



# PTO NEWS



## A NOTE FROM DEBBIE and SHERI

### President's Report February 2010

We are halfway through the school year and preparations are already underway for our next school year. We are always welcoming visitors through the office who are interested in open enrollment for all grades. Mr. Wolf, many of our staff members and a load of volunteers hosted a Powell showcase in January, it was a huge success. There were over two hundred people touring our school. The word is out about our wonderful and ever improving school climate.

As a community member of Powell and of Littleton Public Schools, please make yourself aware of the budget concerns that are affecting all children across Colorado. The numbers, although they are not finalized at this time, are not looking good for public education. It is our responsibility to gather information and contact our public officials to express our concerns where our children are involved. The LPS administration is very active about any budget issues and they always update their website for us to reference. As you access the district web site, you will find all you need under the "Budget Matters" link.

Please join the Powell PTO in welcoming speaker Ellen Lynch, M.C.F.C. on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Powell cafetorium. Ellen will be speaking on: "Understanding Your Teen - Take Home Tools and Techniques." She will touch on some serious subject matter and encourage light-hearted discussions on raising our middle-school students. The evening will be funded by the PTO and we would like you to bring your friends and neighbors to share this evening. It is not limited to just Powell families. Anyone raising a teenager will benefit from joining us.

In the next few months your PTO will review and vote on how to spend the profits from our fall magazine sales. Because of your child's hard work, we are able to allocate money to purchase items for their classrooms and our school. We will gather the staff requests, review them and decide depending on our established budget. We will keep you up to date on what exactly is decided in future newsletters.

Finally, THANK YOU. We are always thankful to all of the families that are active in our school. If you are a volunteer here at Powell, we appreciate your help. Our school and our PTO wouldn't be able to thrive without all the assistance. Every bit helps, large or small. If you are interested in giving some of your time, please contact our Volunteer Coordinators - Holli and Pat ([pscorder@msn.com](mailto:pscorder@msn.com) and [hollisparks@msn.com](mailto:hollisparks@msn.com)). We need assistance this year and next in a wide variety of capacities.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Cordero on behalf of Sheri Brasher  
PTO Co-Presidents

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### CUSTOMER CARE FOR MAGAZINE ORDERS

If you have a question or concern about your recent magazine order, please contact David Schultz ([dashultz@q.com](mailto:dashultz@q.com) or 303 241-5929) Mr. Schultz is our QSP Representative, and is happy to assist with magazine order issues that may arise.

# SCHOOL NEWS



**MathCounts** has been in full swing since October. We have been working out our brains on Mondays after school to improve our math problem solving abilities. On Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> our team traveled to Euclid for a friendly district competition. All students involved had a great time and all came out winners! Our next venture will be to The University of Denver (DU) on February 20<sup>th</sup> for the Metro area competition. Winners at the metro level proceed to the state competition, where the top 4 Mathletes and top coach earn the right to represent their state or territory at the national level. Stay tuned for results from our Powell teams. Go Mathletes!



A huge thank you to all the mom's that volunteered to help with Mr. Bigg's ticket sales. You were outstanding, I couldn't have done it without you!  
Mrs. Durbin

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| <b>Susan Hutchins, Chair</b> | Sarah Lampard   |
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| Laura Dafoe                  | Marianne Nelson |
| Amy Eckhout                  | Lianne Nikkel   |
| Peggy Havener                | Sandy Schell    |
| Dana Lambeth                 | Dawn Wesseman   |

## KUDDOS TO POWELL'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT

On *January 20, 2010*, *Adventures in Performing Arts* dazzled our eighth graders. Performing in the Powell Main Gym, students from both Littleton High School and Heritage High School gave a 45-minute concert. The purpose of the concert was to promote interest in music at the high school level.

On *February 8, 2010*, *Mr. Mark Talley* and the Powell Jazz Band will host the fourth annual LPS Jazz Festival Showcase. All LPS secondary jazz bands will perform this evening. The Powell cafeteria is schedule to be packed with jazz enthusiasts of all ages.

Also, on *Tuesday, February 16, 2010* and *Wednesday, February 17, 2010, from 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m.*, *Ms. Kathie Summers* and *Mrs. Karen Meersman* will host our annual talent show, *Follies*. *Follies* features sixth, seventh and eighth grade student acts.

