



April 24, 2020

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

Dear Wolverines,

Sorry to be sending this to you so late. This was almost a Saturday Note, but I think I'm getting it in just in time to still qualify as a Friday Note. The timing of this correspondence is indicative of how the week went for my household - not quite typical, feeling a little behind, and just doing the very best we can.

This week is [National Volunteer Appreciation Week](#) and I want to take a moment to thank ALL of our parent partners for your dedication and support of Traut Core Knowledge School. Although we are not able to celebrate you in person, I hope you know that Traut is an amazing place of learning and character BECAUSE of your partnership. You are your child's first and most important teacher, and your time and energy at Traut creates a truly unique opportunity for students to thrive. THANK YOU!

Parenting Class - A Social Distancing Opportunity

Hi Traut Families!

We were supposed to be ending our TCKS Parenting Series this coming Tuesday. I had not planned on establishing a meeting for these based on the unique times we are all facing, but it has been brought to my attention that these are precisely the times where this class might be very beneficial. Because of that interest, I am opening up a Tuesday Zoom meeting **April 28, 2020 at 6pm** with the intent to discuss self-care and parenting tips for stressful times. There is no need to have attended previous classes to attend. We hope this

is a way to come together, as a school community, to gain perspective, understanding, and bring normalcy to this very complex time.

Please email me with any questions, and enjoy your weekend!

Gretchen Holland - gholland@psdschools.org

Topic: TCKS Parenting Class

Time: Apr 28, 2020 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87320125752?pwd=N29nUnhqaklYMXhVWGxzM09acGdwZz0>

Meeting ID: 873 2012 5752

Password: Parents

"Class" Photos Available

With schools closed due to COVID-19, class group photos have been canceled. Traut Elementary will be offering an 8x10 class composite with those photographed last fall at Traut in lieu of the spring class group for only \$10.00

They can be ordered online only and must be ordered by **May 1, 2020**:

SECURE PRE-ORDER ON LINE :

Go to www.skillmanphotography.com

Click on "order prepaid school portraits" and have
credit/debit card ready.

ACCESS CODE: TRAUT2019CG

The composites will be delivered when access to school will be allowed to pick up belongings in desks or lockers or in late summer when buildings are open again.

Support our Local Businesses!

Last year, as we celebrated our 25th Birthday, many of our local businesses supported Traut. As you are looking to support local businesses during this time, linked below is a list of our donors. MANY of these local businesses are owned by Traut staff members and Traut families. To see the complete list, please click [HERE](#) HERE. Together we remain #trautstrong!

#TrautStrong - Show your spirit and support the Food Bank

You can get behind our #trautstrong campaign today!

What: Purchase \$3.00 vinyl #trautstrong stickers ..a great gift giving idea, or for your family!

Where: <https://psdschools.schoolpay.com/link/trautstrong-stickers>

Why: We are stronger together~ \$1 goes to TCKS, and \$1 goes to Larimer County Food Bank, (and \$1.00 satisfies cost and mailing.)

Each \$3.00 sticker is 5 "x 1.5". To receive your stickers, purchase on schoolpay, and we will mail them to you promptly.



CoRUNa Challenge 5K - A Social Distancing 5K

Saturday April 25th! 9:00am Virtual Start

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

100% of money raised for this event will go to the [PSD McKinney-Vento Program](#) and [McBackpack](#) which offer food and essentials for over 1,250 students in PSD who are suffering from homelessness. Your registration will include a Coruna Challenge T-Shirt and also a chance to win gifts from local businesses supporting the cause!

Choose Your Own Trail : Pick any trail you like! Compete against time or take your time to go a distance of 5 kilometers! (3.1 Miles) If you want to compete against others in the event, you may use your favorite run tracking app (I have been using MapMyRun) and share your run results by 10:30am on my [Facebook Event Page](#) or by email to earlg@collindalegolfacademy.com! **Hint:** If you want to map your distance first, there is a great tool on Google Earth!

Join Us On Social : There is going to be a 9:00am Virtual Start Gun on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) Live! Check out the Coruna Challenge Event Page where you can post pictures of your training or engage with others in the race!

Do You Accept the Challenge!? For additional details, please click [here](#) .

