



The Pride Post

Upcoming Events

- NO SCHOOL
March 12th-
Teacher Work Day
- SPRING BREAK
MARCH 15TH-19TH

Thoughts From Your Principal...

Phase 4 is going amazingly well at Linton. Students and staff are working hard to follow safety protocols...and it is paying off. 😊 This month, I thought I would share some "frequently asked questions", so everyone has the same information.

FAQ

Do students HAVE to wear masks at recess?

If they are able to stay 6 ft apart, they are able to remove their mask for a mask break. MANY keep it on, by choice. You may always tell your child that you want them to keep it on. We do our best to watch and try to help kids remember spacing while playing.

Have we had many cases at Linton?

We have had two unrelated positive cases. If you want to monitor all cases in PSD, you can access the dashboard here: <https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/COVID19schoolstatus>

What has this looked like for all of PSD?

Case Comparisons Over Time by Level

Dates	Elementary School		Middle School		High School	
	10/1 9/20- 11/2 5/20	1/19/ 21- 2/25/ 21	10/19/ 20- 11/25/ 20	1/19/2 1- 2/25/2 1	10/19/ 20- 11/19/ 20	1/25/2 1- 2/25/2 1
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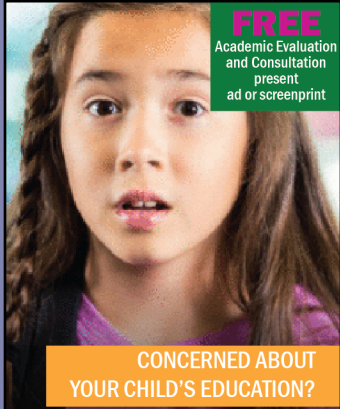


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4. Why all the questions when my child is sick?

I know! It seems extensive. However, we are all required by the LCDHE to document illnesses so we may better track symptoms. We are required to follow a protocol for when a student can be "cleared" to return. Thanks for working with us!

5. What is the latest on the state test (CMAS for grades 3-5)?

At this point, there is a directive from the President that states are to give them. There is also a proposal in front of the Governor to not give them this year. **At this point, we are moving forward with our planning until we hear differently.**

6. Any chance for field trips or other activities this spring?

All field trips have been suspended. We will look for other fun "end-of-year" activities that could be approved.

We maintain committed to the health and safety of students and staff, and also committed to providing a GREAT school year experience under any conditions!


Please let us know how we can help.

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School News

- The Read A Thon is almost here! We will be celebrating our Read A Thon on Friday, March 5th. This will be a pajama day for all students (please make sure they have shoes or boots for recess). Our students will spend the day enjoying all things **READING!**
- All Read A Thon envelopes must be turned in by Friday, March 5th.
- If you have a 3-year-old or 4-year-old and are interested in Early Childhood for the 2021-2022 school year you can learn more about their program by visiting their web page at: <https://www.psdschools.org/deparment/earlychildhood> or calling them directly at 970/490-3204.
- If you have moved recently and have not notified the front office, please call Mrs. Anduss (970/488-5850) in the front office immediately. Poudre School District entrusts us to have the most up to date address and contact information for your student. Additionally, you are able to update your emergency contacts via ParentVue. Information regarding how to access ParentVue is available online; <https://www.psdschools.org/ParentVue>
- If you are planning to move over the summer and your child will not be returning to Linton for the 2021-2022 school year, please contact Mrs. Anduss in the front office at 970/488-5850.
- All teachers in our building will soon be starting the process of placing your student in a class for next year. Your child's current teacher considers your child's academic strength and areas that need support. They also look at social development and friendships. In addition, they work hard to keep classes even with boys and girls. Once classroom teachers complete this first step, our intervention staff, support staff and specialists (Art, Media, Music & PE) have an opportunity to review the lists and add their comments. Our Specialist opinions are important because they see your student in a different learning setting than their classroom teachers. Once this process is complete the classroom teachers review the list again and make any necessary changes. After all of this information is collected, Mrs. Stolte goes over each list with a fine-tooth comb to ensure that your student will have the best learning experience possible for the upcoming school year. Students in grades kindergarten through 4th grade will get an opportunity to meet the TEAM of teachers for the grade level they will be going into prior to the end of the year for what we call May Meet and Greet. This is a chance for students to meet all of the teachers in their upcoming grade level and hear about the fun things they will be learning next year. Parent input forms for class placement will be available April 2, 2021. Please call us at 970/488-5850 and we will gladly send a form home with your student or email one to you. All forms are due back on April 9, 2021. No late forms will be accepted.
- There is **NO SCHOOL** on Friday March 12th for a Teacher Work Day. Students will be on Spring Break beginning Monday, March 15th. All students will return to school on Monday, March 22nd.