This year, entrance to the show is \$5.00 at the door. Our fabulous teachers, *Mr. Keith Michie* and *Ms. Sally Hancock*, will emcees. Don't miss this show!



## C.O.R.E.

The Powell Positive Behavior Support Team would like to thank Deb and Mike Cordero and BCER Engineering for their generous donation. Because of their donation the PBS team was able to make our CORE kickoff assembly and our weekly CORE rewards even more special. We can't say thank you enough!

## SCHOOL NEWS

### HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLIES SUCCESS

In January, Powell hosted three successful Honor Roll Assemblies. Many adults worked behind the scenes to make these assemblies memorable. Thanks goes to members of the Recognition Committee: **Mrs. Lisa Thursby, Ms. Marilyn Bailey, Mr. Ralph Hancock, Mrs. Melissa Toland, Mrs. Melissa Smart, Mr. Eric Sadler, Mr. Andrew Genson, Mrs. Linda Arnold** and parents, **Mrs. Augustin Horblit and Mrs. Kelly Perez.**

Thanks also goes to the Kitchen Staff for all the cinnamon rolls and drinks: **Deb Frink, Linda Bouderaux, and Jenni Caswell and Lucy Armijo.** Final thanks go to our many parent volunteers who served the cinnamon rolls and drinks: **Martha Friedrich, Carol Ann Smith, Gracie Webb, Diana Goldy, Laura Meli, Anne Borg, Anita Milhollin, Sally Panis, Lisa Smith Carol McNulty, Dawn Wesselman, Margaret Danuser, Becky & Doug Moore, Julie Stockdill, Anne Taylor, Rebecca Flinders and Robyn Anderson.**

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teacher Initiated Parent /Teacher conferences will be held on *Thursday, February 11, 2010.*

The *February 11, 2010 conferences* will be teacher-initiated, allowing staff to focus on those students who need more professional and parental support and structure to ensure their academic successes. These conferences are scheduled from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The *February 18, 2010 conferences* will be arena conferences. They will begin at 3:30p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. with the front doors closing at 7:00p.m.

### VIPS NEWS

December was a busy month for our volunteers at Powell. Thanks to the many parents who baked goodies, provided drinks, and supervised the 6th, 7th and 8th grade dances. A special thank you to our chairs who successfully organized the dances: **Angela Engel, Sharon Westerman, Nicki Hulse and Jenny Trask.** A special thanks also, to our volunteers who helped sell tickets for the Behavior Rewards Activity at Brunswick Zone. **Susan Hutchins** coordinated these volunteers, once again making the activity a huge success! We so appreciate parents' efforts on behalf of the students at Powell. We couldn't have these successful events without all of you!!

Speaking of events, we have Teacher Appreciation Week and the 8th Grade Continuation Celebration coming up this spring. If you would like to get involved in any of these activities or chair these events, don't hesitate to contact Pat or Holli, your V.I.P.S. coordinators.

It's great to be a Puma parent volunteer!

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Holli Sparks [hollisparks@msn.com](mailto:hollisparks@msn.com)

### CARNATION SALES



Attention Powell Students:: Do you have a sweetheart? Powell Student Council will be selling carnations the week of Feb. 1-5. Send your friends, teachers, siblings and crushes a carnation. Bring your money to the stage the week of Feb. 1-5. Carnations will be delivered Fri., February 12th during 7th block.

# G/T AT POWELL

**February 2009**

**GT at Powell**

**Clubs & Activities**

**Brain Bowl:** The Brain Bowl tournament will be held on Saturday, **February 7<sup>th</sup>** at Overland High School. Six Powell teams will be competing in the tournament. Wish them luck!

**Spelling Bee:** Littleton Public Schools is having its annual Spelling Bee on **February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Powell competitors will be announced in the next newsletter!

**Science Olympiad:** Powell will compete at Colorado Science Olympiad Regionals on **March 7<sup>th</sup>** at Poudre High School in Ft. Collins. This month, students are busy building robots, studying anatomy, learning about meteorology, practicing identifying fossils, and lots more activities in order to prepare for the competition.

