

Powell Middle School End of the Year Newsletter – May 2026



Pizza Hut Fundraiser - There will be a fundraiser benefiting Powell Middle School on Wednesday, May 13. Redeem the flyer (at the left) with your Pizza Hut purchase and 20% will benefit the students of Powell Middle School (with a \$15 minimum sub-total purchase). This special offer is good on carry-out, curbside, or delivery orders. There are two ways for your fundraiser order to count: place your order in-store and show your printed/digital flyer or if ordering online, enter the code HUTGIVES. This year's fundraiser will go toward purchasing Powell Middle School tee shirts for incoming 6th graders, new students, and positive incentives toward students through our PBIS rewards program.

Teachers Make All the Difference - As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4 - 8), we honor the dedication, passion, and caring nature of teachers. Not only are teachers the backbone of Powell Middle School, they are a guiding force in helping our children develop into healthy, happy, and successful adults. We

pause to reflect on the work that teachers do every day. Please join us in thanking teachers during this week. Your kindness will be appreciated and it's important that we show educators how much they mean to us. *Thank you, teachers!*

8th Grade Promotion Celebration - On Wednesday, May 27 from 1:30 – 2:30 pm, 8th grade parents and families are invited to the middle school gymnasium for our celebration. Students being promoted will receive a certificate, Presidential Awards will be handed out, and council members will be introduced. The high school principals will also be in attendance to greet the 8th grade class and welcome them to the high school. Upon completion of the celebration, those students may be dismissed from school early, providing they are accompanied by a guardian.

6th Grade Track Meet - Parents are invited to attend the 6th grade track meet on May 13 and 14. The meet will be held each day from 1:00 - 3:25 pm. In the event of inclement weather, the make-up day will be the morning of Friday, May 15. Unless accompanied by a teacher or parent, 7th and 8th grade students cannot attend the 6th grade track meet.

Middle School Band and Choir Concert - Please join us for a middle school Band and Choir concert on Monday, May 11 at 7:00 pm. All concert performances will be at the Powell High School auditorium.

7th Grade Probability Carnival - The 7th grade will be hosting the Probability Carnival again this year on Wednesday, May 20, from 1:30 until 3:00 pm. Come one, come all to this Math-tastic Event.

Appreciation Days - During the month of May, we are recognizing our Teachers, Custodians, Nurse, Counselors, Psychologist, and Paraprofessionals. Each day, these professionals provide exemplary service and dedication to the students and staff at Powell Middle School. Thank you!

8th Grade Gettysburg Battle Reenactment - The 8th grade students will be presenting a reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg on Friday, May 22 at 9:00 am, on the middle school football field. Directly following the reenactment, the 8th grade students will have their Civil War projects on display in the 8th grade hall of the middle school. Please join us for a morning of remembering the American Civil War!

Yearbook - The '25/'26 Yearbook is nearly complete and ready to print! In order to guarantee a copy for your student, they should pre-order their copy in the Library by May 15. The cost is \$10 for a priceless book of middle school memories.

8th Grade Field Trip - On Tuesday, May 19, our 8th grade students will be going on a field trip to learn about various geological elements and time periods. This should be an exciting opportunity to get hands-on in our learning and experience our beautiful geological features. The buses will leave Powell Middle School at 8:00 am and will return around 3:00 pm. Students will need to bring a packed lunch (school sack lunches are available if ordered), water, good hiking shoes (no sandals or shoes with holes in them) and pants to protect students as they hike. Depending on the weather, students may also want to bring hats, sunscreen, and/or a jacket. Geology Rocks!!!

Chromebook Collection - During the last full week of school, students will be checking in their Chromebooks and chargers. The 8th graders will check in their Chromebooks and chargers on Wednesday, May 20; 7th graders on Thursday, May 21; and 6th graders on Friday, May 22. However, before the Chromebooks are checked in, students will need to:

- (1) **Remove** all personal pictures, documents, music and/or videos they would like to keep by downloading them to a flash drive *from home*.
- (2) **Clean** the device and the case.
- (3) **Fully charge the device to 100%** the day of collection.