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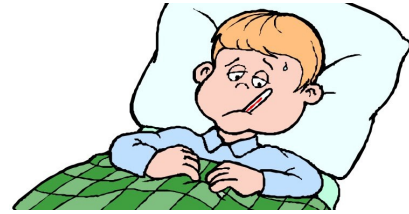
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What to do if my child is sick:

<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/psdprotocolsCOVID19>



Spring Assessment 2021

CMAS – April 20th – April 27th. We will take the state test in the areas of math, reading (English Language Arts) and science (grade 5). The assessment is for students in grades 3rd – 5th. We thank you for trying to avoid appointments or absences on these dates.

Please reach out to Mrs. Harbison with any assessment questions
kharbison@psdschools.org

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Dear PSD parents/guardians of K-12 students in the 2021-22 school year,

We know you are thinking of all the things you need to do to make sure your student is ready for school. Getting vaccinated is an important part of their school readiness and keeps children from catching and spreading diseases that can make them sick. We wish you and your student a healthy school year!

Required and recommended vaccines

Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private, or parochial kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent, unless a certificate of exemption is filed. For more information, visit cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines. Your student must be vaccinated against:

Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap)

Hepatitis B (HepB)

Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)

Polio (IPV)

Varicella (chickenpox)

Colorado follows recommendations set by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Students entering kindergarten must receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR and varicella. Students entering 6th grade must receive one dose of Tdap vaccine, even if they are under 11 years of age. You can view recommended vaccine schedules at cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/parents-adults/resources-parents.html.

Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease and human papillomavirus, but are not required.

Exclusion from school

Your student may be excluded from school if your school does not have an up-to-date vaccine record, certificate of exemption, or in-process plan for your student on file.

If someone gets sick with a vaccine-preventable disease or there is an outbreak at your student's school and

your student has not received the vaccine for that disease, they may be excluded from school activities. That could mean lost learning time for them and lost work and wages for you. For example, if your student has not received a MMR vaccine, they may be excluded from school for 21 days after someone gets sick with measles.

Have questions?

You may want to talk to a healthcare provider licensed to give vaccines or your local public health agency about which vaccines your student needs or if you have questions. You can read about the safety and importance of vaccines at SpreadTheVaxFacts.com, ImmunizeForGood.com, and cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-education.

Paying for vaccinations

If you need help finding free or low-cost vaccines and providers who give them, go to COVax4Kids.org, contact your local public health agency, or call the state health department's Family Health Line at 1-303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777. You can find your local public health agency at cdphe.colorado.gov/find-your-local-public-health-agency.

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Vaccination records

Please take your student's updated vaccine record to school every time they receive a vaccine.

Need to find your student's vaccine record? It may be available from the Colorado Immunization Information System. Visit COVaxRecords.org for more information.

Exemptions

If your student cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit a Certificate of Medical Exemption to your school, signed by a health care provider licensed to give vaccines. You only need to submit this certificate once, unless your student's information or school changes. You can get the form at cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions.

If you choose not to have your student vaccinated according to the current recommended schedule because of

personal belief or religious reasons, you must submit a Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption to your school.

Nonmedical exemptions must be submitted annually at every new school year (July 1st through June 30th of the following year). There are two ways to file a nonmedical exemption.

File the Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption WITH a signature from an immunizing provider, OR

File the Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption received upon the completion of our online education module.

Downloadable certificates and our online education module are available at

cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions.

How's your school doing on vaccinations?

Some parents, especially those with students who have weakened immune systems, may want to know which schools have the highest percent of vaccinated students. Schools must report immunization and exemption numbers (but not student names or birth dates) to the state health department annually. Schools do not control their specific immunization and exemption rates or establish the Vaccinated Children Standard described in C.R.S. 25-4-911. Schools must include their MMR immunization and exemption rates from the most recently completed school year in this letter. Schools may choose to also include immunization and exemption rates for other school-required vaccines. Additional immunization and exemption rates can be found at COVaxRates.org.

