



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

January 16, 2024

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DECEMBER 2023 RECIPIENTS

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Media Release



Jayda Jackson

1st Grade, Chubuck Elementary School
Nominated by:
Mrs. Katie Burrup



Julian Pena

12th Grade, Highland High School
Nominated by:
Mrs. Ann Roberts



Media Release



Pat Shaw

Application Specialist,
Technology Department
Nominated by:
Janelle Arvas

JANUARY 2024 ANNOUNCEMENTS

C.A.K.E. Award
Learner of the Month

Elementary
Seth Broberg
Nominated by:
Mrs. Jennifer Durrant

Secondary
Addison Taylor
Nominated by:
Mrs. Jenni Peterson

P.I.E.S. Award
Employee of the Month
Charonne Gunter
Kindergarten
Indian Hills Elementary
Nominated by:
Jill Pixton, Beth Pope,
and Jenny Higgins



PCSD 25 believes a safe, supportive, caring, and respectful environment is critical to student learning. The School District 25 Education Foundation, in partnership with McDonald’s, supports the Learner-of-the-Month award to recognize one elementary learner and one secondary learner from our district, from October through May. The C.A.K.E. Award celebrates positive character, attitude, kindness, and encouragement toward others. Nominations for the C.A.K.E. Award are submitted by a teacher who has observed the nominee’s behavior and are approved by the school’s principal.

C.A.K.E. Award recipients receive recognition at the monthly Board of Trustees regular meeting; a gift card for the recipient and their teacher, and a \$50 donation to purchase books in the recipient’s name, both courtesy of the Johnson Family McDonald’s.

Elementary School Learner-of-the-Month

Seth Broberg

5th Grade, Washington Elementary School

Nominated by:
Mrs. Jennifer Durrant

In her nomination letter, Ms. Durrant wrote, “Seth consistently demonstrates remarkable kindness and compassion towards his classmates. He goes above and beyond to ensure that everyone understands and is ready to lend a helping hand whenever needed. What sets Seth apart is his extraordinary work ethic. Every day he gives his personal best, tackling challenges with a positive attitude and perseverance. Even when he faces difficulties, he remains undeterred and approaches each obstacle as an opportunity to grow. Seth exhibits exceptional integrity and respect in all interactions- whether with peers or adults. His behavior is a testament to his understanding of the importance of treating others with kindness and courtesy. It’s a privilege to be part of Seth’s learning journey and we are all grateful to have him as part of our learning community. ”

Secondary School Learner-of-the-Month

Addison Taylor

11th Grade, Pocatello High School

Nominated by:
Mrs. Jenni Peterson

In her nomination letter, Ms. Peterson wrote, “Academically, Addie is an amazing learner. She asks questions and critically thinks about topics and focuses deeply on the quality of her writing. The most exceptional trait of Addie is her character. She is incredibly kind, generous, and helpful. She always comes to class with a giant smile on her face. She truly lights up the classroom. Her peers are drawn to her because of the kindness she exudes. Addie is also a phenomenal dancer. She is able to balance high academic achievement, while being successful in her dance career. Addie makes me want to be a better person. She spreads joy and happiness in a world that truly needs it. She is an amazing dancer, friend, and learner. I am beyond proud of the human she is.”



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Charonne Gunter

Kindergarten Teacher | Indian Hills Elementary School

The Employee-of-the-Month P.I.E.S. award recognizes our employees who Positively Influence Educational Success. The award is for employees who go above and beyond in that effort.

PIES Award recipients receive a \$50 gift card from Lookout Credit Union, our educational partner for this award.

Mrs. Gunter was nominated for the PIES Employee of the Month award by three individuals: Indian Hills Principal Jill Johnson, colleague Jenny Higgins, and Beth Pope, who has worked alongside Mrs. Gunter as her paraprofessional for the past ten years.

In her nomination, Mrs. Johnson wrote, “Charonne is super positive! No matter the challenge she chooses to focus on the good. She is a team leader both at Indian Hills and throughout the district, having served as a unit developer for years. She has also mentored new teachers in and out of the district. She wants others to succeed so she shares her tips for success with other aspiring kindergarten teachers. Charonne works so well with all of her kindergarten students. She communicates with them in a way that motivates them to work hard and want to be at school. Those who work with Charonne feel her enthusiasm and love for teaching and learning!”

Mrs. Higgins wrote, “Charonne Gunter is the most amazing Kindergarten teacher I know! She consistently finds creative and fun ways to apply the curriculum concepts for each learner, with particular attention to individual learning ability. Her classroom is bright, happy, and engaging where every learner feels valued, loved, and appreciated. Charonne cultivates joy in her classroom and our school and is an inspiration to all!”

Mrs. Pope wrote, “Charonne Gunter exemplifies the district’s PIES criteria. She is always willing to share what works and what doesn’t. She is also willing to use what she learns from other teachers around the district in our classroom. I have witnessed her gentle and calm way with children. She has a way of speaking with the learners that makes them feel loved and important, getting to know each learner individually. She is always looking for ways to engage the shy learner in a positive manner that boosts their confidence.”

Mrs. Gunter is receiving a \$50 gift card from our educational partner for this award, Lookout Credit Union. Thank you for your contributions to our learners and to our school district.

