



## WERNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Werner Community,

Welcome back to the 2010-2011 school year! It's great to see all the smiling faces again. Summer is a nice time to rejuvenate and spend quality time with family and friends. I hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy this time.

Summer also offers a time to reflect on the past and to look forward to the future. This past year, we have much to celebrate. Our recent CSAP results show our students doing well in many areas and making significant growth as compared to other students across the state. In the coming months, I will be reporting out specifically how we did with our school and district goals.

As we start the school year, I am excited about the great things we have to offer. Despite the tough economic times, we have much to be thankful for as a school community. We are blessed with the opportunity to work with your children and in a fantastic community. There will be some changes coming in this school year that you will notice. I read a quote the other day. It said, "*If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies.*" -Author Unknown

This year, you will be seeing some new faces around our school. We have hired four new teachers and two new aides due to retirements and shift in resources. We are fortunate to have such wonderful new additions to our staff and look forward to their great work here at Werner.

In addition to new staff, you will see a new Literacy curriculum, *Treasures* that will serve as our main resource for Literacy and Writing instruction, Spelling, and Handwriting throughout the district. This research-based program has many nice new supplements and core elements compared to our previous *Open Court* program.

One other new change this year is that we are having recess before lunch. This is something new for our students and staff, but has been implemented in several schools nationwide. Included in this packet home is a brochure listing many benefits of this new implementation. In the first days of school, we are working with students and staff to help with the transitions, but so far it has been going well.

There are other new things this year for our staff and school, which I will communicate about later. One important thing I believe in is communication through the change process. In an effort to help engage more with you, I will be hosting a monthly "Coffee with Mr. Camp". This informal time is designed to provide you an opportunity to talk about any issues, concerns, or questions you may have

with Werner, PSD, and education in general. I will also share more about how we are doing, what initiatives we are working on, etc. Our first "Coffee" will be Friday, September 17 at 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the lounge.

As we embark on this year, I look forward to our work together to help educate your child. Please make sure you take time to read about the other important news in this packet. Our monthly newsletter with PTA will start in September. We send our monthly newsletter by email, so if you are not on our distribution list for electronic communications and alerts, please go to: <http://eweb.psdschools.org/emailsubscription/>. If you need assistance with this, please contact our main office.

All the best,  
Hayden

### Code of Conduct

NEW: Poudre School District's *2010-11 Student Rights & Code of Conduct* Now is an Electronic Booklet

- Starting with the 2010-11 school year, students and parents who have Internet capabilities will access and view the *Student Rights & Code of Conduct* information electronically instead of receiving a paper booklet as done previously. The electronic booklet will also be available on Werner's website and the PSD website.
- Please sign the **2010 - 2011 STUDENT RIGHTS & CODE OF CONDUCT CERTIFICATION (Electronic Booklet)** form, on the back of this packet, if you have access to an online version and acknowledge that you will review it. **Return the form to the main office by September 10, 2010.**
- If you do not have internet access, you may call or drop by the office to pick up a paper booklet. You will need to sign the **2010 - 2011 STUDENT RIGHTS & CODE OF CONDUCT CERTIFICATION (Paper Booklet)** verifying you have received the paper booklet.
- The district office and all school main offices will have a limited amount of English & Spanish paper booklets available for families who are not able to access the *Student Rights & Code of Conduct* electronically.
- Poudre School District is implementing this change to save paper, printing costs, and staff time, while increasing accessibility and notification.

### New Times and Schedules

Our times have adjusted again this year for start and end. Below is our daily schedule. If you need child care assistance before and/or after school, please call BASE Camp at 970-266-1734 or go to [www.mybasecampkids.org](http://www.mybasecampkids.org).

8:30 Morning supervision begins on playground (students should not arrive before this time)

8:40 First Bell

8:45 Tardy Bell

8:45-11:35 AM Kindergarten

11:10-11:30 Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Recess 11:30-11:55 Lunch

11:45-12:05 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Recess 12:05-12:30 Lunch

12:30-12:50 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Recess 12:50-1:15 Lunch

12:30-3:23 PM Kindergarten

3:23 Dismissal

### Parent-Student Handbook

Our Werner parent-Student Handbook is available each year for general information about policies, procedures, etc. You can access the handbook at the Werner website: (<http://eweb.pdschools.org/schools/werner/>). Please refer to the handbook when in question or contact the main office.

