



May 7, 2022

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

Dear Wolverines,

I had the pleasure of going on the 4th-grade field trip to the Denver Capitol building on Friday, which is why you are getting another Saturday edition of the Friday Notes. It was such a treat to get to see our students engaging with each other and learning about our state's unique history. I was complimented several times about how well behaved our students are, and how impressed the tour guides were with the knowledge our students have. I was very proud of them. And a huge thank you to our parent partners who helped make the trip possible!

Track and Field Updates

I don't have the results just yet, but we had some amazing 4th and 5th graders participating in the PSD Track Meet this morning at French Field. I will be sure to share the results next week. I would like to thank Mrs. Patty Dorlac, our interim PE Coach, for the immense amount of work she put in to make this happen. Without her dedication and willingness to jump in with both feet, we would not have been able to send students to the District Meet this year. Thank you, Patty! I also want to thank all the parent partners who came to help with tryouts - again, we can't do it without your help!

FIELD DAY!

On that note, we are so excited to bring back Field Day at Traut this year! Mrs. Dorlac has put together a wonderful day of outdoor fun for our students, but we will need help to pull it all together!

Field Day will be held on **Monday, May 23** (rain date May 24). K, 1, and 2 will have their events in the morning before lunch. 3, 4, and 5 will get their turn in the afternoon, after lunch.

We still need volunteers! If you are interested, please email Mrs. Dorlac at pdorlac@psdschools.org and she will be in touch with additional details. The more volunteers we have, the more activities we can include for the kids.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Feedback Opportunity

As part of Poudre School District's commitment to ongoing evaluation of its School Resource Officer (SRO) Program, the district created a new online form that students, staff, families, and community members can use to share feedback about their interactions with School Resource Officers.

The form is [available here](#). Completing it is voluntary. For those completing a form, the more information you share, the more helpful it will be for our teams. [More information >>](#)

Feedback will be reviewed by PSD's Security manager, as well as supervisors from PSD's three contracted law enforcement agencies: Fort Collins Police Services, Larimer County Sheriff's Office and Timnath Police Department. Information may be used to inform future changes to the SRO program.

PSD evaluated the SRO program in the 2020-21 school year, and the Board of Education ultimately voted to approve its continuation. This process included extensive community input.

Learn more about the SRO program, including PSD's plan for continuous improvement and accountability during the 2021-22 school year, visit the [School Resource Officer Program web page](#).

Outdoor Workday Update

What an amazing turnout we had for the Outdoor Classroom workday. THANK YOU to everyone who was able to come and play in the dirt with us! Parents helped fill all our beautiful new planter boxes, install the Character Qualities pathway, and refresh the

mounds, one of which will become our butterfly garden, and the other will be our Winter/Herb garden. It is really becoming a magnificent learning space!

Our brand-new Garden Club will be selling starter plants and seeds after school over the next few weeks. Proceeds will go towards purchasing the plants for the two new gardens.

We are using money raised from the PAB Fundraiser to get water, electricity, and wifi out to the Outdoor Classrooms. Your generosity is going to help us create a world-class learning space for our students. Thank you!

PSD Virtual Art Show!

I am so pleased to share that Traut has four students who are showcased in [PSD's Virtual Art Show](#) this year. Please join me in congratulating:

Ben. D (K)

Emilia C. (2)

Haoming W. (4)

Cadi T. (5)

To view the show, please click [here](#).

A Note from the Media Center

Traut Community,

All library books were due Friday, May 6 and we will no longer be checking out books to our students. Please check around your house for any missing books and return them to the library as soon as possible. I will be sending home overdue notices next week for any leftover books. Also, the first class (or classes) to return all their books will get a prize.

Happy Book Hunting!

Mrs. Lundebly

Hiring Updates

I am excited to share that we have hired a new 5th-grade teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Sara Long will be joining us next fall. Sara has been teaching for more than 15 years, and most recently has been working as a 5th-grade teacher in Pennsylvania. Her family is relocating to Fort Collins this summer and we are thrilled to have her join our team. Once she gets settled, I will ask her to write a brief introduction to share with our community.

Mrs. Katie Salinas will be moving from 5th grade, down to 4th grade next year. This is because our own Ms. Shelley Falk is engaged and moving to South Carolina. She will be missed, but boy are we excited for her next adventure by the sea. And we are also excited to have Mrs. Salinas bringing her gifts to the 4th-grade team!

My dear friend and colleague Tonya Schwolert is retiring from 3rd grade at the end of this school year. This one is also bittersweet, as she has been part of the Traut family for more than 20 years. That said, the lure of being a hands-on grandma is awfully powerful. We wish you so much joy, Tonya!

This leads me to our next change! Mrs. Anna LiPuma will be moving into Mrs. Schwolert's position in 3rd grade! After having mastered the art of teaching our kindergarten students, Anna is looking forward to a new challenge and chance to work with our students at that magical time of transition between primary and intermediate grades. Can't wait to see you take 3rd grade by storm, Anna!

Finally, this leaves a kindergarten opening. Our hiring committee held interviews all day Thursday of last week. I will have an announcement about who will be joining us on the kindergarten team very soon!

Still to come: we will be hiring a new PE teacher, as well as adding a certified interventionist position. The interventionist position was posted last week, and we will be posting the PE position soon. Stay tuned for more details!

Important Dates

Mon., May 16 - NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day

May 23 (Rain Date, May 24) - Field Day!

May 25 - Last Day of School (Dismissal at 11:35)

“To my elementary teacher heroes: Words can’t adequately capture the magnitude of your value. You keep our children safe but help them take risks in their learning. You guide them to literacy in reading, math, and science, but also help them become their own director of learning. You set the trajectory for students’ futures, and you work passionately to make sure the aim is high. It is a privilege to work with you.”

~Alissa Kendall

I was asked to write a sentence for a PSD digital newsletter thanking elementary teachers for their hard work. I said that there is no way I can say what needs to be said in a sentence. So, they gave me some artistic license. ????

Even though the school week is technically over, I think I can still squeeze in a gigantic THANK YOU to all of our teachers here at the end of Teacher Appreciation Week. Traut is a phenomenal place and our teachers are second to none. I am so proud to work with each of you and grateful for the incredible dedication and passion you bring to this job.

Parents – thank you for spoiling our teachers this week. They deserve it, and it has been such a treat for them to get pampered and loved. Your generosity is overwhelming.

To my fellow moms, I wish you a very Happy Mother’s Day tomorrow. I hope that you get spoiled and pampered – you also deserve it.

With gratitude,

Dr. Kendall