet and interact with City leaders from across the organization, have opportunities to talk to City staff about their career path, and learn about jobs in local government.

This opportunity is open to all youth interested in leadership, service to their community, and a desire to explore a variety of careers.

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Apúntese para participar en NextGenServe, un programa de voluntariado de la Ciudad para jóvenes de edades 11 a 18, enfocado a desarrollar habilidades de liderazgo y servicio en la comunidad de Fort Collins. Los voluntarios aprenden sobre una variedad de carreras y trabajan junto con el personal capacitado de la Ciudad en una variedad de entornos, incluyendo parques, áreas naturales y el Jardín en Spring Creek.

Además, el programa NextGen adopta el Xerojardín afuera del Ayuntamiento durante el verano, donde los participantes conocen e interactúan con una variedad de líderes de la Ciudad, tienen oportunidades de hablar con el personal de la Ciudad sobre su trayectoria profesional y aprender sobre trabajos en el gobierno local.

Esta oportunidad está abierta a todos los jóvenes interesados en el liderazgo, el servicio a su comunidad y que tienen el deseo de explorar una variedad de carreras.

NextGenServe tendrá lugar los martes y los jueves de 9 a.m. a las 12:00 del mediodía durante el verano.



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GENERAL QUESTIONS: gstrutz@psdschools.org



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El Distrito Escolar Poudre presenta

Campo de Verano de STEM-X 2023

Poudre High School - Del 5 al 9 de junio Preston Middle School - Del 12 al 16 de junio

Primaria - Años iniciales | Grados 1 a 3 Primaria | Grados 4 a 6 Escuela Intermedia | Grados 7 a 9

STEM-X es un programa de verano divertido y práctico, para estudiantes que vayan a asistir a los grados 1 a 9. Las clases de STEM y STEM-adjacent las enseñan maestros licenciados, que tienen pasión y experiencia en sus campos. STEM-X ofrece dos sesiones, cuya duración es de una semana.



Para obtener más información, visiten: https://www.psdfutureready.org/stem-x

Se invita a TODOS los estudiantes de cualquier escuela pública, privada o internacional. Los alumnos que califiquen pueden beneficiarse de la exención del pago de la inscripción.

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Inspira acción





May 2, 2023 9am-2pm, The Ranch Complex, Loveland CO











March Events



Storytime: I Can Save the Earth

3/7 10:30-11:30

What makes the Earth happy? Join us for a story + activity to follow

Trash Talk



Where does it all go? Learn about landfills and fate of your trash



Recycle Rally



3/15-/16 10:30-1:30

Ever doubt which bin to throw it out? Join us and become a recycling expert

Sustainable DIY

3/21-3/25 10:30-1:30

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APRIL 21 - 7:30AM TO 4:00PM

Suzanne and Walter Scott, Jr. Bioengineering Building

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