

# Stove Prairie Elementary

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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## Looking Ahead:

- 4/16 – No School
- 4/19 – No School
- 4/22 – Vision & Hearing Screening (bring your glasses if you wear them)
- 4/28 – Superhero Day

## Happy Birthday!

4/2 Oliver B.  
4/6 Palmer  
4/8 Elaina  
4/9 Mrs. Walker



## Stove Happenings








## REMINDERS FROM CHEWIE!

When students returned to school, many of their supplies did not, including scissors, pencils, etc. Please have your student gather these items from home and bring back to school so they are better equipped for these last few months. Thank you!

Also...don't forget, its National Unicorn Day tomorrow!!! Wear your fanciest unicorn attire or show your support for your favorite horned animal! Let's have some fun!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Oliver B.	2 3
		Friday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> is National Unicorn Day!!! Let's celebrate by wearing our fanciest unicorn attire! 				
		Wednesday, April 28 <sup>th</sup> is National Superhero Day!!! Dress as your favorite Superhero! West 		Afternoon Specials: <b>Maker/Tech</b>	Afternoon Specials: <b>Life Skills</b>	
4	5 Morning Special: <b>Music Virtual</b>	6 Palmer Afternoon Specials: <b>P.E.</b>	7 Afternoon Specials: <b>Life Skills</b>	8 Elaina Afternoon Specials: <b>Maker/Tech</b>	9 National Unicorn Day Mrs. Walker Afternoon Specials: <b>P.E.</b> 	10
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25	26 Afternoon Specials: <b>Art</b>	27 Afternoon Specials: <b>Life Skills</b>	28 National Superhero Day Afternoon Specials: <b>Art</b>	29 Ms. Spanos Afternoon Specials: <b>Maker/Tech</b>	30 Morning Special: <b>P.E. Virtual</b>	

## Save the Date!

We are still finalizing details (and the number of guests allowed per student) dependent upon State COVID requirements and will communicate with families once a final plan is set in place. For now, 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, please mark your calendar for the following date and time:

**Stove Prairie 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation: Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

We are planning an outdoor ceremony so stay tuned for more details!



Follow us on our social media pages to enjoy more photos and Stove Prairie adventures!



Hidden somewhere in the Thursday Notes is Grogu (aka Baby Yoda). See if you can find him.



## Preschool Interest

**Are you, or someone you know, interested  
in the 2021 – 2022 AlphaBest Preschool Program  
located at Stove Prairie Elementary School?**

The AlphaBest Preschool Program at Stove Prairie Elementary is developing a list of parents/guardians who are interested in preschool for their child for the 2021/2022 school year.

This not only helps us to prepare for the following year and determine our staffing needs, but also helps you, as parents/guardians, be informed of important upcoming dates and information about registration, funding assistance, and possible upcoming events.

- Preschool registration opens online at [www.alphabest.org/poudreco](http://www.alphabest.org/poudreco), in mid-July. If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact Ally Castillo with AlphaBest at 972-668-0640.
- The Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) assists with preschool costs. If you have questions or inquiries about CPP, please contact the Fullana Early Learning Center at 970-490-3160.

### Preschool Information and Requirements:



AlphaBest Preschool is located at Stove Prairie Elementary and will begin the fourth week of August. Preschool is available Monday through Thursday from 8:25 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. (You may choose what day/days work best for your family). Your child must be 3 years old and be able to use the restroom independently.

If you have any questions, please contact our  
Preschool Director, Amanda Theilig, at 970-488-6575 or [atheilig@psdschools.org](mailto:atheilig@psdschools.org).



If interested, please email  
the following information to our  
Preschool Director, Amanda Theilig,  
at [atheilig@psdschools.org](mailto:atheilig@psdschools.org)  
and she will add you to her contact list!

Child's Name and Age (as of August 2021)

Parent(s) Name(s)

Phone Number





# 2021



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



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



Review PSD's 2020-21 [protocols for Health & Safety](#)



More information: [PSD's 2020-21 School Year and COVID-19 data](#)

## Quarantining during the second semester Poudre School District's [protocols](#) for voluntary shortened quarantines, meeting public health criteria

### Quarantine vs. Isolation: Both help slow the spread of COVID-19

#### Quarantine: *stay home*

- For anyone who is a close contact of someone with COVID-19; health department issues legal orders
- **10 days** from last date of exposure in most instances
- **14 days** from last date of exposure if case involves a COVID-19 variant
- Cannot participate in PSD or non-PSD athletics, activities, etc.
- **New for second semester:** When PSD COVID-19 Response Teams conduct contact tracing investigations, they will submit names of all possible close contacts of a case to LCDHE. LCDHE will verify whether anyone on the list has been fully vaccinated. Those who have a verified vaccination status will not have to quarantine.

#### Isolation: *stay away*

from other people, including in your household

- For anyone diagnosed with COVID-19; health department issues legal orders
- **10 days** from the date symptoms started until symptoms improve and at least **24 hours fever-free** without using fever-reducing medicines; can return to activities on **11th day**
- if no symptoms, isolate **10 days** from date you were tested, returning to activities on **11th day**
- Cannot participate in PSD or non-PSD athletics, activities, etc.
- Testing is not required or recommended to leave isolation because it is possible to test positive for up to 90 days after recovering, even though you are no longer able to spread the virus to others

### Poudre School District

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## PSD's new quarantine protocols

As allowed by [county](#) and state public health guidance effective March 22, asymptomatic staff and student close contacts can voluntarily end their quarantines early if they meet strict criteria and are approved by PSD COVID-19 Response Teams to do so.



