



POUDRE COMMUNITY ACADEMY

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Troy Krotz

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear PCA Community,

Testing season is here. Our 8th graders have already been completing CMAS and on April 13th we will have our full campus testing day for 9, 10 and 11th Grade. Please follow the schedule that is in this Newsletter and posted on our website as there are several modifications to accommodate these assessments. Also, a special shout out to our awesome counseling department, Anya, Sugar, and Janie, for a great job of keeping us all organized with these different assessments. This is a huge undertaking.

We will then turn our attention to our graduating Seniors and next year. Graduation will be May 19th at 9:30am. The ceremony will be held at the Lincoln Center and school is closed that day for all PCA students. We will be having out first orientations for next year on May 3rd & May 17th at 3:45pm. If you know of anyone that wants to apply to PCA for grades 8-12 let them know to be here. Seats will fill up fast.

If you are choosing to not return next year to PCA you will need to let us know as soon as possible so that we can accept other students. This also means that your seat may not be available in the future if things don't work out at another school. If you have question about this process please contact me.

As always please remember that we must work as a community for the success of all of our students. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Troy Krotz
Principal

ATTENDANCE

Please remember our attendance policy at PCA. It is very important that all absences be communicated with the office. You can contact our attendance line at 490-3293 if your child is going to be absent. **All absences must be excused within 48 hours.** Unexcused absences can cause your child to lose credit or be removed from the day program. Please work with us to improve attendance.

PCA WISH LIST

At PCA we do not issue supply lists for school or charge any fees. We will continue that policy but we also have a need for some items that would help around the school. We are asking for donations of the following items:

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IMPORTANT DATES

- April 13th** PSAT/SAT Testing –
NO SCHOOL for 8th and 12th Grade
- April 14th** PSAT/CMAS Make-up Testing -
NO SCHOOL for those that have completed all testing
- April 15th** **No School – All Students**
- April 19th** 4th Quarter Parent Conferences (Virtual)
- May 3rd** New Student Orientation
- May 13th** Senior Breakfast – 8:00am
- May 16th** **No School**
- May 17th** New Student Orientation
- May 17th & 18th** 4th Quarter Exams
- May 19th** **Graduation – 9:30am – Lincoln Center (No Classes Held)**
- May 20th** Last Service-learning Day – Regular Schedule
- May 23rd & 24th** E-Week Days – More Information to come

4TH QUARTER DAILY EXAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

- 8:25-9:40 1st period
- 9:45-10:55 2nd period
- 11:00-12:10 3rd period
- 12:10-12:40 lunch
- 1:00-3:00 Make-up Exams

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

- 8:00-9:40 4th period
- 9:45-10:55 5th period
- 11:00-12:10 6th period
- 12:20-12:40 lunch
- 1:00-3:00 Make-up Exams

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April 4th	8th Grade CMAS ELA During 4th period
April 5th	8th Grade CMAS ELA During 4th period
April 6th	8th Grade CMAS ELA During 4th period
April 7th	8th Grade CMAS Science During 1st period 8th Grade CMAS Math During 3rd period
April 11th	8th Grade CMAS Science During 1st period 8th Grade CMAS Math During 3rd period
April 12th	8th Grade CMAS Science During 1st period 8th Grade CMAS Math During 3rd period
April 13th	11th Grade SAT & CMAS Science 11 10th Grade PSAT & Xello 9th Grade PSAT & Xello

NO 8th Grade or 12th Grade on campus


April 14th – MAKE-UP TESTING ONLY

- PSAT 10
- PSAT 9
- Any unfinished 8th grade CMAS Assessments

Students only attend 4/14 if they missed any of the assessments listed above.

April 15th – No School

****Show up for all testing and enjoy the extra long weekend**




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Upcoming classe series, complete driver's ed in 5 weeks. Dates are below.