### Fall Family Festival-Save the Date!

Our annual Fall Festival will be Friday, September 10 this year! This fun event, which serves as our main fund raiser, is sponsored by our wonderful PTA so look for more information coming soon.

### Parent Orientation Nights

Each year, our grade levels have a time to share information about your child's classroom, respond to questions, etc. These important times give you an opportunity to learn more about the classroom and Werner. We ask that you plan to come, even if you have had a child in that classroom before. Below are the dates and times of our Parent Orientation Nights. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

- September 7 Kindergarten 6-7 p.m. (classrooms)
- September 8 4<sup>th</sup> grade 6-7 p.m. (classrooms)  
5<sup>th</sup> grade 7:15-8:15 p.m. (Gymnasium)
- September 9 1<sup>st</sup> grade 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Media Center)  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade 6:30-7:15 p.m. (classrooms)
- September 15 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Gymnasium)

### Volunteer Sign-Up

We know that support from our parents and community is vital to our success. In these economic times, we have fewer resources to provide support for our students and teachers. We will have our sign-up for volunteers on August 30-September 3. Posters, with school and classroom needs, will be posted throughout our main hallways. Please find an area that matches your time and skill to help if you can. As a reminder, all parents that plan to volunteer anytime must sign up through the district website: <http://www.pdschools.org/community/volunteers-partnerships>. Please look for more information coming from our volunteer coordinator, Elise Branson. We appreciate your help!



# 2010 AUGUST SCHOOL NEWS BRIEFS- PSD

## For more information, contact:

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## Back-to-school basics help families prepare!

Welcome back to Poudre School District for another exciting school year!

### 1. Register Now! Tuition-based preschool program accepting students

Register now for the Poudre School District tuition-based preschool program that will be held at Cache LaPoudre Elementary, Rice Elementary, and Kruse Elementary Schools, and the Fullana Learning Center for the 2010-2011 school year.

Half-day sessions are available in the morning and afternoon at participating schools.

[Preschool registration information and applications for the 2010-11](#) school year are available online.

The new preschool program will offer:

- **Teachers licensed by Colorado Dept. of Education**
- **High quality, standards-based preschool environment**
- **16 students per session; adult to child ratio 1-8**
- **Tuition cost \$3150/year or \$315 monthly for 10 months**
- **To register, go to [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org); click on "School Registration;" then click on the upper left-hand link, "Preschool Registration" or call 490-3204 for more information**

### 2. Bus schedule available Aug. 6; please review bus routing changes, new process

Bus schedules will be available on the PSD website on August 6 and available at schools on August 9.

## New in 2010:

In an effort to create more efficient bussing systems within Poudre School District and to save money, PSD is implementing routing changes that will change how students determine which bus they ride.

## Route numbers identify busses:

- This year, students will determine their morning and afternoon bus based on the route number.
- In most cases, the route number for your child's morning bus will be different than the route number for your child's afternoon bus.
- The route number will be posted in the window closest to the entrance door of each bus.

## Cards/labels help students determine correct bus:

- To help students learn their route numbers, students will be given a card/label when they get off of their morning bus at the beginning of the school year.
- The card/label will have their morning bus route number and the afternoon bus route number and should aid students in finding the correct bus in the afternoon.
- The card can be carried by the student until they remember their route numbers.

**Please encourage your child to ride the bus the first day of school so they can learn the new system.** School staff members, bus drivers, and additional transportation staff will help guide students to the correct busses the first couple days of school, until students are familiar with the new process.

These changes, along with the [arterial bussing changes](#) are expected to help the transportation department save approximately \$325-350,000 during the 2010-11 school year. Although routes are changing, student safety continues to be the top priority.

**Bus schedules will be available on the PSD website on August 6 and available at schools on August 9.** If you have questions about routing changes, please contact the PSD transportation department at 970-490-3155 or visit the transportation webpage at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org).

### **3. Food service provides many nutritional meal choices**

Nutritious lunches and many meal choices are provided daily at all schools. Some schools provide breakfast.

