

Powell Middle School Monthly Newsletter – March 2026

Parent-Teacher Conferences - Middle School Conferences will be held on Monday, March 9th and Wednesday, March 11th, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Mr. Fabela and Ms. Murray will be available for conferences at the Middle School on Monday. Please enter through the front entrance of the Middle School. We will have our P.E., Art, and Music teachers meet with parents in the Commons. We want to give all parents the opportunity to meet with all teachers, so we ask that *conferences be limited to 5 minutes*. If more information is needed, please schedule a conference with the teacher later. We look forward to meeting with you.

Title I Reading and Math - Information will be available in the tech garage on Monday, March 9th, during parent teacher conferences. Swing by and claim a Science or Math prize.

Middle School Art Show - An Art Show will be held during Middle School parent/teacher conferences on Monday, March 9th and Wednesday, March 11th. Eighth grade student artwork will be displayed. Seventh grade student artwork from Quarters 1 and 2 will be ready for parents to take home from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. See you there!

8th Grade Transition Events - During the month of March, the 8th graders will begin the process of transitioning to High School. There will be a High School Registration and Parent Night with “Elective Showcase” at Powell High School on the evening of Tuesday, March 10th, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm (event time is tentative) in the Powell High School Auditorium. A brief overview of Powell High School and the course registration process will be discussed.

From there, the group will transition to the Commons where students and their families will have an opportunity to interact with the high school elective teachers. The purpose of the evening is to give the incoming students (and their parents) information to help them choose their high school elective courses for the next school year.

On Friday, March 6th, there will be pre-registration and on March 13th, the High School counselors will be at the Middle School for the last time to lead the 8th graders through the final registration process, starting at 8:25 am. The final registration process will not only get them ready and registered for High School, it will also meet the requirement of the Hathaway Scholarship (the 8th grade Unit of Study).

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact Mrs. Lisa Fitzgerald at 764-6185 or the High School counselors at 764-6181.

MATHCOUNTS Chapter Contest

Congratulations to the MATHCOUNTS Team on their victory at the Chapter Competition on Feb 10th, 2026!

These ten mathletes represented Powell at the Chapter Contest: Beth Black, Colson Sherman, Auzzy Carter, Paele Rapp, Christiano D'Alessandro, Carter Kruger, Violet Peterson, Keaton Keller, Kye Carter, Bryson Light. Our official team consisting of Colson Sherman, Violet Peterson, Beth Black, and Auzzy Carter took first place. In the individual competition, Colson placed 1st, Violet was 2nd, Beth was 5th, and Auzzy Carter took 6th. In the Countdown Round Colson placed 1st, Beth was 3rd, and Violet finished in 4th place.

Christiano D'Alessandro, Paele Rapp, and Bryson Light all placed in the top twelve as individuals. Other Mathletes competing were Keaton Keller and Kye Carter. This is the 16th year in a row that Powell Middle School has won the Chapter Contest and the 23rd time Powell has won in the last 25 years! The following Mathletes will now compete in Laramie at the State Competition on Saturday, March 7th: Colson Sherman, Violet Peterson, Beth Black, Auzzy Carter, Paele Rapp, Christiano D'Alessandro, & Bryson Light. Great job, Mathletes!

Young Authors Competition

The following students were the YAC district winners for Powell Middle School: Audrey Hultgren, 8th Fiction; Ashlynn McConnell, 7th Fiction; Ashlyn Swink 7th Non-Fiction; Cyanne Phipps, 7th Poetry; Hayden Tietema, 6th Non-Fiction and Poetry. The runners-up were Colson Sherman, 8th Fiction; Addilyn Snell, 8th Poetry; Dawson Roof, 7th Fiction; Gracelyn Gomez, 7th Poetry and Hayden Tietema, 6th Fiction. Congratulations to all who participated!

Powell Middle School Facebook - Check out our [Facebook](#) page! We share pictures of the great things that happen here at Powell Middle School almost daily, as well as communication.

Safe2Tell Hotline - Safe2Tell Wyoming provides a way to report unsafe and risky behaviors anonymously. Anyone can call toll-free at 1-844-WYO-SAFE (996-7233) or submit a report at <https://www.safe2tellwy.org>.

Reminder to 6th Grade Parents

A TDAP immunization clinic will be held on Thursday, April 9th, 2026. Please contact Paula Opps, Powell Middle School nurse, by April 2nd if you are interested in having your student participate.

