

Powell Middle School Monthly Newsletter – February 2026

Report Card Reminder - All student report cards are available on the Parent Portal under Documents. If you need to set up your parent portal, please call the office at 764-6185 for your activation code. If you have forgotten your password, please click on the tab for forgotten password and/or username on the Parent Portal. By request, paper copies of report cards can be printed and given to your student.

Communicating with Your Child and Maintaining a Strong Relationship - When children are in middle school, they get quite accustomed to one word answers when parents ask how their day went. We encourage you to turn off the television, place technology aside, and take time to share some events from the day; it is recommended that parents model what they expect. Building these relationships helps parents to stay informed of the daily happenings. It also builds the bridge to tuning in to their social lives a bit and guidance can take place. Please keep a pulse on where your child is spending their time on their cell phones; most social media sites may not positively contribute to the adolescent mind or self-esteem.

School Safety - We are committed to safety here at Powell Middle School. We believe the best way to ensure safety is to develop relationships and encourage communication between all stakeholders. One resource that is offered statewide is Safe2Tell Wyoming; Wyoming's tip reporting process. Safe2Tell provides students, parents, and community members a safe and anonymous way to report information about any issues that concern their safety or the safety of others. Reports can be made to Safe2Tell Wyoming by calling 1-844-WYO-SAFE (996-7233).

MATHCOUNTS Competition - Powell Middle School held its MATHCOUNTS School Competition on Friday, January 16th. The contest determines which fourteen mathletes get to attend the Chapter Competition. Winning the contest was Colson Sherman, followed by Violet Peterson (2nd), Beth Black (3rd), and Christiano D'Alessandro (4th).

These ten mathletes will represent 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.

The Chapter Competition will be held on Tuesday, February 10th, at Northwest College. The competition includes teams from schools of all sizes from the northwest region of the state. The competition consists of 4 rounds: 1st is the Sprint Round (40 minutes), 2nd is the Target Round (40 minutes), 3rd is the Team Round (20 minutes), and 4th is the Countdown Round (top ten places). There are individual and team awards given to the top places. The top two or three teams then compete at the State Contest on March 7th in Laramie.

8th Grade Transition Events - During the months of February and 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 Show Case" 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.

8th Grade Transition Events, continued

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.

Be Our Valentine - A Special Request - On Friday, February 13th, we are asking that all Valentine's Day deliveries to Powell Middle School are scheduled to arrive no later than 10 am. Fridays are short school days for students, and we want your student to receive their special delivery prior to going home for the weekend. Any deliveries that are brought to the school after the 10 am cutoff are not guaranteed to make it home with students that day. Also, there is a Valentine's dance after school that day, so please keep that in mind when planning for your student's Valentine delivery. Thank you!

Science Bowl Competition – The Wyoming Middle School Regional Science Bowl Competition will be held on Friday, February 13th at Casper College. A team of five students from Powell Middle School will be competing. Good luck to our participating students!

Upcoming Event from the Jr. BLT – The Powell Middle School Jr. BLT will be selling Valentine cards for \$1 from Tuesday, February 10th - 13th during lunch recesses. Students will be able to choose a card and lollipop heart ring sucker to give to their someone special.

Challenge of the Books - The student competition for Challenge of the Books will be held in Basin, WY, on Tuesday, February 24th.

2025-2026 Yearbooks - Picture Perfect Yearbook sales will continue in the library. These fantastic keepsakes are just \$10 and will be handed out on the last day of school.

Missoula Children's Theatre - An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of "Red Riding Hood" on Monday, February 2nd at the Powell High School Auditorium, from 3:40 pm to 5:40 pm. Those auditioning should arrive at 3:40 pm and plan to stay for the full two hours.

Parent/Guardian registration is required for those auditioning. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition from 6 pm to 8 pm. MCT Tour Actor/Directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from (3:40 pm to 8 pm) each day. Students will need to pack a lunch daily for their evening meal. Red Riding Hood will be presented on Saturday, February 7th at the Powell High School Auditorium at 3 pm and 5:30 pm.

February: Online Relationships & Boundaries

Middle School friendships increasingly happen online - through texting, gaming chats, and social media. While digital connections can be positive, they can also blur boundaries and create pressure. Learning healthy online relationship skills now can help students build respect, confidence, and safety.

Healthy online relationships are built on:

1. Respect - No pressure to share passwords, location, photos, or private information.
2. Consent - It's OK to say no, log off, respond later, or not at all.
3. Balance - Online time shouldn't replace sleep, schoolwork, or real-life friendships
4. Kindness - No name-calling, teasing, or spreading rumors.

Tips for Parents:

1. Talk regularly about what respectful behavior online looks like.
2. Normalize taking breaks, muting chats, or leaving group messages.
3. Set clear family expectations (no password sharing, devices off at night, etc.)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Missoula Children's Theatre Auditions PHS - 3:40 pm Swimming & Diving - 1 st Practice	3 Boys BB - Powell 8 th - 4 pm 7 th - 5:15 pm	4	5 Boys BB - 4:15 pm 8 th - Powell 7 th - Laurel	6 BLACK Schedule 7th Grade History Day Presentations 10:40 - 11:40 am Boys BB - Powell 8 th - 2 pm 7 th - 3 pm	7 Missoula Children's Theatre - Presents "Red Riding Hood" at PHS 3 & 5:30 pm
8	9 Boys BB 4:15 pm 8 th - Powell 7 th - Lovell	10 Jr. BLT Sales Event > Valentine's Cards for \$1 - through Feb. 13th MathCounts Chapter Competition NWC	11	12 8th Boys BB Cody - 2:15 pm 7th Boys BB Powell - 4:15 pm Swim Dual 4 pm Powell (PAC)	13 ORANGE Schedule WY Regional Science Bowl - Casper College MS Valentine's Dance 1:30 - 3:30 pm	14
15	16 No School President's Day	17 Boys BB 4:15 pm 8 th - Worland 7 th - Powell	18	19 MS Band/Choir Concert & Art Show PHS - 7 pm	20 BLACK Schedule 7th-8th Boys BB Jamboree (B) 2 pm - Riverton	21 8th Boys BB Conference Worland - TBD 7th Boys BB Conference Cody - TBD Speech & Debate - Cody 10 am
22	23	24 Challenge of the Books - Basin MS Swimming Triangular Cody - 4 pm (Rec. Center)	25	26	27 ORANGE Schedule Friday School 1:00 - 3:15 pm	28 MS Swimming Invitational Riverton - 10 am

Mornings Before School

Wednesday > MATHCOUNTS - 7 am > Mr. Estes (room 5226)

After School

Monday > Girls Who Code - 3:25 - 4:20 pm AND Tuesday > Science Bowl - 3:25 - 4:40 pm
> both with Mrs. Hanks (Tech Garage)

Wednesday > Lego Club - 3:30 - 4:15 pm > Mrs. Giltner (Da Vinci Lab)

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