**Attention PARENTS!**

Any parent interested in attending an informal gathering to meet & greet other GT parents, check in with Ms. Fraietta, and share ideas about planning a Powell Parent Program for 2009-10 are welcome to come by Room 346 on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00**. Volunteers are needed to provide snacks and help set up!

Science Olympiad is in need of **PARENT VOLUNTEERS** who have experience or knowledge in any areas of the following areas: medicine, engineering, USGS maps/website, meteorology, public health, physics, computers, or sciences such as biology and chemistry. Our class meets every day from **9:40 – 10:26**, and our budding young scientists would love to have your expertise and mentorship. Email me if you are interested.

Have a great February, and as always, please call or email with any questions or thoughts you would like to share.

Maria Fraietta, GT Facilitator

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# INCOMING SIXTH GRADE NEWS

## 6th GRADE REGISTRATION

Mr. Hancock, 6<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, will be visiting the below listed schools to register incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade Powell students on the following dates:

**Highland** \* Monday, April 5, 2010  
1:15p.m.

**Hopkins** \* Tuesday, April 6, 2010  
9:15a.m.

**Twain** \* Tuesday, April 6, 2010  
1:30p.m.

**Franklin** \* Monday, April 12, 2010  
9:15a.m.

**Runyon** \* Monday, April 12, 2010  
1:15p.m.

**Lenski** \* Tuesday, April 13, 2010  
9:15a.m.

**Sandburg** \* Tuesday, April 13, 2010  
1:15p.m.

Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be visiting Powell on the following dates:

**Twain** \* Tuesday, April 20, 2010  
9:30-11:00a.m.

**Lenski/Hopkins** \* Wednesday, April 21, 2010  
9:30-11:00a.m.

**Sandburg/Franklin** \* Tuesday, May 4, 2010  
9:30-11:00a.m.

**Highland/Runyon** \* Thursday, May 6, 2010  
9:30-11:00a.m.

## 6TH GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING

Wednesday, April 14, 2010  
Tour of Building (optional):  
6:30-7:00p.m.  
Orientation—Cafeteria  
7:00-8:00p.m.

## PUMA PRIDE TOURS

Potential open enrollment parents for the 2010-2011 school year are invited to attend one of our scheduled Parent Tours. This tour will give you the opportunity to meet with Principal, Mr. Steve Wolf for an hour of information, question & answers, and a short school tour. Please phone Christy at 303 347-7952 or email [ccassidy@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:ccassidy@lps.k12.co.us) to reserve a spot for the tour. Please sign in with the Main Office when attending a tour.

**Tour Dates:**  
**Times: 9:00a.m.—10:00a.m.**

February 4  
February 19

## POWELL MUSIC CONCERT FOR FEEDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The Powell Music Department will perform its annual concert for our feeder elementary schools on **Wednesday, March 31st, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Powell Cafetorium.** Members of the Puma Band, Jazz Choir, Ladies Select, Musical Arts Choir and Eighth Grade Strings will be performing.

Fifth grade students from three of our six elementary feeder schools will be in attendance. These elementary schools are Franklin Elementary School, Hopkins Elementary School, and Twain Elementary School.

# INCOMING SIXTH GRADE NEWS

## POWELL INSTRUMENT SCREENING

Hello Parents of Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders,

The Powell Music Department would like you to know that Powell does the choice of band, strings and choir a little differently than other schools. In order to select an instrument to play, instead of having a "Screening Night" in the spring so students can try the band and strings instruments out, we simply ask that you sign up your incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grader for band or strings. Then in the fall we will have students try the band and strings instruments in class (and can rearrange students' schedules easily enough between the two classes if necessary) and choose their instrument then. We find that this is more convenient for you and your students, and it also resulted in a better mix of instruments in our strings and band classes. If you prefer participating in a "Screening Night", you are still welcome to go to these events at Euclid, Newton or Goddard (contact us for specific dates and times) and then sign up for band or strings at Powell.

All incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders should attend a performance by one of the middle schools. This is arranged by way of a field trip between the elementary and middle schools. At this performance your student should hear the middle school band, strings, and choir and thus get a clear idea if they prefer band, strings, or choir. Strings and band are both classes that need to be signed up for. However if your student does not do strings or band, then they will take other electives including choir for 9 weeks with Ms. Summers.