Activity Day - On Thursday, May 28, students from the middle school will participate in the last activity day of the school year. The activity day will begin at 8:50 am, with the dismissal of students at 12:45 pm. It should be a lot of fun for both the kids and staff!

Annual School Lunch Hero Day - Between preparing healthy meals for America's students, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, school nutrition professionals are true heroes. On Friday, May 1, we will celebrate Annual School Lunch Hero Day!

Panther Pride Football Kids Camp - The Panther Pride Football Kids Camp will be held on June 4, 5 and 6 (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) at the Powell High School practice facility behind the high school. Meeting times are ages 12 to 14, 8:00 to 10:00 am and ages 8 to 11, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Participants will need to wear appropriate workout gear, bring a water bottle or thermos of water to maintain hydration, bug spray to ward off the mosquitoes, and the signed parental consent form. **Cost is \$60.00 per camper.** (Multiple campers please reach out to me by email at cskistler@pcsd1.org) All funds earned will be used to conduct the camp or will be donated to the PHS Football program. Please make checks payable to Panther Football or Venmo to Chasekistler@powellfootball. You can send in an early registration form to 205 S. Mountain View St., Powell, WY 82435, or drop it off at the High School during school hours.

Registration Information

Participants Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Emergency Contact phone _____
(Should be reachable during camp hours.)

Medical Release - Please list any pre-existing medical conditions or medication that the staff should be aware of.

I hereby register my child for the Panther Pride Kids Camp & authorize the staff to direct him in participation in camp activities. My child has no medical or emotional problems that may affect his ability to safely participate in the above-mentioned camp. Camp staff is authorized to attend to any health problem or injury my child may incur while attending camp. I further acknowledge that anyone associated with the Panther Pride Kids Camp will not be liable for any damage from injuries or illness sustained while participating in the camp.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

National Speech-Language-Hearing Month - In May, National Speech-Language-Hearing Month aims to raise awareness about hearing health. Did you know that you can enjoy your music and entertainment without compromising your hearing? The use of noise-cancelling headphones reduces the need to increase volume by minimizing background noise.

Sports Physical Vouchers Available - Beginning on May 1, vouchers can be purchased from Powell Middle School at (307) 764-6185 or Powell High School at (307) 764-6181. The cost of sports physical vouchers will again be \$20 and can be purchased with cash or a check made out to 'PVHC' at time of purchase. Sports physicals are offered on Thursday, June 4 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm and Thursday, August 6 from 2:30 - 5:00 pm. To schedule a time, call Mrs. Vicki Walsh at Powell High School, (307) 764-6181. Students must call to schedule a check-in time for one of the above dates.

May: Navigating a "Screen-Smart" Summer - As summer approaches, routines relax and free time expands. While summer is a well-earned break for students, it can also lead to a sharp increase in screen time. Summer is a great opportunity to help your child build independence and balance in how they use technology. Tips to create a screen-smart summer are:

1. **Shift** from "Limits" to "Ownership": During the school year, screen time is often tightly managed. Summer is a chance to gradually hand off some of that responsibility. Sit down together and ask, "What do you want your summer to feel like?"
2. **Create** a "Before Screens" Habit: Before grabbing a device, encourage your child to complete one helpful task at home. This small shift prevents screens from becoming the daily default starting point.
3. **Encourage** Purposeful Screen Time: Screen time can be more than just scrolling or gaming. Technology can help students build skills, explore interests, and make a difference. Check out apps like Scratch, Khan Academy, Duolingo, Canva, National Geographic Kids.
4. **Keep** Social Connections Real: While digital communication is valuable, middle school students still need face-to-face interaction to build social skills and confidence. Encourage inviting friends over, group activities like sports or biking, or volunteering.
5. **Protect** Sleep (Even in Summer): Later nights are part of summer fun, but screens late into the night can quickly disrupt sleep. Consider charging devices outside of bedrooms, using night shift mode on the phone, and setting a "wind-down" time 30-60 minutes before bed.

