

Dear Roadrunners:

Here is your Family Newsletter:

NO SCHOOL For Students Friday, September 16, 2022

Dear Riffenburgh families,

Today, students and staff participated in a planned lockdown drill as part of our safety training and practices. During the drill, students and staff were directed to a safe location inside the building. Exterior and interior doors, windows, and access points are closed and locked.

Members of law enforcement observed and provided feedback about how we can continually improve and enhance our safety measures.

I want to emphasize that our staff and students did an amazing job during the drill today, and law enforcement commented on how prepared we are as a school.

If your student experienced stress as a result of this drill, I encourage you to reach out to me, so we can work together to support them.

The safety of our students and our staff is a top priority in PSD. We will continue to work as a school community to engage with students, staff, parents and residents in ongoing safety practices. If you would like more information about the district's emergency procedures, you may review them [here](#) on the PSD website under "Emergency Response and Preparedness."

Please help us to share the following call to action with your student(s): "See something, say something." We always tell students that they can report suspicious behavior or rumors to an adult in our building. Kids and adults alike can also anonymously report any safety concerns through the Safe2Tell hotline (1-877-542-7233), through Safe2Tell's phone app, or online at www.safe2tell.org.

If you need anything or have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Riffenburgh at 970-488-7935.

Sincerely,

Melanie Mierzwa
Principal

News from Child Nutrition:

2022-23 school year: Families must apply to receive free meals!

For the upcoming 2022-23 school year, students will no longer receive free meals unless they have been approved for the Free and Reduced Meals program. This is a change from this year (the 2021-22 school year) with free meals being offered to all PSD students. The program that helped make that possible (related to the pandemic) is ending. For the 2022-23 school year, families must apply and be approved for the Free and Reduced Meals program to receive benefits. **Applications for the 2022-23 school year are now being accepted. See link below to apply:**

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>

** Please note - Milk is **no longer a free item**. Students who bring a home lunch and take a milk from the cafeteria are charged 75 cents. Milk is included in the price of the School Lunch. **

News from the Front Office:

We are hiring a Crossing Guard – approximately 2 hours a day (one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon during student pick up) at the intersection of Prospect and Welch. Please see link for more information and/or to apply:

<https://psdschools.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=5636>

CROSSWALK SAFETY

We request that students don't cross Prospect until at least 7:35am as there is no crossing guard before then and campus isn't open until 7:40am for breakfast or 7:45am for recess. We request adult supervision by a family member when students are using the crosswalk outside of the 7:35-8:10am and 2:40-3:20pm times. Please ensure that your student knows the rules of crossing: Wait for the adult on duty to signal to them to cross, walk your bike, and listen to the adult on duty.

VOLUNTEERS:

If you plan on Volunteering at Riffenburgh, you must register or check that your status is current with Poudre School District (PSD) thru the following portal (renewals are every 3 years) before you come to school.

<https://www.psdschools.org/community/volunteers>

** Please remember to bring a Government Issued Identification (Driver's License) to school when you check in in as a Visitor or Volunteer. This is a requirement for the Check In process. **

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS:

Check out the Offerings for Afterschool Clubs on our website (please note a 2nd Young Rembrandts class is now available.)

<https://rif.psdschools.org/learning-community/clubs>

Riffenburgh Disc Golf Club:

If your fourth or fifth grader is interested in disc golf, Riffenburgh's newest club might be for them! Please follow the link below to get more information. Then, follow the second link to sign-up. Link to Flyer:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/107n8cTQsWLWMUsVPcz8UQ5ZcapJnP4YQwURCYsI3Bh0/edit?usp=sharing>

Link to Sign-Up:

<https://forms.gle/G5RjUjGaJaTHBet48>

News from our Health Office:

Vaccination Exclusion Day is Nov. 1, 2022. Your student may be excluded from school if the school does not have an up-to-date vaccine record, certificate of exemption, or in-process plan on file for your student.

Your student must be vaccinated against:

- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap)
- Polio (IPV)
- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- Varicella (chicken pox)

More information can be found on the PSD Website under Quick Links>student health>immunizations

PSD will send automatic reminders on Sept. 17 and Oct. 14, 2022.

Please be advised when your student returns to school from an illness and had any of the following symptoms:

- fever or chills
- cough,
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue, muscle, or body aches
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting, diarrhea

a **NEGATIVE Covid test is required** (home test is accepted).

Except, if someone in the household had COVID-19 in the previous 10 days, a negative PCR or molecular test is required.

Please email all test results with **student name, date and time** to:

tbouchard@psdschools.org (health tech)

SRO Partnership

Dear parents/guardians,

I want to let you know that School Resource Officer, Dexter Rowe, periodically visits classrooms for instructional purposes. Many of you have met him on our campus as he helps with Drop off and Pick Up and greets students throughout the day. He also teaches Internet safety, saying no to peer pressure, being safe at school, and other relevant topics. He may also be called upon to address topics in the classroom that relate to his field of expertise. If you would like your

student to be a part of these sessions, you do not need to do anything. If you do not want your student to be a part of session that include our SRO, you may opt your student out of this by responding with an email to our Office Manager, Gretchen Distler, indicating that you do not wish for your child or children to be a part of a session with the SRO. If you do not opt out, it will be assumed that your student may attend.

We also celebrate students with our Rutt Rowe Award for students showing Respect, Acts of Kindness, or Growth in their Skills. You may also choose to opt out of your child possibly receiving this award by emailing Mrs. Distler.

The goal of the Poudre School District School Resource Officer program is to provide a safe learning environment while improving relations between students, staff, and law enforcement officials. For more information, visit the School Resource Officer Program web page (<https://www.psdschools.org/schools/school-resource-officer-program>). Thank you!!

News from the PTO:

We will have our first PTO meeting on Monday, September 12th at 6pm. Childcare and pizza will be provided and we will discuss volunteering opportunities and exciting events for the school year. If you are interested in attending, please sign up [here](#) so we can make sure we have enough pizza. Also, please let us know what volunteer opportunities/events you are interested in learning about [here](#).

UPCOMING DATES:

- No School Friday, September 16, 2022 (Teacher Workday)
- Picture Day Monday, September 19, 2022