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A Great First Week Back!

Special Delivery

STUDENT'S SNAIL MAIL:

Remember to check your student's backpack for important papers coming home today!

- Picture Day Order Forms
- Student's schoolwork from the week
- 2nd Grade CogAt Information



INCLUDED THIS WEEK:

- Picture Day – Next Thursday
- January Calendar
- 2021 PSD Covid Info
- Superintendent Search
- North 40 Food Pantry
- Family Support Resources



LOOKING AHEAD

- 1/28 – Picture Day
- 2/8 – 100th Day Celebration
- 2/12 Valentine's Celebration
- 2/15 – No School



PICTURE DAY



THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH

Individual school pictures will be taken on Thursday, January 28th. For staff and student safety, COVID-19 protocols will be followed and online ordering is encouraged (paper ordering forms have been sent home today if that is a better option for your family).

TO SECURE PRE-ORDER ON LINE-Go to

www.skillmanphotography.com Click on pre order fall school portraits and have credit card ready. Access Code : REDFE2021

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



1/22 Lilly O.
1/23 Waylon M.
1/29 Zak M.





January 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Grades K-5 begin Phase 4 learning on Tuesday, January 19 th .				1 Winter Break	2
3 Winter Break	4 	5 Remote Learning LIFE SKILLS	6 Remote Learning ART	7 Remote Learning P.E.	8 Remote Learning Morning Meeting Asynchronous Work	9
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17	18 No School 	19 Phase 4 Begins Afternoon Special P.E.	20 PTO Meeting via Zoom 5:00 p.m. Afternoon Special Life Skills	21 Afternoon Special MakerSpace/Tech	22 Happy Bday Lilly O. Afternoon Special P.E.	23 Happy Bday Waylon M.
24/31	25 Morning Special Virtual Music	26 Afternoon Special P.E.	27 Afternoon Special Life Skills	28 Picture Day Afternoon Special MakerSpace/Tech	29 Happy Bday Zak M. Afternoon Special P.E.	30

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*Breakfast and Lunch menus are available at mtn.psdschools.org.



2021



View a full schedule of [Phase Planning](#)



Read PSD's updated [COVID-19 protocols](#)



Public Health data and guidance is available: [Health & Safety](#)



More information: [PSD's 2020-21 School Year](#)

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We need your help!

PSD has experienced medical professionals, compassionate staff and health protocols in place, but only together can we build a shared culture of [health and safety to Keep PSD Open.](#)

The 3 W's to reduce risk of COVID-19

3 medidas para reducir el riesgo de contraer la COVID-19



WEAR
a mask
USAR tapabocas



WASH
your hands
LAVARSE las manos



WATCH
your distance
MANTENER su distancia

Face covering requirements

PSD staff and students are [required to wear face coverings.](#)

- Cloth face coverings may be removed during limited circumstances while following physical distancing, including approved outdoor "mask breaks," recess, eating and drinking.
- Face coverings should be clean, in good repair, include multiple layers of fabric and fit snugly.

Return to Learn illness guidance

PSD will align with [CDPHE's updated Return to Learn guidance](#) for when staff and students may return to work and school after experiencing illness symptoms (not a COVID-19 case).

- These replace the previous iteration of illness protocols followed in the first semester.
- Neither staff nor students should come to work or school sick.

Social distancing updates in Phase 4

Six feet of social distance will not always be possible due to space limitations. [CDPHE](#) and the [Larimer County Department of Health and Environment \(LCDHE\)](#) allow schools to seat students between 3-6 feet apart. (see next page) Due to that change, plastic partitions will be used to separate students when distancing is a challenge.

PSD online resources



[School Meals](#)



[Transportation](#)



[Athletics](#)

[PSD COVID-19 Data dashboard and school case information](#)

[Health and Safety](#)

[PSD COVID-19 Protocols](#)

[2020-21 School Year FAQs](#)