- May 31 - Jun 4, 2022, Tu - Sa 9:00am-3:30pm
- Jun 6 - Jun 10, M - F, 2022 9:00am-3:30pm
- Jun 13 - Jun 17, M - F, 2022 9:00am-3:30pm

Sunday Only Classes, complete driver's ed in 5 weeks

1st Session Sunday 9 am - 3:00 pm

- Aug 21 - Sep 25, 2022 , 9:00am-3:30pm

Home study course

- Home course available on flash drive. Work at your own pace. Get done within a week!

All classes are held at the Homewood Suites
 1521 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins

Springtime

PLEASE HELP PCA RAISE MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP

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- Click on Community Rewards on the left
- Search for *Poudre Community Academy* or *Q1283*
- Click *Enroll*
- **It's that easy! You never have to do anything else and it will help us immensely!**

If you do not yet have a King Soopers or City Market rewards card, cards are available at the customer service desk at any King Soopers or City Market.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our School until after you register your rewards card. All King Soopers Community Rewards participants must swipe their registered King Soopers or City Market rewards card or use the phone number associated with the registered King Soopers or City Market rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.

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RESUME WORKSHOP

Danielle Hir is offering a job application workshop on Thursday, April 14th from 9am to 11am. She will help you with resumes, job applications and possible interview questions. Come if you are interested! This is open to all students, parents, and family.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

By Killian O'Toole

Thanks to funding from our wonderful school district, the Poudre Community Academy Gifted and Talented program is going to the Fort Collins Art Museum, out to lunch, and to Fort Fun for a day of Go-Karting and other fun shenanigans, on Friday, April 8th. The Gifted and Talented program is a group of the school's students that show evidence of high achievement capabilities in certain fields, including math, English, and creativity. Run by English teacher, Connie Hubble, PCA currently has 5 gifted students, Simon P, Killian O, and Annabelle C, Armando P, and Angel M. Despite our low number of GT students, the school is still able to get funding for fun activities for all of our gifted students. Generally, gifted students have an IQ of about 130 or higher, but don't feel bad if you don't...most people don't.

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

By Maddy Cooper

"Failure is not the opposite of success; it is a part of success." ~ Arianna Huffington

This quote is inspirational for me because it talks about how you must fail in order to succeed in life.

"Every day is a chance to be better." ~ Anonymous

This is an important quote because it's like every day you get a chance to start over and have a new good day and start new things for your life.



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS



Leah Masters

By Armando Gonzales

My student spotlight is Leah Marie Masters, a sophomore at PCA. She is new to our school as of second quarter. Leah's favorite color is green. She collects snow globes and has over 30! She has been fortunate to travel all over the world. She loves the ocean. She has 2 Guinea pigs named Brownie and Charlie. She is adopted, and she is the oldest of all her siblings...all 16 of them. Her favorite animal (and her spirit animal) is a duck. Leah is very friendly. Take time to get to know her better.

Get to know Armando Granados-Porter

By Monika Diaz

Armando's favorite thing to do is to play football. The reason he came to Poudre Community Academy is because his cousins started going here after Fort Collins High School. The thing he likes about PCA is all of the friend groups that are mainly all his cousins. His younger brother, Sergio, also goes to PCA. Armando is 16 years old, and he is in 10th grade. He played on the Boys' Basketball Team this year and holds the school record or most steals in a game with 11. He is glad he came to PCA because then he wouldn't have passed school. He wants to be a football player when he's done with high school.

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SPOTLIGHT ON A STAFF MEMBER

Troy

By Leah Masters

Troy Krotz is the principal at Poudre Community Academy. He has been the principal at PCA for 13 years. He is also over homeschooling, homebound, truancy, expulsions, and students who attend PSD from other countries, among other things. He has seen a lot of changes at this school like the number of students attending growing from around 70 to 260. He is very proud of our school. Students and teachers here feel that Troy is funny and fair. He likes teasing everyone, yet he treats everyone with respect. Students like to tease him back. They call him “Santa Claus” because of his white hair and beard. He is also a good sport. Two weeks ago, the students Silly Stringed him for a fundraiser. Troy loves band, and before he came to PCA, he was actually a band teacher in Florida for 10 years. How crazy is that! In his free time, Troy loves playing golf, but when he misses the fourth putt, he gets mad. Troy also love being outside. He also likes to go bowling. He loves all kinds of pizza. His dog is a Saint Bernard mix that he got from one of PCA’s students many years ago.