If you have any questions about this, please contact myself or Ms. Bailey at our information below. We look forward to working with your students this next school year!

Thanks,

**The Powell Music Department**

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## STUDENT NEWS

### WRITE AWAY CLUB MEETINGS

Come to Write Away! Right Away!

**W**rite Away Club is a place where students share ideas, celebrate successful soliloquies, sup on the finest delicacies, and enjoy other writers' company! If you like words and ideas and enjoy putting them together in creative ways, this is the place for you!

**M**ark these dates on your calendar and in your planner:

February 4	April 1
February 25	April 15
March 4	April 22
March 18	April 29

**O**ur club would love to have guest speakers who enjoy sharing their writing or publishing expertise. Please contact Mrs. Hamill @ 303-734-6338.

### Community Youth Art Shows

The Powell Middle School Art Department will participate in three community youth shows this winter and spring. The shows are as follows:

#### LPS Secondary Bemis Library Art Exhibition

February 2 - 25, 2010

Reception @ Bemis Library

February 25, 2010 5:30 – 7:30 pm

#### Bemis Library

6014 S Datura St

Littleton, CO 80120

(303) 795-3961

#### Curtis Youth Art Month K-12 Art Show

March 8 - April 2, 2010

Reception @ Curtis Arts & Humanities Center

March 12, 2010

#### Curtis Arts & Humanities Center

2349 East Orchard Road

Greenwood Village, CO 80121

(303) 797-1779

### TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

**April 22nd**, is "Take Your Child to Work Day." If you choose to have your student participate in this family activity, **PLEASE** make sure you call the attendance line at 303-734-6310 to record your child's absence.



Dear Parents,

**P**owell Middle School has been around for 29 years. Did you know that the seventh grade students write an online newspaper? Did you know that we even *have* a newspaper?

**F**eatured in the newspaper are interviews with teachers, updates on school events, fun articles, a sports page, video news, and so much more. We try to have students, parents, and teachers interact with the Powell news. We think that it is important for everybody to be involved in the events that occur every day.

**Y**ou can interact with our paper in a variety of ways:

View it: [www.powellpumas.wikispaces.com](http://www.powellpumas.wikispaces.com)

Follow us on Twitter: PowellPumas

Email us: [powellpumas@gmail.com](mailto:powellpumas@gmail.com)

Follow our Blog:

[www.pumastale.blogspot.com](http://www.pumastale.blogspot.com)

Sincerely,

Melissa R.

Lauren T.

Colleen H.

Dylan P.

Members of the Pumas Tale

## STUDENT NEWS

### POWELL PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHTS

The Powell counselors will be visiting our current sixth and seventh grade classrooms in mid-March to share 2010-2011 registration information.

Parent meetings for next year's seventh and eighth grade students will be held on **Wednesday, April 7, 2010, from 6:30-7:30p.m.** Parents of 2010-2011 seventh graders should plan to meet in the **Cafetorium**. Parents of 2010-2011 eighth graders should plan to meet in the **Band Room**.



### CSAP TEST DATES

CSAP Testing will start on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 9  
Grade 8 Only

Wednesday, March 10  
Grade 6, 7 & 8

Thursday, March 11  
Grade 6, 7 & 8

Friday, March 12  
Grade 6, 7 & 8

Make-up tests dates:  
March 15–19

Thank you for helping make CSAP successful!

### Powell Puma Lady Hoopsters Make History

Never before had the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Powell lady hoopsters finished without a loss on any of the three levels, that was until this season. The girls capped off an amazing season by sweeping the district championships in impressive fashion.

The C team lead things off on the right foot by overcoming an early 6 – point deficit by scoring 11 straight points to win in impressive fashion. The defense shown by the C players was amazing as the other team struggled to get any good looks at the basket. Great defensive efforts were given by **Chloe B, Lauren R, and Maddie I**. Along with starting things off at the championships, the C team was also part of the most exciting game of the regular season, an overtime victory in Euclid's gym as **Kayla L** made 2 clutch free throws as time expired.