Meals are priced at:

Elementary – \$2.00; Reduced – \$0.40

Secondary – \$2.25; Reduced – \$0.40

Breakfast at participating schools is priced at:

Elementary – \$1.00; Reduced – \$0.30

Secondary – \$1.00; Reduced – \$0.30

Prices vary at secondary schools for a la carte items.

Lunch menus are posted on the PSD web site at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org), in school newsletters, and printed weekly in the Fort Collins Coloradoan.

### **4. Lunch program available to qualifying families**

Applications for the federal free and reduced-price school lunch program were mailed home to all heads of households in late July/early August. Students participating in the program during the previous school year may be automatically enrolled in the program for the first 30 days of school. **Parents must submit a new family application each school year** and are required to complete only one application per household. The application may be returned to a school or to the Food Service Office. Identity of students participating is kept strictly confidential.

Eligible families should complete and return the form even if they do not plan to participate in the lunch program. Students who qualify for the federal free and reduced-price school lunch program are also exempt from other fees and charges. A letter of eligibility for free and reduced-price meals will be sent to the parents/guardians of qualifying students. An information release form will be included with the eligibility letter. Complete the information release form and return it to your school office. Information: (970) 490-3557.

### **5. Keep immunization records up to date**

Students registering for the first time in PSD must present proof of immunizations or provide a signed exemption statement of religious or personal objection.

Call your healthcare provider, the Larimer County Health Department at (970) 498-6700, or visit [www.co.larimer.co.us/health/chs](http://www.co.larimer.co.us/health/chs) for information. A walk-in children's immunization clinic is offered at the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, 1525 Blue Spruce Drive. Call for specific times.

### **6. Update schools with student health information**

Please inform your school's health care staff if your child has special health concerns, medications, or dietary needs, so a school health care plan can be developed for your child. Complete physical exams by a family physician are recommended for students entering kindergarten and 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **7. Update phone numbers and parent contact information**

Parents are encouraged to keep phone numbers, addresses, and emergency contact information updated throughout the school year. Watch for a student information form to come home with your child the first week of school. **Provide your email for emergency notifications and communication via email**, sign up at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org).

### **8. Register online to volunteer**

PSD's online volunteer registration is available on the PSD website at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org). The system is easy to use for parents who want to volunteer at their child's school and for community members who want to be involved in education. Help shape the future – volunteer! If you have previously registered and forgot your log on information, please call the volunteer office for assistance. Information: (970) 490-3208

### **9. Follow PSD on Facebook and Twitter!**

Sign up to follow PSD on Facebook and Twitter. Links are now located at the top of the new PSD home page at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org). Check it out!

### **10. Parent Portal on PSD Web site**

The interactive "Parent Portal" on the PSD Web site will be available at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year. The Parent Portal allows parents and guardians to view a quick and highly individualized snapshot of their student's specific information, including: schedule, grades, upcoming assignments, account balances and school information.

The Parent Portal's interactive features are part of PSD's continuing work to improve communications with parents and guardians. **Current Parent Portal users can continue to use their account. Parents and guardians that don't currently have a Parent Portal account should watch for an email or letter for each PSD enrolled student.** The letter will contain a unique activation code for their student and detailed instructions for accessing the Parent Portal.



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Elementary School**

**2010 - 2011 STUDENT RIGHTS & CODE OF CONDUCT CERTIFICATION  
(Electronic Booklet)**

The 2010-2011 Poudre School District Student Rights & Code of Conduct booklet is available online at the District's website, <http://www.psdschools.org/about-us/board-leadership/superintendent/student-conduct> and at the Werner School website, <http://eweb.psdschools.org/schools/werner/>.

The undersigned parent/guardian hereby certifies that he/she is able to access the Student Rights & Code of Conduct booklet online and that he/she has or will review it with his/her child. The undersigned parent/guardian understands that his/her child is responsible for compliance with the District policies and regulations in the booklet, and has informed his/her child of that responsibility.

The undersigned parent/guardian understands that copies of the Student Rights & Code of Conduct booklets are also available for review in the main office at Werner School, and that if he/she has any questions regarding the booklet they should be addressed to the school principal.

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Student's Name (please print)

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date