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

By Isaiah WestHolmes

Happy Spring. This is the time of year we see the beautiful spring flowers breaking the gloom of winter. If you are lucky, you will see one of these beautiful spring flowers:



The Chocolate Cosmos blooms in Mexico.



The Ghost Orchid, blooms in Florida and Cuba.



The Night-Blooming Cereus is a cactus species originating from the Antillean Islands.



Hawaiian hibiscus are seven species of hibiscus native to Hawaii. The yellow hibiscus is Hawaii's state flower.



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PCA's Advice Column

Dear Drama Queen,
Why am I getting dress coded so much?

Signed, @dressedtoimpress

Dear, @dressedto impress,
Maybe it's because your clothes are swag but not school appropriate. Or you look like a little kid, and your momma should have pulled you back in the house and told you to put on regular clothes. Follow the dress code, and the staff will get off your back.

Don't want to see butts, breasts, or bellies,,,
male or female! Drama Queen

Dear Drama Queen,
Is there any tutoring available at PCA?

Signed, @cantdoitalone33

Dear @cantdoitalone,
Yes. Monday thru Thursday, from 3:30 to 6:30, there is a staff member in the computer lab who is willing to help you. Also, Shannan, Sydney, and Bridget are willing to help you. You just have to ask.

You are not alone at PCA, Drama Queen

Dear Drama Queen,
Why is life the way it is?

Signed, @struggling27

Dear @struggling27,
Life can be however you make it. If you want to be happy, be more grateful for what you have. If you want to have friends, be kind to people. If you want to be rich, get on your grind, and do it. If life is boring and grey, get up and go outside. YOU make life the way you want it.

Smile, Drama Queen

Riddles to Make You Giggle

By: Lydia Regaldo Gonzalez
(See the answers below.)

1. What spring flowers can be found on people's faces?"
2. What's the difference between Thanksgiving and April Fool's Day?
3. April showers bring May flowers, but what to Mayflowers bring?

PCA TRIVIA

By Lydia Regaldo Gonzalez

In Spain and Latin America, a day for pranks equivalent to April Fools' Day is held in which month of the year?

- *El Día de los Santos Inocentes* (Day of the Holy Innocents) is observed on December 28th. On that day, newspapers and TV stations report stories based on humor rather than fact.

In old world Europe, which holiday used to be celebrated on or around April 1st?

- In medieval times, much of Europe celebrated the Feast of Annunciation as the beginning of the new year, but in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII ordered the new Gregorian calendar to replace the old Julian Calendar. The new calendar placed New Year's Day January 1st.

Which American city has an actual parade on April Fool's Day?

- New York City will hold their 37th annual April Fool's Day parade in 2022. People create floats and dress up as look-alikes in colorful costumes to reflect the stupidity of politicians, crooked corporate leaders, superficial celebrities, and others who have proven to be a total fool in the past year. I wonder if we'll see Will Smith impersonators there.

ANSWERS TO RIDDLE

1. Tulips (two lips...haha)
2. On one you're thankful; the other you're prankful.
3. Pilgrims!



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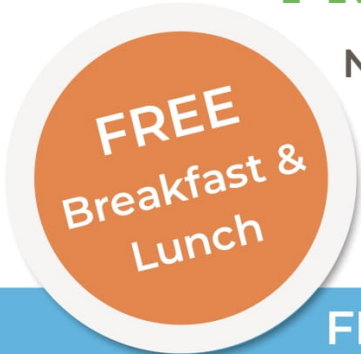
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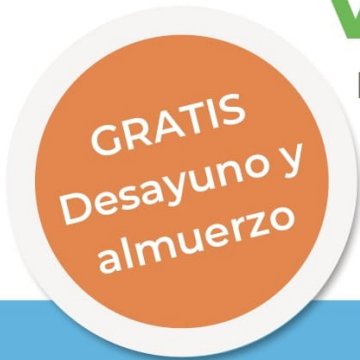
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