For a full list of MMR immunization and exemption rates, listed by school, please [visit this page](#) on the Poudre School District website.

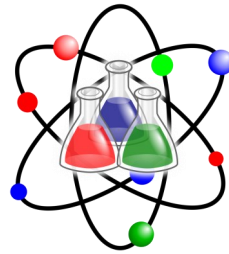


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Congratulations to Mallory Clarke, Caden Read, Nona Read, Maggie Slawson, and Sienna Zomer! They are the Linton Elementary students who performed in the PSD Virtual Treble Choir.

Singers from Linton Elementary, Zach Elementary, Johnson Elementary, Traut Core Knowledge Elementary, Kruse Elementary, McGraw IB World Elementary, Webber Middle, Kinard Core Knowledge Middle, Leshar IB World Middle, Preston Middle, Lincoln IB World Middle, Rocky Mountain High, and Fort Collins High Schools participated in this endeavor under the guest direction of Mrs. Abigail Martinez (Erie Middle School - Colorado Middle All State Choir Chair Emeritus).

Singers learned their parts from home and submitted recordings of themselves for the virtual choir experience. Our message was one of hope - *The Rising* by Andrea Ramsey/lyrics by Sarah Teasdale. Singers from around Fort Collins, Colorado amidst the Covid19 Pandemic may have stopped meeting together in person, but we remain together in song.

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REPORT to PARENTS

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Limiting Your Child's Online Access With Parental Controls

We all know that, as much as technology has opened new worlds to our children, it has also put them at risk of predators and of growing up too soon through exposure to things they shouldn't see at their ages. It's important for parents and caregivers to do all we can to help our children use technology safely and wisely. Here are some very important suggestions to put to work in your home:

Be in control. Parental controls are available for every make and model of computer and it's important to make sure they're in place. Use the "search" feature on your computer to locate where the parental controls feature is. Make sure you, with your own password, are the only one who can change the control settings. Each user of the family computer should be given access to the computer only through his or her own password. For each child, determine what type of content you want him or her to be able to see, and what you want blocked.



Check with your provider. Make sure to find out what services your Internet Service Provider (ISP) offers to help protect your children online. Many ISPs have invested heavily in ways to make sure that children can use the Internet safely.

Be picky. You can use parental controls to make sure your children visit only sites that are age-appropriate, or can make sure they can't download any files from the Web. You also can filter out content you don't want them to see, and prevent them from running certain programs.

Watch the clock. Parental controls often allow you to determine when, by hours of the day and days of the week, your children can access the Web, and when they will be blocked. This keeps kids from spending too much time on the computer and from getting on when no one's home to supervise.

Sharing is bad. Although it's important for you to always know

their passwords, do not let your older and younger children share passwords and do not divulge yours to them. If they sign on under your user name/password, they will not be protected through the parental controls you've set.

Get extra protection. Several excellent products go further than your computer's built-in parental controls and give you more confidence that your child's Web experiences will be safe. For those who are really concerned, a program such as the highly rated Web Watcher can track everything that happens on your child's or your family's computer, including who's using it, when, for how long, and on which sites.

Check their history. It's always a good idea to log onto the computer using your child's password and user name after your child has finished surfing the Web, whether it's for homework, to be on MySpace, or to play games. Log in as them, open the Internet browser, and then view the sites they've just visited by simply clicking the little down-

pointing arrow at the right hand side of the box where you type in a Web address. When you click on the down-arrow, all the recently visited sites will be displayed in a list. Check to see if there are sites that your child visited that he or she shouldn't have.

Sneaky tricks. Unfortunately, older children, who are most likely to want to visit "off limits" sites, are also able to learn how to delete their history of visited sites. Fortunately, you can use an empty history as a clue. Make sure your children know that they will be disciplined if you see that they have deleted their history (which is done by going to the "tools" menu and clicking on "Internet options" or "options" and choosing to "delete").

Remember, experts, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, recommend that children spend no more than two hours a day using a computer, especially when on the Internet. It's up to you to help them make sure that their spending that time wisely, and safely.



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