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PPOS Newsletter

Monthly School News & Family Information



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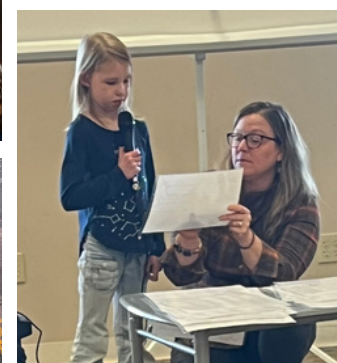
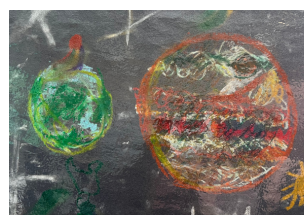
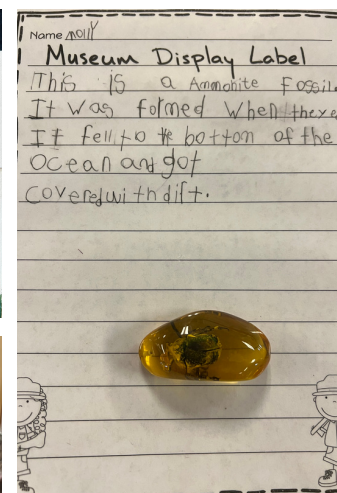
Important Dates

- February Break: Feb. 10-20
- Final Ski Day Grades 2-8: Feb. 22:
- Open House: Feb. 27 5-6 p.m.
- Re-enrollment Forms Due: Feb. 29

A Season of Celebrations

This January, kindergarten, first grade, and second-third wrapped up projects with their Celebrations of Learning with families. Weather, fossils and outer space have occupied these young students for the past couple months, and their celebrations gave them a chance to reflect on their high quality work and engage in the lifelong learner practice of reflection. Students wrote about their learning, created art and did oral presentations to audiences. A fossil museum was set up and books were published.

Additionally, the entire school celebrated Schools of Choice Week with a Crazy Hair Style Day, Town Hall rally, Career Day, Book Character Day and Pajama Day. As a charter school in Archuleta County, PPOS is considered a School of Choice for families: we support options for education in our community and are happy to have School Choice.



Enrollment Season Has Begun!



The New Year means a look ahead, and PPOS already has its eyes on the 2024-25 school year through our open enrollment period. We're hoping to grow our school community by 20 students next year. Current families: **please remember to fill out the "intent to re-enroll form"** so you can secure your student's spot for next year!

As an intentionally small, project-based learning charter school, we provide a choice within our community for Archuleta youth.

Please spread the word! Enrollment is open until Feb. 29, with an Open House at 5 pm, Feb. 27. The PPOS Lottery will be on the first Wednesday in March. Instead of filling seats based on a first-come, first-serve basis, PPOS will first determine the number of spaces available for new students in each grade level for the upcoming school year. If there are more applicants for positions than available spots, the School Director will hold a lottery for new students. Any remaining students will be placed on a wait list based on the order in which their name was drawn.

In the past, PPOS has accepted kindergarten applications for any students who turn five before Sept. 15. We are enrolling students turning 5 up to Oct. 1; so please encourage families with children turning 5 before Oct. 1 to enroll before Feb. 29!



Last month, ten PPOS students performed "The Lion King" with students from across the county at the Pagosa Center for the Arts. PPOS was fortunate to have a free showing in early January. We are proud to have our students represented in our community beyond our school walls!

From the Restorative Practices Student Board: February is the month of growth and expression at our school!

We're shining a spotlight on the change-makers among us. This month, we're featuring our amazing Restorative Practice team. To learn more about our team, check the display in the lobby!

Most recently, we have been making a mural. Our school's walls are coming to life with the vibrant strokes of our community's talent, a tapestry of our collective spirit and passion for restorative practices.

We believe that everyone's voice matters! Student engagement surveys are out now, and we're listening. Student thoughts are being shared as our RPSB members interview all who attend school at PPOS. Student thoughts help us make our school even better. The data for the student surveys will be out in March

Our fourth-graders are stepping up for peace with their 'Peace Feet Protect' initiative. Join them toward a kinder, more peaceful world.



We are doing great with attendance as compared with previous years. However, we just dipped below our goal of a 95% attendance rate, and are currently at 94.3% attendance.

Our school's attendance policy is more lenient than PSES, and we want to ensure our kids still get the best education possible. In order to do so, punctuality and attendance is so important. According to the family survey, PPOS families appreciate our year-round schedule. This schedule makes vacations easier to plan while other schools are still in session, and kids are still able to get breaks from schooling throughout the year.

Students are allowed to miss a certain number of days in the school year due to the fact that we understand that life happens. This makes it even more important that the students do show up when they are able.

If you have any questions regarding the PPOS attendance policy please reach out to Linda at lhayduke@ppos.co.

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During the week of Jan. 18, PPOS celebrated School of Choice Week with a Spirit Week and a Town Hall rally.



The Restorative Practices Student Board is working through the second phase of an RP mural for the upstairs hallway - sketching their scene in pencil before painting after Winter break.



Our Student Engagement Survey Data is in and better than ever! Across grade levels, students are identifying as being behaviorally, emotionally and cognitively engaged in school at PPOS, with increases across the board. Some highlights include:

- 90% of students identify that adults at PPOS show care for them daily
- 87% of students recognize that their teachers are happy to have them in their class daily
- 90% of students feel encouraged to ask questions when they arise
- 84% of students identify themselves as good students

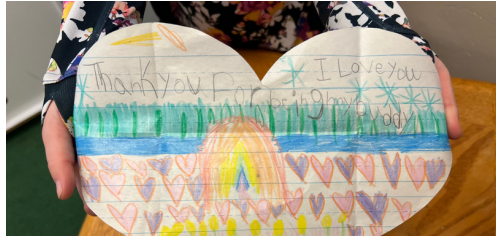
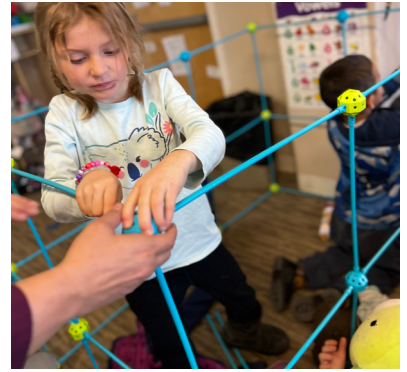
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Learn about our model from teachers, parents, and students while eating waffles catered by Black Bart's Brunch.



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FEBRUARY 29, 2024.

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Feb. 6 was Global Play Day and many of our classes participated in a full day of unstructured free play, with students bringing in toys and games to share. Kinder and fifth-grade shared some Valentine celebration time.

