

Dear Roadrunners:

News from Child Nutrition:

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:

Halloween Celebration

On Monday, October 31st, we will have our whole school Halloween Celebration and Parade. Students should come already dressed with their costume on **OVER** their clothes. They need to be able to take off the costumes after the parade for the remainder of the day. Students can wear masks for the parade. Please do not send any weapons with costumes or have students wear costumes that are overly scary (ie. blood squirting, etc.) Classroom teachers or Room Parents will be sending out sign ups if you would like to volunteer for the class party that will occur before or after the parade. (Reminder, you must be a registered volunteer, be signed up for the party and have visited the office with your ID scanned prior to the party.) Families may come to view the parade outside the building at 8:30am. The parade usually lasts about 20 minutes.

Classroom Treats

If it is necessary to have food in classrooms during school hours (i.e. birthday snack, holidays, special occasions, school events, etc.), only commercially prepared foods and packaged foods from retail stores should be served. Items must be commercially individually wrapped. As always, please contact your child's teacher prior to sending food or treats in.

Volunteering at Riffenburgh

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.
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News from the Health Office:

Clothes Donation

If you have some shorts that your student grew out of, could you consider dropping them off at the health office? We especially need **boys' shorts, size 7-8**. Thank you.

No Cough Drops in School

Students are **not to carry cough drops** in their back packs for use during the school day. If cough drops are required, there is a Medication Authorization form from the Health Room that must be completed for any medication to be given at school (prescription or over the counter). This form needs to be filled out and signed by the Health Care Provider and then signed by the Parent and returned to the health room with the cough drops in their original package. Once this process is complete, the student can come to the Health Room and the Health Room Tech will give them a cough drop. Mints/candies are an alternative for dry throats that can be carried by the student so they can use as they need.

Vaccines

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.



2022 Back to School
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Return to School

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)

News from P.E.:

Hello Riffenburgh Families,

I have thus far been completely blown away by how many kids I have seen participating in this month's walk and bike to school challenge. I was outside on duty one morning this week and it was so cool to see so many kids and families participating as well as some of our older kids joining together to bike in from some of our more distant neighborhoods.

With our added bike traffic, I wanted to send a few reminders about bike safety on our campus. Please make sure that all bikes are walked on the blacktop area of our playground both before and after school. If biking on Stuart Street, please be aware of the drop off lane. So far, I've seen drivers doing a great job of watching out for bikes in the bike lane, but this a high traffic area and extra awareness in these areas is great. An alternative to biking all the way to the school entrance is to get off and walk on the sidewalk in that high traffic spot.

We are also going to be participating in International Walk to school day and National walk and roll to school day next Wednesday, October 12. I will have stickers for participating students and will do a few prize drawings for kids who participate as well.

Last, I've also noticed a number of kids without helmets biking in to school. Helmets are incredibly important for bike safety, and I would encourage everyone to make sure their children are wearing helmets that fit properly. If you are unable to get a helmet, please let me know as I have some extras that I am happy to give away to students.

Thank you for supporting this great opportunity we have and great partnership with our city's bike program. I have also copied the link to section of my learning page that has all of the challenge information as well as route suggestions from the various neighborhoods around our school

<https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/riflearningspecialspe/fall-walkbike-challenge?authuser=0>

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News from the PTO:

Fun Run Success:

Thank you all so much for your amazing support for our Fun Run this year! This event would not be possible without our incredible sponsors, volunteers, and donations from Riffenburgh families and their friends---near and far. We are grateful for this amazing community!

We are excited for all our students to shop for their prizes in our Fun Run Shop in the near future. Stay tuned as we tally donations and calculate the total amount our students raised!

10/19 Fundraiser at Modern Market Eatery:

Take the night off from cooking and join us at Modern Market Eatery to raise money for our school. On Wednesday, October 19th, order from Modern Market Eatery at Foothills Mall (3260 S College, Unit 140) and the Riffenburgh PTO will receive 30% of your order anytime between 11:00am and 9:00pm.

When ordering in person or placing a to go order over the phone, please mention to the cashier that you are supporting the Riffenburgh PTO. If ordering online, please use the coupon code "giveback034".

Thank you for your continued support!

News from the District:

Help guide PSD's literacy curriculum adoption

Oct. 4, 2022

Dear PSD parents/guardians,

Poudre School District will be adopting elementary (K-5) literacy materials for district-wide implementation at the start of the 2023-24 school year, and we are seeking parent representatives to serve on the adoption materials review team. The team will meet during the school day and will start its work on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Tentative meeting schedule (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

- Tuesday, Oct. 18
- Wednesday, Oct. 26
- Tuesday, Nov. 8
- Tuesday, Nov. 15

If this schedule will work for you and you are interested in serving on this committee, please complete this [short form](#). We have four seats on the team for parents/guardians of elementary students and plan to select members so that we have geographic representation across our school district.

If you are interested but unable to serve or are not selected, you can choose to be added to our mailing list for focused community engagement. Those on the list will receive frequent updates about the team's work and will be invited to focused information sessions with our team. Please use [this link](#) if you want to serve on the review team or be added to our focused community engagement mailing list.

This adoption will provide our teachers with high-quality instructional materials that align with the [Colorado Academic Standards](#) and support the [Common Core Key Shifts in Language Arts](#). Adopted materials will be on the [Colorado Department of Education's Advisory List of Instructional Programming](#), which identifies programming that supports systematic development of foundational reading skills for all PSD students. We look forward to sharing our progress.

Thank you for considering.

Sincerely,
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UPCOMING DATES:

- October 13 and 14 NO School for Students