



**May 2, 2020**

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

Dear Wolverines,

I apologize for not getting this update to you sooner. Unfortunately, I had an accident yesterday and had to go to the hospital. I have a broken knee and ruptured tendons. I will need surgery, but due to the pandemic, I will need to wait a bit. I visit with a surgeon on Monday morning, so hopefully I can get it repaired before too long. I share this because I may be out of communication for a while, but I will do my best to respond to emails as quickly as I can. Thanks for your understanding!

### **#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.

### **New Before and After School Care**

**Registration for new PSD before- and after-school care provider opens May 1**

[Selected as Poudre School District's new provider](#) of before- and after-school childcare, AlphaBEST opens enrollment May 1 for PSD families to sign up for services in the 2020-21 school year.

A secure online registration platform will be available at [alphabest.org/poudreco](http://alphabest.org/poudreco).

AlphaBEST's before-school programs will run 6:30 a.m. until the site school's first bell Mondays through Fridays; after-school programs will operate from the time of a site school's dismissal until 6 p.m.

[AlphaBEST's rates](#) are about 20-25 percent lower, as compared with rates of PSD's former before- and after-school care provider. Families who qualify for free or reduced-price meals, active military members and PSD employees are eligible for discounts. <https://www.alphabest.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Poudre-Rates-Discounts.pdf>

Full and partial scholarships are available. AlphaBEST also accepts Colorado Child Care Assistance Program, or CCCAP, vouchers and has no limit on the number of CCCAP slots available.

Programming will align with each site school's strategic goals and is designed to inspire students, engage minds and help children discover new interests and skills.

Learn more about AlphaBEST's PSD-specific services at [www.alphabest.org/poudreco/](http://www.alphabest.org/poudreco/). Those with questions may contact David McClure at [poudreco@alphabest.org](mailto:poudreco@alphabest.org) or 972-632-6573.

## **2020 Summer Reading Challenge at Poudre River Public Library District!**

The library 2020 summer reading challenge WILL take place starting May 20<sup>th</sup> and going through August 16<sup>th</sup>, in a virtual format. Go to our ["Summer to Imagine" webpage](#) to get started on May 20th!

Some program and prize details are still being determined; thank you for your patience.

The Libraries and book drops will remain closed until further notice. In the mean time, explore our [massive digital collection](#) of e-books (ALL genres! ALL ages! ALL good!), audio books, magazines, and movies. Everything is FREE with your library card.

For details about the reading challenge, please click [here](#) .

## Morning Fresh Drink Tops Collection

Girl Scout troop 896 (current 2nd graders) would like to thank everyone for collecting and donating Morning Fresh drink tops (milk, juice, etc). The girl scouts counted and sorted the donated tops earning \$240 toward Traut's new outdoor classroom renovation this year! Please continue to save your tops for future projects at Traut. These can be turned in at the front of the library when we return to school.

Thank you,

Rebecca Lyle

## Census 2020

Did you know that an accurate census count ensures that Poudre School District receives the highest possible allocation of federal funding? It's true. With only 10 simple questions, the census will take you only minutes to complete. The time you invest means PSD will receive millions of dollars to support child nutrition, as well as students who come from poverty, who have special needs, and so much more. Our kids count, so be sure to fill out the census this spring. For more information, visit: [www.psdschools.org/census2020](http://www.psdschools.org/census2020).

## End of the Year Update

As you may have seen in the correspondence from the district, the last day of new instruction for the year will be **May 14**. May 15 is a Teacher Work Day, and there will be no instruction. May 18-22, no new instruction will be provided. Students are invited to work on activities from the Specials website, or other extension activities.

### **May 19: Materials Pick-Up Day/Book and Laptop Drop-Off**

***I will have many additional details about timing and procedures about the 19th that I will share with you next week. We will have all your student's belongings in a clear bag which will be labeled with your student's name. You will also need to pick up any remaining medications from Mrs. Frei. Finally, we will collect all school items you may have at your homes, such as novels, white boards, library books, and laptops on the 19th. We will also place all Lost & Found items out on several tables so parents can look through for any missing items.***

***Teachers will be present to wave goodbye. Please don't approach them for hugs. Trust us, this part breaks our hearts, but we want to keep everyone safe and healthy! Only staff can enter the building.***

***Again, I will share specific details about timing and procedure before the end of next week.***

May 20-22: Virtual goodbyes and last day of school class celebrations.

May 22: Report cards can be viewed on ParentVue. More info to come. Grades will be only for documented school work through March 13, 2020. We will not have printed report cards to share but will make sure you have access to a digital copy.

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"Run when you can, walk if you have to, crawl if you must; just never give up" - Dean Karnazes

I feel like this quote captures the hard work and spirit I have seen from our incredible staff and parent partners. When all this began, we were crawling, but it didn't take long for everyone, (parents, teachers, and students) to learn to walk. I am so proud that we seem to have hit a nice jogging pace, for the most part, and I know that we wouldn't have been able to do so much in such a short period of time without our partnership model.

Parents - you have been incredible. Your engagement, feedback, and support made all the difference in helping to keep our students moving forward. I know this has not been easy, but you have done a wonderful job!

Teachers - I couldn't be more proud of the hard work, creativity, and passion you've brought to your teaching these last several weeks. You have faced this challenge with grit and perseverance, compassion and heart. You personify our Traut motto: Never give up! It's an honor to work with you.

I won't be running any time soon, but I am hoping to be able to walk by the time I see you again, even if it is with crutches.

I hope you are enjoying a nice weekend!

Dr. Kendall