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Communications & Community Relations Report

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Monthly Communications Insights

PCSD 25 Social Media At a Glance

As of January 11, 2024



Followers

11,850



Followers

1,356



Subscribers

539



Followers

481

Facebook continues to be the most effective social media tool to reach our audience



25,830

Reach



22,201

Visits



10,484

Total Clicks



301

Comments



1560

Reactions

Livestreams



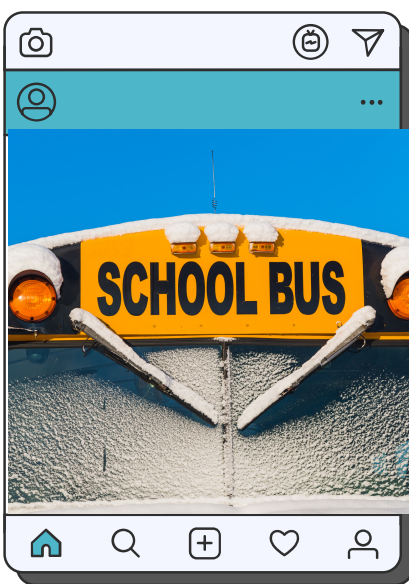
Work Session
54 views



Regular Board Mtg.
81 views

Top Performing Posts

December 8, 2023 through January 11, 2024



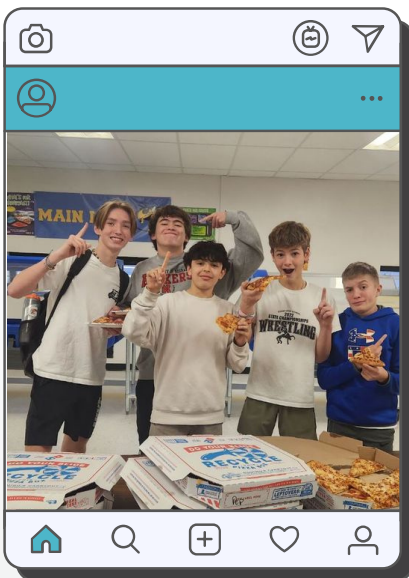
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128

65

36

324 ★



Reach 6.4k

170 ★

6

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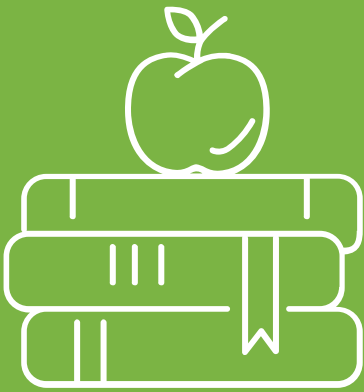
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Wednesday, January 10, 2024
School is in session for all PCSD 25 schools today, Wednesday, January 10, 2024. When it comes to making the decision to maintain the regular schedule or cancel school, the safety of our learners and staff is our primary concern. Whenever possible, we believe it is of utmost importance for our learners to be in school learning. We also understand and appreciate the discretion involved in making individual family decisions regarding the severity of the forecast, especially considering student drivers. As we continue to move through varying winter weather patterns, please take the time to review PCSD 25's emergency closure policy: <https://www.sd25.us/inclement-weather>

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Wednesday, December 13, 2023
 Steve Phippen, owner of our Local Domino's, donated all of the pizza for the Alameda Middle School's all city championship banquet! Thank you Steve for your generosity!



Story Highlights

New Year, New Faculty Lounge

Highland High School faculty and staff returned from the winter break to one more holiday surprise: an updated faculty lounge, all courtesy of school families and community businesses.

Spearheaded by local realtor and Highland mom, Michelle Mitchell, the goal of the glow-up was to create a dedicated space for faculty and staff to relax, reinvigorate, and reconnect with one another.

[Watch the video story](#) (842 views)

[Read the complete article](#)

PCSD 25 announces restructured roles for finance and maintenance departments

We are pleased to announce a series of changes in leadership roles within the finance and maintenance departments. Please join us in welcoming and congratulating these individuals on their new roles:

- Kade Teter, Finance Coordinator;
- Michele Leiby, Accountant;
- Brian Glenn, School Plant Coordinator;
- Timothy Picha, Maintenance Foreman; and
- Jacob Jordan, Energy Conservation Manager.



Kade Teter



Michele Leiby



Brian Glenn



Timothy Picha



Jacob Jordan

Headlines of Interest

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PCSD 25 GOOD NEWS

[Highland's Sorrell and Riddle take home top honors](#)

[Local families and businesses surprise Highland teachers with updated faculty lounge](#)

[Pocatello School District 25 announces leadership changes](#)

[Local brothers collect hundreds of boxes of cereal for classmates in need](#)

AROUND THE STATE

[Governor proposes new funding for education facilities, Idaho Launch](#)

[State poised to switch insurance providers for state employees and some educators](#)

[Revamping the IRI: Stakeholders chime in on state reading test](#)

[Nampa School Board votes to close four schools](#)

[K-12 schools could see \\$162 million in cuts from attendance-based formula](#)

BOND/PROPERTY TAXES

[Idaho homeowners to receive \\$192M in property tax cuts](#)

[Divided and disenchanted: Why a rural Idaho community refuses to fund education](#)

[Idaho school property tax collections down 18%](#)

[Idaho Falls, prosecutor reach settlement in bond advocacy case](#)

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

[Goodbye, Holt Arena. Hello, ICCU Dome](#)

[ISU President Kevin Satterlee shares farewell remarks](#)

[Utah State administrator named Idaho State's next president](#)

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MEDIA LINKS

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Thank you.

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