The B team gave an entire team effort during the championship just like they had all season. They were lead by the steady point guard play of **Rachel M and Kate E**. **Josie T and Jessica H** also contributed timely scoring and great help defense. This marks the 6<sup>th</sup> straight year that Powell has brought home the B trophy. Let's make it 7 in a row next year, you hear that 7<sup>th</sup> graders?

The A team dominated the tournament like they had done all season. The girls capped things off with the most lopsided victory of the season and the highest point total. All the girls gave 100 % as they played extremely unselfish basketball and worked to get open shots for their teammates. **Paige H** led the defense with timely steals, and **Amanda C & Anna S** made some amazing shots. The post position contributed with great rebounding, amazing team defense, and excellent put back buckets and were led by **Taryn P, Tabor P, Robbie M and Tori D**. **Coach Bishop and Genson** would like to thank all of the girls on a fantastic season, or a better word to use might be a PERFECT season. We wish you all the best in your future athletic careers and appreciate the amazing individuals you all are. Thank you for representing Powell in the correct way and "It is a great day to be a puma!"

## IMPORTANT DATES

Late Start.....	February 3
Teacher Initiated Conferences.....	February 11
President's Day (No School) .....	February 15
Follies.....	February 16 & 17
Arena Conferences.....	February 18
Late Start.....	February 24
Teacher Exchange Day (No School).....	March 5
CSAP Testing.....	March 9-12
Spring Break .....	March 22-26



Dear Powell Middle School Community,

We at Heritage are having a great year and we are looking forward to bringing our successes into next year to make 2010-2011 an even better year! We have some important dates that we would like you all to attend:

Incoming Freshmen Ice Cream Social for those who attended Showcase Night in November

February 5, 2010 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Student Center  
R.S.V.P. @ [hhsactivities@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:hhsactivities@lps.k12.co.us)

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

### **Freshman Registration Nights**

Freshman Registration Nights will take place on two evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Theatre.

Students will receive registration materials and instructions from the counselors at that time.

Please plan to attend one of the following dates:

Wednesday, February 10 or Thursday, February 11, 2010.

*It is imperative that students and parents attend one of these sessions.*

## **Freshman Computer Registration Sessions**

On-line computer registration will take place in the Heritage Library on:

Thursday, February 18, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 20, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Assistance with the computer course selection process will be provided on these days.

## **Shadow Opportunities**

Wednesdays or Fridays - 7:25 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Please call Mrs. Moody at 303-347-7651 to *schedule* your student's shadow opportunity.

[www.heritage.littletonpublicschools.net](http://www.heritage.littletonpublicschools.net)

\* A Heritage High School education is *priceless!!* Visit us on our website:

<http://heritage.littletonpublicschools.net>

Good luck in all of your future endeavors!!



# Littleton Public Schools

## 2010-2011 School Year Calendar

Approved by Board of Education on January 29, 2009

### KEY

- NT - New Teacher Orientation
  - SS - Start of School
  - TC - Teacher Contract Day
  - 6 - End of 6 Weeks
  - 9 - End of 9 Weeks
  - 12 - End of 12 Weeks
  - \* End of Semester
  - ◇ Holiday or Vacation
  - Nonstudent Day
  - ▧ Elem. Planning (short day)
  - ⬡ Elem. Only Nonstudent Day
  - Elem./Middle Nonstudent Day
- Shaded = 2 Hour Late Start Days

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### Important Dates

Start of School	Aug. 17	Martin Luther King Day	Jan. 17
Back to School Night		Presidents' Day	Feb. 21
Labor Day	Sept. 6	Spring Break	Mar. 21-25
Thanksgiving Vacation	Nov. 24-26	End of School	May 20
Winter Break	Dec. 20-31	Memorial Day	May 30

### Nonstudent Days

K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences: Oct. 14-15, Mar. 4  
 Additional Elementary Parent/Teacher Conference Day:  
 Mar. 3  
 K-12 In-Service/Staff Development Day: Jan. 3  
 Each high school has one nonstudent day for graduation:  
 Heritage: May 18; Arapahoe: May 19; Littleton: May 20

Elementary Planning (*Short Days*): Sept. 17, Nov. 5, Feb. 11, and Apr. 22

All schools will choose 1 additional teacher contract day before the start of school or after school ends.