### When asymptomatic close contacts *can* leave quarantine early

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) accepts two alternative options for quarantine:

- **7-day option:** if no symptoms, a person may quarantine for 7 days and return to normal activities on day 8 if a negative test was collected within the previous 48 hours (on day 6 or later).
- **10-day option:** if it has been 10 days since a person was exposed and they do not have symptoms, they can return to normal activities on day 11 without a test.
- Test negative on any (PCR, BinaxNOW, Abbott ID NOW, etc.) COVID-19 test
- Start the process by contacting the respective department or school COVID-19 Response Team. Written documentation of negative test results is required
- Obtain approval from PSD COVID-19 Response Team before ending quarantine early and returning to school or work



**Note:** Symptomatic close contacts of a case must either isolate for 10 days from symptom onset (if they test negative after symptom onset) or quarantine for 14 days. Those with illness symptoms should follow [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\) Return to Learn guidance](#) for schools.



### When asymptomatic close contacts *cannot* return early

The option to end quarantine and return to PSD classes and athletics/extracurricular activities early only applies to cases where a student may access a class and/or activity in-person.

- In elementary schools, all students in a classroom are shifted to remote education for 10 days from the last date of exposure to a COVID-19 case. During this time, the educational option is remote learning. **Students may not "test back" into class early because the classroom will remain closed to all until a date communicated by the school.**
- If an elementary classroom is open to in-person learning, an elementary student could be cleared to complete quarantine early and return to class. E.g. Student is identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case in their household but there is no case at school, so the class isn't shifted to remote learning.
- If a case involves a COVID-19 variant (see Quarantine vs. Isolation for more).



PSD believes access to education is critical to student success. This change also aligns with the CDPHE's recent loosening of organized sports guidelines. Additionally, the [Larimer County Department of Health and Environment \(LCDHE\)](#) has reported that more students who test positive for COVID-19 but are asymptomatic have been discovered because they were tested as part of the process to end their quarantines early at other schools in the county that have already implemented this protocol.

**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

**IMPORTANT!** If you have any symptoms related to COVID-19, please do not enter this building. **¡IMPORTANTE!** Si tiene algún síntoma relacionado con la COVID-19, no entre a este edificio.

Source: [Larimer County Department of Health and Environment](#), [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#), [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)



### Vaccinations, PPE and quarantines

Vaccinated individuals will continue to follow all health and safety and personal protective equipment guidelines.

[LCDHE](#) is following CDC guidance for fully vaccinated individuals (14 days after final dose: Refrain from quarantine if not symptomatic). When there is a COVID-19 case, the respective PSD department or school COVID-19 Response Team (CRTs) will conduct a contact tracing investigation

with LCDHE. CRTs submit information to LCDHE for any one identified as a possible close contact of the case. LCDHE will verify state vaccination records to determine whether anyone on the list is fully vaccinated. If they are, that individual will not be quarantined.



4/8/2021

Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

Earlier this week your student’s teacher started communicating with you regarding state assessments. This is a recap of that same information and a reminder of your student’s options during this testing period.

This spring, Poudre School District will administer statewide assessments. At the Mountain Schools this applies to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. These tests provide valuable information for our school and teachers, who use the data to understand where students are in their learning and tailor instruction accordingly. The district also uses these results to measure overall student academic progress and identify opportunities for improvement.

Normally, students in third through eighth grade participate in Colorado Measures of Academic Success assessments (CMAS) in both English language arts (ELA) and math. This spring, the state legislature and U.S. Department of Education reduced the number of CMAS tests students will be required to take. Depending on their grade they will now only be required to take either English language arts or math.

Mountain Schools Testing Dates	Grade	Required Test	Optional Test
May 4 <sup>th</sup> – May 6 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup>	English language arts	Math
May 4 <sup>th</sup> – May 6 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Math	English Language Arts

Your student has three options:

- Your student can take just the required test for their grade.** No further steps are required. Your student will test on their required subject at school during the testing dates outlined above.
- You can opt your student in to do both the English Language Arts and/or Math in addition to the required testing subject** (this is the optional column above). To opt your student in to the optional testing subject above please follow the directions on this form: [Opting Students \\*In\\* to Additional CMAS ELA and Math Assessments](#). **Reminder: the deadline for this form is tomorrow, April 9<sup>th</sup>.**
- You can excuse your student from all state assessments.** To excuse your student from state assessments, you may complete a Parent Excusal form digitally by logging into [ParentVUE](#) and accessing Services Tracker. Instructions and screenshots on how to do this can be found [here](#). You may also print a PDF version of the "2020-21 Opt Out of State Testing Form" and return it to your school. Forms are available in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Arabic](#). **Reminder: the deadline for this form is tomorrow, April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

If you decide to opt out, we strongly encourage you to keep your student home on our scheduled testing days, due to COVID-19 protocols. Absences will be excused. For further details, please call your school.

If your child is ill on a testing day, they should not come to school and follow the [Return to Learn guidelines](#) or [PSD COVID-19 protocols](#). Families may contact us to discuss makeup options.

For more information about state assessments, visit the Colorado Department of Education [website here](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your support.

Sincerely

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