How PSD will respond to COVID-19 cases

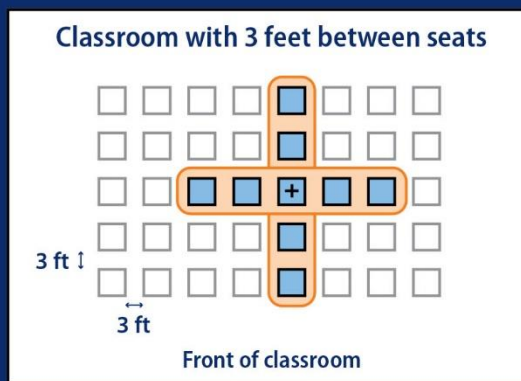
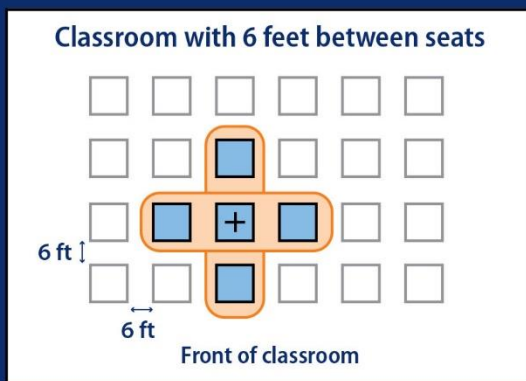
PSD will take different – but still health department-approved – approaches to contact tracing by grade level in the second semester. This work is done in partnership with [LCDHE](#).

Enhanced contact tracing: Rather than investigating and identifying close contacts, all students in a classroom will shift to remote education for 10 days to prevent the possible spread of the virus. Staff members (homeroom teachers, paraprofessionals, etc.) identified as close contacts will also shift remote. All may return to school/work once cleared to do so. This is a change between first and second semester.

Targeted contact tracing: PSD COVID-19 Response Teams investigate and identify possible close contacts (zero to X number); LCDHE issues orders to quarantine. Contact tracing happens in a classroom but also extends into lunchrooms, buses, athletics and other school-specific spaces.

Who is a close contact?

- Less than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes
- Maintaining 6 feet or more of distance is not always possible within some PSD schools due to space constraints that are difficult to reconcile with educating more students more of the time.
- Recognizing this challenge, the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#) and [LCDHE](#) allow schools to seat students between 3-6 feet apart.



** Not to scale*

Every COVID-19 case investigation is unique and may require slightly varied responses. However, these graphics indicate generally which students may be identified as possible close contacts, depending on the size and set-up of the classroom. If a middle school student with five classes tests positive for COVID-19, there will likely be close contacts identified in each of their classes.



Temporary school closures:

This is new for the second semester. From Jan. 19 and until otherwise specified, PSD leadership and Health Services staff will discuss with principals whether a temporary school closure is necessary when a school's case percentage goes above 1%, as displayed on [PSD's data dashboard](#). Families should be prepared that their student's school may be affected by this new change and that they may receive little notice before a temporary closure occurs.

Data transparency: Each PSD department and school has a COVID-19 Response Team. PSD's COVID-19 data dashboards display data entered by COVID-19 response teams and are kept as current as possible on the [PSD COVID-19 Data and School Information web page](#).

Preschool/Elementary - will follow enhanced contact tracing

- **Why the change from targeted to enhanced contact tracing between first and second semester?** We do not believe PSD preschool/elementary COVID-19 Response Teams would be able to balance the significant workload of targeted contact tracing and keep our youngest learners in school all day, every day.
- Although we recognize the remote shift is disruptive, this approach reduces case response work and allows staff to have the time to consistently deliver full-time in-person education.
- LCDHE will issue quarantine orders to students.

Middle and high school – will follow targeted contact tracing

- Targeted contact tracing in secondary schools second semester will look like it did first semester.
- School COVID-19 Response Teams will identify recommended possible close contacts of the infected individual and shift those people to remote teaching/learning for an Initial Assessment Period with LCDHE.
- At the end of the assessment period, LCDHE confirms close contacts and issues quarantine orders (quarantine date may vary by person depending on exposure date to the positive individual).
- We believe targeted tracing is less disruptive and more sustainable at the secondary level. Enhanced tracing is thought to be more difficult for secondary teachers to manage, who engage with multiple classes in a day, compared with an elementary homeroom teacher who interacts with one.



SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

PSD superintendent search online survey, forums: The Board of Education would like to hear input as it searches for the next Poudre School District superintendent. Parents/guardians, students, staff and other members of the PSD community are invited to complete a survey.