New Before and After School Care

PSD had selected AlphaBest as our district's new Before & After School Care program. Registration for Fall 2020 will open on May 1.

From AlphaBest: "We are excited to join the Poudre School District community and look forward to meeting all of you soon! We understand that change can be difficult, especially now, and our team is dedicated to making this transition as seamless and as enjoyable as possible for you and your children.

As a family owned business, we take pride in the relationships we build with students, their parents, district staff, our staff, and the local community. In addition to strong relationships and a safe program foundation, we provide unique world-class enrichment every day for every student, at no additional charge. We can't wait to get started!"

For additional information about AlphaBest, rates, programming and more, please visit: <https://www.alphabest.org/poudreco/> or click [here](#) .

Meet Your New Parent Advisory Board Members!

Your TCKS Parent Advisory Board is very happy to announce three new members joining us for the 2020-21 school year! Welcome Gwen, Lyndsey and Misty to PAB, we are so grateful that during these times adjusting to the new normal you reached out to be a part of our team! #trautstrong

Gwen Valles and her husband Danny have 3 kids- 2nd grader, kindergartner and preschooler. I was born and raised here in Fort Collins. I attended a small Christian college in California to get my bachelor's degree in Communications where I met Danny. We moved back here to work at my family's food distribution company- Yancey's Food Service. After several years, my husband pursued real-estate and now works at The Group, Inc. where he sells residential real-estate and manages investments. I became a stay at home mom after having my first baby. Ever since my kids started attending Traut I have been involved in the classrooms and school and have a heart for the parent partnership Traut offers. One unique thing about me is I am actually a Traut Core Knowledge graduate (I was the first 6th grade class to attend the building we are currently in!) Some of my teachers are still there - you know who you are :) I have a passion for my kid's education and I believe together we as parents and teachers can provide an environment our students will thrive in.

Lyndsey Vandiver is mom to Evelyn (Evie) who will be attending kindergarten at Traut this fall. Lyndsey works for HP as the Technical Talent Manager reporting to the Chief Engineer. She hopes to find lots of opportunities to make STEM connections. Lyndsey and her husband, Ben, have lived in Timnath since May 2014. Ben is an engineer, working as a Quality Director at Hach. Hobbies as of late include reading, cleaning, acting as a part-time Jr. K teacher, home workouts, and snuggling with her Boston puppy, Sophia.

Misty is the proud parent to a current first grader and an upcoming kindergarten student at TCKS. Misty and her husband Jonathon, have lived in beautiful Northern Colorado for nearly five years and works as a legal assistant for a Western Colorado firm. On the weekends you can find Misty crafting, playing with the kids outside, or baking.

End of Year - (Not Really) An Update

I'm afraid I sound like a broken record here, but the district is still working on the details for how we will get student belongings back to you. As I have shared before, there will be an opportunity for families to get all of their students' things before the end of the year. We are waiting on specific directions from the Larimer County Health Department before making any final decisions. I will keep you posted when I learn more.

At this time, it sounds like parents and students will not be allowed into the building, but rather school staff will gather student's belongings and we will place them in a bag or container that we will bring to your car. Again, I do hope to have some better clarity about this process for you soon. Thanks for your patience!

"As you set off into the world, don't be afraid to question your leaders, but don't ask too many questions at one time or that are too hard because your leaders get tired and cranky." - Will Ferrell

My boss, Dr. Lambert, shared this with us today, and it made me laugh out loud. And I needed a laugh today. This week has been hard! I have been tired and cranky. I have felt weepy and guilty, then driven and determined. Quarantine creates an odd roller-coaster of emotion and energy for my children and me. Maybe this is true for you as well. We have been on this ride together for 6 weeks now, which simultaneously feels like an impossibly long time, but how did we get to the end of April so quickly?!? I guess quarantine also messes with the space-time continuum (which is why I am still writing this note to you at 10 pm!)

I share this with you in the hope that if you have also had a hard week - you can rest easy knowing that YOU ARE NOT ALONE. As the leader of your household, you may feel tried and cranky sometimes - just keep your hands, arms, feet, and legs inside the ride vehicle and we will get through this, one slow climb and fast (scary) descent at a time.

I hope you enjoy a restful weekend!

Dr. Kendall