Powell Middle School Monthly Newsletter
September 2026

Welcome to a new school year at Powell Middle School! Please review our monthly newsletter to stay informed about upcoming events, school policies, and student resources.

Key Information & Hours

Student Class Hours:
Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 3:25 PM
Friday 8:00 AM - 12:45 PM

Administrative Office:
Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Note: Please leave a voicemail if calling outside of office hours.

Student Drop-Off:
The optimal drop-off window is **7:40 AM – 7:50 AM**. Please pull all the way forward in the drop-off line to keep traffic moving safely and efficiently.

Attendance & Unexcused Absences:
Absences not excused within 48 hours are marked as unexcused. Unexcused absences apply after a student's 10th absence in any class unless accompanied by official medical/court documentation. Review the full policy under *Absences and Excuses K-12* on the district website.

Mark Your Calendar

Title I Community & Family Night: Tuesday, September 8th | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
(Cafeteria & Library)
Join us to connect with community support booths, explore student clubs/extracurriculars, access study organization resources, and get hands-on assistance setting up your parent Canvas account.

Fall Picture Day: Tuesday, September 29
Photos will be taken during scheduled P.E. classes.

Staying Connected & Tech Tools

How We Communicate:
Follow our updates via Newsletters, Infinite Campus, Canvas, and our official Facebook page (**Powell Middle School-Official**).

Canvas LMS Setup:
Access grades and class assignments through Canvas. Parents can set up and pair their account using the **Canvas Parent Guide**. In-person setup assistance is available at our Title I Night on Sept 16.

Staff Contact:
Our faculty is dedicated to your student's success. Reach out to teachers anytime by clicking our online **staff directory**.

Digital Wellness & Cell Phone Policy:
Personal cell phones and communication devices (including texting) are **not permitted** on campus from **7:30 AM – 3:25 PM** (7:30 AM – 12:45 PM on Fridays) without staff permission.

At Home Tip: Help build healthy habits by creating screen-free zones (dinner table, bedrooms) and establishing a nightly digital curfew.

Clubs & Extracurriculars

MATHCOUNTS: Meets **Wednesdays starting Sept 9 | 7:00 AM** in Mrs. Hanks' room (5222). Competitive math club preparing for regional, state, and national contests.

Girls Who Code: Meets **Mondays starting Sept 14 | 3:25 PM – 4:20 PM** in the Tech Garage. Build coding projects and solve real-world problems (Grades 6–8).

National Science Bowl: Meets **Tuesdays starting Sept 15 | 3:25 PM – 4:20 PM** in the Tech Garage with Mrs. Hanks. Test your science and math trivia knowledge (Grades 6–8).

Lego Club: Meets **Wednesdays starting Sept 9 | 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM** in the da Vinci Lab with Mrs. Jeremiah (Grades 6–8).

PMS Braggin' Board: Outdoor enthusiasts are invited to bring a photo of their prized fish or game to the front office to be displayed on our board, sponsored by *Eastman's Hunting Journal*.

School Operations & Reminders

- **Bus Passes:** Written parent permission is required for students to ride a different bus or change destinations. Send a note or email Mrs. Sanders at JRSanders@pcsd1.org with your child's name, destination, and signature. For frequent changes, call the bus barn at (307) 764-6189.
- **2025–2026 Yearbooks:** Extra copies from last year are available in the Library for **$10**. Previously purchased yearbooks are also waiting in the library for pickup.
- **School Yearbooks for 2026-2027:** PREORDER your 2026-2027 YEARBOOK! Reserve a copy of the best middle school yearbook around - for just **$15** - in the Library!
- **Student Accident Insurance:** Optional insurance for the 2026–2027 school year is available. Visit the district Business Office page for details.

Meal Programs & Pricing

2026–2027 Meal Rates:

- **Breakfast:** $2.75 | Reduced: $0.30
- **Lunch:** $4.25 | Reduced: $0.40
- **Extra Milk:** $0.70

Free & Reduced Meal Applications: Apply online via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal (*More* > *Meal Benefits*). Online applications are processed fastest, and only one application is needed per household. Paper forms are available at the school or district office.

Note: 2025–2026 approved status carries over for the first 30 school days or until a new determination is made. Questions? Contact Suzi at (307) 764-6186 or sirivas@pcsd1.org. Review the district Unpaid Meal Debt Policy on our site.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Girls VB-4:15 PM > 7th - Powell > 8th - Laurel	**2**	**3** Football 3:30 PM - Riverton Cross Country 2 PM-Lovell Girls VB-4:15 PM > 7th - Worland > 8th - Worland	**4** **Orange Schedule**	**5**
6	**7** **No School** **Labor Day**	**8** Title I Community Night 4:00-6:00 PM	**9**	**10** Cross Country 3 PM-Riverton	**11** **Black Schedule**	**12** Girls VB Quad -9 AM > 7th - Powell > 8th - Lovell Football-10 AM > 7th - Powell > 8th - Riverton
13	**14** Girls VB-4:15 PM > 7th - Cody > 8th - Cody Cross Country 4 pm-Lovell	**15**	**16**	**17** Cross Country 11 AM-Lander Girls VB-4:15 PM > 7th - Laurel > 8th - Powell Football-Powell > 8th - 4:15 PM > 7th - 5:30 PM	**18** **Orange Schedule**	**19** Football-10 AM > 7th - Sheridan > 8th - Powell
20	**21** Girls VB-Powell 8th - 4:15 PM 7th - 5:15 PM	**22**	**23**	**24** Girls VB-4:15 PM > 7th - Powell > 8th - Powell Football-Cody (Scrimmage) > 8th - 5:30 PM > 7th - 6:45 PM	**25** **Black Schedule** Cross Country 2 PM - Worland	**26** Girls VB Quad -10 AM > 7th - Riverton > 8th - Lander
27	**28**	**29** Middle School Fall Picture Day Football-4 PM > 8th - Laurel > 7th - Powell 4:15 Girls VB-4:15 PM > 7th - Powell > 8th - Powell	***30***	***October 1***	***October 2*** **Orange Schedule** Cross Country 1 PM-Thermopolis	***October 3***

Mornings Before School: MATHCOUNTS - Wednesdays beginning Sept 9, at 7 AM > Mrs. Hanks (RM 5222)
After School: Lego Club - Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 9, from 3:30-4:15 PM> Mrs. Jeremiah (da Vinci Lab)

These groups meet from 3:25-4:20 PM > Mrs. Hanks (Tech Garage):
Girls Who Code – Mondays, beginning Sept. 14
Science Bowl Practice – Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 15