- The survey takes about 10 minutes and must be completed by Jan. 22.
- English survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSDsearch>
- Spanish survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSDbusqueda>
- Hazard Young Attea & Associates, a search firm hired by the Board of Education, will compile input gathered from the survey, forums and invite-only focus groups and create a leadership profile report that will be presented at the board's public Feb. 9 meeting.

The school board will also solicit diverse ideas from numerous stakeholder groups, including parents/guardians and students, through a series of facilitated, invitation-only, online January forums. Event information is posted on the [PSD Superintendent Search web page](#), which is the primary source of information for the hiring search. We encourage everyone to share their voices as part of this important process.

Once on the [PSD Superintendent Search web page](#) users can translate the content. Click on the word "Translate" along the top, green navigation bar and select your desired language from the list displayed.

NORTH 40 FOOD PANTRY

Free food and more! We have a lot of meat, pet food, diapers, fruit, veggies, pizza, bread from Great Harvest, Red Cross cleaning kits and hand sanitizer for everyone. Open to all. You can pick up for a neighbor(s) too. We will need to get rid of all of our produce by the end of the day. You can come towards 11:30 if you want what we have left. We have a variety of fresh veggies and fruit

Where to pick food up:

Chapel in the Pines
23947 W County Rd 74E
Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545

When:

Friday's, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We operate every Friday. You can sign up to receive notifications by registering at <https://n40alliance.org/>.

You can bring your own shopping bags. We will have boxes, carts, wagons, and bags as well.

COVID regulations for the store:

1. You must wear a mask if you want to enter the store.
2. Keep 6 ft apart from people not in your family group
3. 10 shoppers will be allowed at a time
4. You follow the arrows as you move through the store.
5. Use hand sanitizer before you enter the store. We will have some on hand.

Need help with delivery or something else? Help us out and let us know what you need.

If you have an emergency, call 911

How can you reach us? You have 3 options:

1. Email rflcovid19@gmail.com with your details
2. Complete this online form: <https://n40alliance.org/covid-19-help/>
3. Call (970) 425-6678 (you must include the area code), and leave a voice message

Want to donate?

Due to the risk from COVID-19, we will not be able to take food donations at this time. We are happy to accept cash or checks. Make checks to "North Forty Alliance" and in memo put "Food Pantry". Mail to RFL Library, c/o N40MA, P.O. Box 123, RFL, CO. 80545. Email rflcovid19@gmail.com for information to make your donation tax deductible. New! Donate online at <https://donorbox.org/north-40-food-pantry>

Want to Volunteer?

Fill out and submit this simple form: <https://n40alliance.org/want-to-help/>. You can also email us at rflcovid19@gmail.com with your contact information, how you want to help, and when you are available.

Additional Funders and Partners

Larimer County Office on Aging, Partnership for Age Friendly Communities, Senior Access Points, CSU extension, Morning Star Community Church, Chapel in the Pines, Red Feather Lakes Library, Livermore Community Church, Gordon Creek Farm, DaLonna Mae's Cafe, Food Bank for Larimer County, Great Harvest Bread, Girl Scout of Colorado @ Magic Sky Ranch, Mountain Gals, United Way, Glacier Gals, Shambhala Mountain Center, Citizen Printing, Wagz

Family Support Resources

January 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic has created financial hardship for many in our community, leading to housing instability and food insecurity. There are financial resources available to help families and landlords and protections in place to help people stay housed. Below is a summary of some key resources that families can access for support with housing, food, and utilities.

Context:

- » CO eviction moratorium expired 12/31/2020 so evictions can resume for non-COVID-19 related reasons. The federal moratorium will expire 1/31/2021.
- » 50% of Larimer County renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing (before the pandemic). National data suggests that 1 in 4 of all renters and 1 in 2 Hispanic/Latinx renters worry about paying rent during the pandemic.
- » More than \$2.7 million in emergency rent assistance has been distributed in Larimer County since March 2020.
- » Prior to the pandemic, 1 in 11 Coloradoans reported not knowing where their next meal would come from. Because of the pandemic, 1 in 3 Coloradoans (especially those with young children) now report this type of food insecurity.

The following information is not a comprehensive list of resources in the community, but rather is designed to direct families to key resources specific to financial needs during COVID-19.

Need additional support or resources not listed below?