March is National Nutrition Month - The theme for National Nutrition Month 2026 is "Discover the Power of Nutrition." Healthy food and beverage choices can help power your day now and in the future, helping individuals and communities thrive. PCSD #1 offers healthy meals every school day. We offer a variety of fruits and vegetables, and use "offer vs. serve" in our school lunch program. The use of "offer vs. serve" enables the students to have a choice in what they might choose to eat. At the high school and middle school levels, we also offer ala carte menu options. Health bars, which are stocked with prepared fresh fruits and vegetables, are also offered every day (free of charge) at all of our schools, promoting good nutritional options for all students.

National School Breakfast Week 2026 - Bringing "The Quest for School Breakfast" to Life!

National School Breakfast Week is designated for March 2nd through the 6th. All students are encouraged to try school breakfast if they do not already eat breakfast at their school. We also offer breakfast in all schools as part of our program. Our school meals meet all nutritional guidelines as set forth by the state and federal guidelines based on the USDA Dietary Guidelines.

According to the website <https://schoolnutrition.org>, children who eat breakfast are more likely to reach higher achievement levels in Reading and Math. They score higher on standardized tests, have better concentration and memory, are more alert, and maintain a healthy weight.

Join Track & Field - Discover Your Potential!

Are you ready to push your limits, challenge yourself, and be part of an incredible team? Track & Field offers something for everyone, no matter your skill level. Whether you're sprinting, hurdling, throwing, or jumping, this is your chance to find your passion and develop your athletic abilities! There will be a student interest meeting on March 3rd, during the last few minutes of the lunch period. (7th grade - 12:55-ish & 8th grade - 12:10-ish)

Track practice begins on March 9th at 3:30 pm, in the middle school gym (No practice on March 13th or throughout Spring Break).

The parent meeting (for Track) is on March 12th at 5:00 pm, in the gym following practice.

March: Digital Footprint & Your Child's Future

What students post online today can impact opportunities tomorrow. A digital footprint is the record that is left behind by social media posts, comments, photos, videos, gaming chats or even old usernames. Colleges and future employers often review an applicant's online presence, and those first impressions are increasingly digital.

A helpful starting point is to Google your child's name together. Talk about what shows up, what doesn't, and whether the results reflect who they are today. The goal is to build awareness and encourage more thoughtful, intentional online choices.

Encourage your student to:

- Review privacy settings on all social media and gaming platforms
- Delete or untag old posts, comments or photos that no longer represent them.
- Choose appropriate usernames and bios
- Ask permission before posting photos of others
- Encourage them to "pause before posting" and ask, Would I be OK with a teacher or employers seeing this?

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 MS Swimming Triangular at Powell (PAC) - 4 pm	4	5	6 Black Schedule <u>8th Grade</u> <u>Unit of Study</u> High School Pre-Registration	7 MS Swimming Conference at Worland -10 am State MathCounts at Laramie
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9 Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences & Art Show 4 - 6 pm National School Breakfast Week March 3 - 7 Track-1st Practice 3:30 pm/MS Gym Soccer-1st Practice 3:30 pm/MS Field	10	11 Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences & Art Show 4 - 6 pm	12	13 Orange Schedule <u>8th Grade</u> <u>Unit of Study</u> High School Final Registration - 8:25 am Quarter 3 Ends	14
15	16 Spring Break Quarter 4 Begins	17 Spring Break	18 Spring Break	19 Spring Break	20 Spring Break	21
22	23 School Resumes MS Honors Band & Choir - PHS 8 am - 3:30 pm	24	25	26	27 Black Schedule Friday School 1 -3:15 pm	28 MS Track Invitational at Burlington -10 am
29	30 HS/MS Jazz Concert at PHS Commons - 7 pm	31	<i>April 1</i>	<i>April 2</i> MS Track Triangular at Powell - 2 pm MS Soccer at Worland 4 & 5:30 pm	<i>April 3</i> Easter Break	<i>April 4</i>
<i>April 5</i>	<i>April 6</i> Easter Break	<i>April 7</i> School Resumes	<i>April 8</i>	<i>April 9</i> MS Soccer at Powell 3 & 4:30 pm	<i>April 10</i> MS Track Invitational at Riverton -10 am	<i>April 11</i> MS Soccer at Worland 11 am & 12:30 pm

Mornings Before School - MATHCOUNTS - Wednesday at 7:00 am with Mr. Estes in room 5226

After School - Girls Who Code - Monday > 3:25 - 4:20 pm AND Science Bowl - Tuesday > 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- both with Mrs. Hanks (Tech Garage)

Lego Club with Mrs. Giltner - Wednesday > 3:30 - 4:15 pm in the Da Vinci Lab

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