



December 6, 2019

"Our vision is educational excellence in knowledge, skills, and character with strong parent-teacher-student partnerships."

Dear Wolverines,

I hope this first week back after the break was a good one, and that you enjoyed your bonus day off last week. My kids and I really enjoyed the chance to snuggle up at home, do some baking, and play in the snow. It was nice to unplug a little bit, and was the rest break I needed before this end of the year sprint. Our semester ends on Friday, December 20 and report cards will come home the Friday after Winter Break, January 10. Look for those in your student's Friday Folder.

There are lots of community and school events coming up in the next few weeks, as well as next semester. Check out some of these opportunities, below, as well as news and reminders.

DEADLINE APPROACHING - School of Choice, 2020-2021

Parents, if you have a child (sibling) entering Kindergarten 2020/2021 or a student who will attend (Kinard) 6th grade for the 2020/2021 school year, you **must** submit an online application before the deadline of **January 17th, 2020 at 12:00, Noon**. For additional details about School of Choice in PSD, please click [here](#). To apply for Kindergarten or Kinard for next year, or any other school of choice, please click [here](#).

Winter Service Projects

Thank you to all who have donated to our Hat & Mitten Tree in the Media Center. Our Student Advisory Board (SAB) will continue to collect new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves through December 20th.

We have had an incredible response to the Giving Tree, located in the entryway foyer! If you have taken a tag from the tree, please return the items, unwrapped, to the front office **by next Friday, December 13th**. Our SAB will gather and deliver these to families in

need in our Early Childhood program. Your generosity is amazing, and I am again proud to be part of this community.

ART SHOW!

The Poudre School District and the Foothills Mall are happy to host the K-12 Creative Endeavors Art Show, opening today! Come to the interior corridor of the Foothills Mall to see incredible art from students throughout the district, and also enjoy cookies and hot cocoa. The show will run from November 22 through January 17, all day.

Traut Rollerland Skate Night

Join us at Rollerland for Traut Night on Friday, **December 20 from 4 -7 pm**. Families are friends of all ages are all welcome. Skating is \$4.75, and skate rental is \$3.25. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Traut.

Hour of Code - PSD Code Night

The Hour of Code™ is a nationwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming. PSD is offering the chance to code to students of ALL AGES. The event will be held at Poudre High School on December 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There will be prizes, giveaways, and fun . . . all for free.

Girls in the Spotlight - Available in January

Give your girl an opportunity to explore her voice through communication arts! Build confidence, public presentation skills and have fun! Girls in the Spotlight in a non-profit organization that teaches girls new skills that will build confidence. Activities include storytelling, public speaking and leadership development. This club is offered to girls, grades 3-5 and will be held in the Media Center from 3:05-4:15 on Tuesdays - January 21 through March 3.

For additional information or to enroll, please click [here](#).

A friendly note from our ELD (English Language Development) Teacher

Hello Traut Families! Here is an interesting article with interesting advice about helping English Language Learners excel in school and beyond. You can access it [here](#).

3rd Annual Craft Fair at Rocky Mnt. High School (RMHS)

Please join RMHS for their 3rd annual Craft Fair, this Saturday, December 7, 9-2 pm. There will be a large variety of vendors, including RMHS students. For more details, click [here](#).

Holiday Wrapping Paper Sale at Ft. Collins, High School (FCHS)

The FCHS Autism and ILS program is creating holiday wrapping paper. Wrapping paper is designed by individual students in the Autism/ILS program, then printed and packaged by students. Wrapping paper is sold in 18" by 24" sheets. Each sheet is \$4. (Checks can be made to FCHS). Please contact Ale' McGee (amcgee@psdschools.org) with any questions! *THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERS IS DECEMBER 16TH AT 3:00pm.*

To see all the unique designs the students have made and to place an order, please click [here](#).

"If you're skating on thin ice, you might as well dance." ~Anita Shreve

This morning, as I was watching our Fourth Graders celebrate their Medieval Festival, I caught the teachers dancing with each other, in full costume. They had worked diligently to make this annual event a success, hand in hand with several amazing parent partners. Even though I know they were tired from the planning and preparation, they still had the energy to dress up, dance, laugh, and celebrate with our students. It made me smile and remember that we are at an amazing school.

I hope you all enjoy a great weekend with family and friends, and that some of this ice melts!

Dr. Kendall