- Contact your school's Family Liaison: <https://sites.google.com/a/psdschools.org/fl-template/>
- Call 211 for help in English and Spanish M-F 8:00 – 5:00.

Emergency Rental Support

State and federal funding sources approved in late December 2020 may cover past due rent as well as future rent payments to help families with COVID-19 related financial strain stabilize their housing.

If you cannot pay your rent:

- Ask your landlord if they are accessing the [Property Owner Preservation](#) (POP) program. POP pays landlords directly if you are not able to pay rent due to financial or health impacts of COVID-19. POP funding will cover the full monthly rent amount.
- If your landlord is not accessing POP or you don't qualify (the financial stress is not related to COVID), access:

Neighbor to Neighbor:

- Find application for rent assistance via n2n.org. Apply online or by phone at 970-488-2382. Hours: M-Th 8:00 – 12:00, 1:00 – 5:00, F 8:00 – 12:00
Note: Neighbor to Neighbor is working hard to process all rent applications, however due to demand there may be a 1-2 week wait for assistance.
- Interfaith Solidarity and Accompaniment Coalition (ISAAC):
 - Members of our immigrant community can access urgent rent support from ISAAC by calling the Fuerza Latina Immigrant Assistance Hotline, available 24/7 at 970-472-1501.

Eviction Legal Aid

If you get an eviction notice:

- Contact the above agencies for emergency rent support as soon as possible and tell them you received an eviction notice, even if you have accessed rent support in the past.
- Contact Colorado Legal Services for help responding to an eviction notice:
Phone: 970-493-2891, 211, W. Magnolia St. Fort Collins, CO 80521
- Review this Housing Empowerment Guide (<https://fuerzalatinafoco.org/resources>) prepared by Fuerza Latina to understand your rights and the type of information that you will need to gather.

For Families Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness

If you are being asked to leave your home, you can get help from these organizations:

- Family Housing Network: www.familyhousingnetwork.org/
Day Center and offices: 1606 S Lemay #103, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Phone: 970-484-3342.
Hours: M - Sa 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Catholic Charities, The Mission in Fort Collins for emergency overnight shelter. Call for an appointment: Phone: 970-484-5010. Hours: M-F 8:30 - 4:30, 460 Linden Center Dr. Fort Collins, CO 80524
- Homeward Alliance, in partnership with the Family Center/La Familia, Fuerza Latina and the Family Housing Network, provides services through the Camino a Casa Collective.
 - The Collective offers bilingual resource navigation assistance to help families—primarily Spanish-speaking—connect to community resources. This collective provides flexible funding for items that are not often covered by other agencies (e.g. application fees).
 - For more information or assistance, please contact Nancy Camacho, Bilingual Family Housing Navigator, at Nancy@HomewardAlliance.org or call (970) 430-6513. Hours M-F 8:00 – 5:00, Sa-Su 8:00 – 1:00

Food Support

Food insecurity has increased rapidly during the COVID pandemic. We encourage every family who is facing food insecurity to reach out and see if they are eligible for SNAP (food stamps) or WIC (for

families with very young children). The recently passed Federal COVID Relief bill includes an increase in SNAP benefits and additional changes that expand eligibility. Many organizations are ready to help with SNAP and WIC eligibility and enrollment support (support is available in English and Spanish).

- Food Bank for Larimer County, Daysi Sweaney at 970-829-0152 or snap@foodbanklarimer.org
- Larimer County Public Assistance Support, 970-498-6300 or benefits@larimer.org
- Hunger Free Colorado, 855-855-4626 or <http://bit.ly/SNAPAppHelp>
- Or apply online directly through Colorado's PEAK <https://coloradopeak.secure.force.com/>
Note: PSD tablets and laptops can access the PEAK website

Utilities Support

If you receive a notice that your utilities will be shut-off unless you make payment:

- Contact one of these agencies for one-time bill payment assistance:
 - Catholic Charities Larimer County, 970-484-5010
 - The Family Center/La Familia, 970-221-1615
 - Goodwill of Colorado, 888-775-5327
- Contact the City of Fort Collins Utilities to set up a payment arrangement:
970-212-2900, V/TDD: 711 or email utilities@fcgov.com
- Visit: fcgov.com/utilities-affordability