

Powell Middle School Monthly Newsletter

October 2026

Powell Middle School Staff

We are proud of the professionalism and qualifications of our staff. Parents may request staff credentials in writing from Mr. Jay Curtis, 160 N. Evarts.

Great teachers + Great kids = Amazing Opportunities!

Parent vs. Friend — Important Reminders

Being a parent isn't always easy, especially when being a friend feels easier. Remember:

- When your child is disrespectful, argumentative, or manipulative, **be the parent**.
- When your child is disobedient or misbehaving, **don't excuse the behavior**.
- Children need guidance and correction, even when they don't like it.

We have 18 years to parent our children and a lifetime to be their friend. **Care about their future more than their current feelings.**

Bikes & Scooters on District Grounds

We love seeing students enjoy the fall weather by biking, scooting, and skateboarding to school. For everyone's safety, please have students **walk bikes and scooters while on campus and spend time reinforcing bike safety at stop signs and intersections**. These devices are also not permitted on athletic tracks or facilities.

Fall Conferences

Powell Middle School will host Parent/Teacher Conferences from **4:00–6:00 PM**.

Please enter through the middle school front entrance. P.E., Art, and Music teachers will meet with parents in the Commons. Mr. Fabela and Ms. Murray will be in attendance for middle school conferences on Monday, October 13th.

Monday, October 13th & Tuesday, October 14th

Canvas Parent Guide

Need help setting up Canvas? Use the [Canvas Parent Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions to set up and pair your parent account with your student.

Sustaining Middle School Success

We want every student to be successful. Please contact teachers with questions about your student's academic progress. Teachers are also available after school to help students with coursework. Please click [here](#) to access teachers via email.

Facebook

Follow [Powell Middle School-Official](#) on Facebook for school updates, upcoming events, the monthly calendar, and photos of students and activities.

Uniforms & School Equipment

Fall coaches will provide return dates for uniforms and equipment. Items not returned on time or in good condition may result in replacement charges and restrictions from future athletic contests or after-school events until the items are returned or paid for.

Grading

PMS uses a **60/40 grading model**:

- **60%:** Common assessments
- **40%:** Daily formative work

Students who do not pass a common assessment on the first attempt may have an opportunity to retake it after completing additional intervention or learning activities.

PMS Braggin' Board

Outdoor enthusiasts: Bring a photo of your prized fish or game to the front office to be featured on the PMS Braggin' Board. **Thank you to Eastman's Hunting Journal** for sponsoring the board and celebrating our students' outdoor experiences.

Homecoming Dress Up Week

The week of October 19-23 is Homecoming Week. The Jr. BLT will be sponsoring five fun dress up days! Watch our Facebook page in the coming days for the week's line up.

Tips for Success

Help your student succeed by:

- Establishing a consistent homework time and place.
- Checking Canvas and staying up to date with school communications.
- Setting designated times and locations for technology use.
- Asking about their day and communicating concerns with teachers.
- Staying familiar with your student's phone, apps, and social media use.

Bus Passes

Written parent permission is required for students to ride with a friend or change bus destinations.

Send a signed and dated note to the office or email JRSanders@pcsd1.org with your student's name and destination.

For frequent changes, contact the bus barn at (307) 764-6189.

2026–2027 Yearbooks

Preorder your 2026–2027 yearbook for \$15 in the Library!

Photos for Yearbook Class

Have photos of PMS students participating in sports, activities, or school events? Send them to djcatlin@pcsd1.org or jlmorrow@pcsd1.org for possible use in the 2026–2027 yearbook.

Your photos help provide the best student coverage possible!

Challenge of the Books

Does your student love to read? Have them visit the Library and Mrs. Catlin to learn more!

Students must read at least **3 of the 12 books** and complete a quiz for each book. Students who read the most titles and score well on the quizzes will be considered for the team.

Six students will be selected to travel to Basin for the competition in January.

Questions? Contact djcatlin@pcsd1.org.

Wyoming Farm to School Day — October 7

Celebrate local food with a special lunch featuring ingredients from Wyoming farms and producers throughout the Bighorn Basin.

The menu will include locally raised pulled pork, locally grown potatoes and produce, a special homemade treat, and more.

Parents are welcome to join their students for lunch but must RSVP in advance.

National School Lunch Week — October 13–16

This year's theme is **Cafeteria Circus: The Greatest School Lunch Show on Earth!**

Students will enjoy four days of themed meals, prizes, games, special guests, and cafeteria fun.

- **October 13:** Big Top Safari Bowl
- **October 14:** Tightrope Walking Tacos
- **October 15:** Ringmaster's Chicken Patty Sandwich
- **October 16:** Wyoming's Smallest Corn Dogs

National School Lunch Week — Panthers vs. Braves

Eat School Lunch → Defeat the Braves!

Every school lunch eaten during National School Lunch Week helps increase district participation and moves us closer to defeating the Star Valley Braves, winning the G.O.A.T. Trophy, and becoming National School Lunch Week Champions.

Healthy Tech Use at Home

October Digital Wellness

Family Media Agreements: Set clear expectations and healthy boundaries for device use.

Screen-Free Zones: Consider keeping meals, bedrooms, and family time tech-free.

Tech Curfews: Turn devices off an hour before bedtime.

Model Balance: Kids are more likely to follow healthy technology habits when adults model them.

For more information, contact Jenna Carter or Lisa Fitzgerald, PMS counselors.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 Football — 4:15 PM 8th > Powell	2 Activity Day — 8:50 AM Cross Country — 1:00 PM Thermopolis	3
4	5	6 Football — 4:15 PM/ 5:30 PM 7th > Powell; 8th > Cody	7 Farm to School Lunch Day	8	9 Orange Schedule Cross Country — 12:00 PM Powell Golf Course Girls VB — 1:30 PM Powell; 7th / 8th	10 Girls VB — TBA 7th > Lovell; 8th > Riverton Football — 10:00 AM Lander; 7th / 8th
11	12 No School	13 Parent/ Teacher Conferences 4:00- 6:00PM	14 Parent/ Teacher Conferences 4:00- 6:00PM	15	16 Black Schedule End of 1st Quarter	17
18	19 Homecoming Week	20 Jazz & Guitar Concert — 7:00 PM PHS Commons	21	22 7th Grade Health Screening	23 Orange Schedule PMS Homecoming Dance 1:30 - 3:30 PM	24 Wrestling — 10:00 AM Cody
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Monday

Girls Who Code - 3:25 - 4:20 PM - Mrs. Hanks (Tech Garage)

Young Authors Club - 3:30 - 4:15 PM - Mrs. Lange's Room

Tuesdays

Science Bowl Practice - 3:25 - 4:20 PM - Mrs. Hanks (Tech Garage)

Wednesdays

MATHCOUNTS - 7:00 AM - Mrs. Hanks (room 5222)

Lego Club - 3:30 - 4:15 pm/Mrs. Jeremiah(da Vinci Lab)

Robotics - 3:30 - 5:00 pm/Mrs. Carter (Tech Garage)