National School Lunch & Breakfast Programs at PCSD #1 - At PCSD #1, we proudly serve students nutritious, balanced meals every school day through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. Our menus are thoughtfully planned to meet the rigorous nutrition standards set by the United States Department of Agriculture, including age-appropriate limits on calories, sodium, and added sugars, while emphasizing whole grains and lean protein. Each breakfast includes a variety of 4-5 components, and lunch features all 5 required groups, ensuring students have access to well-rounded meals that support focus, growth, and overall health. Students can enjoy a wide selection of fresh and cooked fruits and vegetables every day, along with access to school health bars designed to encourage trying new foods and building healthy habits. By combining nutrition standards with appealing, student-friendly choices, PCSD #1 is committed to fueling students with meals that are both delicious and designed to help them succeed in and out of the classroom.

Online Free & Reduced Meal Application - Did you know you can submit a Free & Reduced Meal Application anytime during the school year? Benefits determined during the 2025-2026 school year will extend to October 2, 2026, or the date that a new application is determined (whichever comes first). The Free & Reduced Meal application can be completed online or through paper application. Access the online application through the Infinite Campus parent portal you are currently using to view your child's lunch account balance. A link to this portal is available from the home page of the district's website (www.pcsd1.org) under Quick Links - Parents - Infinite Campus Parent Portal. To access the application, log on to the Infinite Campus portal, select the applications/forms tab and click on the link to the application process. Using the online application will expedite the process and provide quicker access to your child's potential benefits. Paper applications are available at your child's school and the district office. You will only need to submit one application per household unless you have had a change in income that may newly qualify your children as free or reduced. Note that a second application in a school year will require you to submit income verification and will be requested by the District Business Office. Should you have questions throughout the application process, please contact Suzi in the business office at (307)764-6186 or email at sirivas@pcsd1.org. USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <u>Black</u> Schedule MS Dance 1:30 – 3:30 pm MS Track Invite at Lovell HS - 1 pm MS Soccer at Lander - 3 & 4:30 pm	2
3	4	5 8th Grade Career Fair at the Armory 8:30 am - 1 pm	6 Choir Music Festival at Lovell - 9 am	7 Band Music Festival at Lovell - 9 am	8 <u>Orange</u> Schedule	9 MS Track Conference at Worland - 9:30 am
10	11 6th Grade Sci. Volcano Eruption Day Band/Choir Concert - 7 pm PHS Auditorium	12 MS Track “Best of the Best” at Lander - 10 am	13 Pizza Hut Fundraiser 6th Grade Track Meet 1 - 3:25 pm 5th Grade Orientation at PMS 12:10 - 3:25 pm	14 Knowledge Bowl at Cody 6th Grade Track Meet 1 - 3:25 pm	15 <u>Black</u> Schedule 6th Grade Track Meet (Make Up Day)	16
17	18	19 8th Grade Geology Field Trip 8 am - 3 pm Last Day to Check Out Library Books	20 8th Grade Chromebook Check In 7th Grade Probability Carnival 1:30 - 3 pm	21 7th Grade Chromebook Check In	22 <u>Orange</u> Schedule 6th Grade Chromebook Check In 8th Grade Civil War Reenactment at PMS FB Field - 9 am	23
24 PHS Graduation - 2 pm	25 No School Memorial Day	26 6th Grade Bottle Rocket Launch	27 8th Grade Promotion Celebration at PMS Gym 1:30 – 2:30 pm	28 <u>Last Day of School</u> - Students Dismissed at 12:45 pm End of Year Activity 8:50 - 10:50 am School Yearbooks Handed Out	29	30
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