



PUEBLO NEWS

August 2, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Bulldog Families,

I need to remind everyone that all Pueblo students were given a Leadership Planner this school year. The grade that students will earn in their Leadership Class will be based on their consistent use of the planner. This means that they should be writing information every day in their planner for each of their classes. The planner will be checked on Fridays during Leadership Class. Thank you for working with your child to ensure they are proactively using the planner to build helpful habits and stay on track.

Next week, in Leadership Class, students will begin participating in activities designed to grow their resilience and leadership skills, as well as accelerate their academic achievement. They will start by learning about the importance of setting goals and beginning with the end in mind, as well as the value of prioritizing and putting first things first. We are excited for our students to learn and put these important habits into action.

"Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it each day, and at last we cannot break it." - Horace Mann
Ashley Schutkowski

PUEBLO UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 5 NJHS Applications Open for 7th & 8th Grade - information below
- 6 First Quarter PTO Meeting & SITE Council Meeting, Media Center, 3:30
The Social Club, location TBD, 3:15-4:15
- 7 **EARLY RELEASE, 1:05pm**
- 8 Theatre Club Meeting, Black Box Theatre, 3:15 - 4:15
- 10 Last Day to Register for Co-Ed Wrestling
- 14 **EARLY RELEASE, 1:05pm**
- 16 **EARLY RELEASE FRIDAY. 1:05pm**
- 23 NJHS Applications are due

MEAL DELIVERIES

Please note that we do not allow any third party lunch deliveries to the school office. Examples would include DoorDash and Uber Eats, among others. Deliveries of this kind disrupt students' lunch schedules and the timing is often unreliable. In addition we have a food service contract with the District which specifies not having competing foods brought into school. Parents may bring their own students' lunches to the office if need be, but may not bring lunches or treats for additional students. If any 3rd party delivered lunches arrive in the office, unless arrangements have been previously made with the administration, the student will have to pick it up at the end of the day. Your cooperation is appreciated.



DISTRICT AND SCHOOL TEXT COMMUNICATIONS

Families are encouraged to opt in for our Kyrene School District and school-based text message for reminders and notifications. You can sign up to receive text message alerts by **texting "Y" or "yes" to 67587**. This is something that needs to be done every year.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the Culinary Arts families that have donated so generously to our classroom. It's truly been amazing, and we appreciate it so much. These supplies will help us to kick off a great year of cooking! Mr. Rapson



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Have you taken a moment to intentionally practice self-care this week? Self-care is a routine that can be extremely beneficial for reducing stress, anxiety, and burnout. This week, try something new. Expressing gratitude is a method used by some in their self-care routines in order to increase their levels of happiness. Journaling is another method that people find useful in a self-care routine for emotion expression. No matter what healthy strategy

you choose, adding to your self-care routine can keep things fresh and effective. If you don't currently have a self-care routine, there is no time like the present. One small step is growth. Make your goal small and attainable to ensure success in your self-care routine establishment.



NJHS

Welcome Back to the 2024-2025 school year! Pueblo's Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is pleased to announce that applications for membership can be found on-line [under the NJHS tab](#) beginning Monday, August 5th. This year's candidates will be required to participate in 30 hours of service and maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout the year. Any 7th or 8th grade student who is interested in joining NJHS needs to submit a completed application no later than Friday, August 23rd. Students who will be considered 2nd year NJHS members DO NEED to complete an application.

New members will receive a letter confirming their membership by Tuesday, September 3rd.

There is a \$25 membership fee for NJHS. This fee will help to cover the cost of the National Chapter dues, NJHS volunteer t-shirts and the end-of year induction ceremony.

The first NJHS meeting will be held in Mr. Selleh's room, A-8, on Thursday, September, 5th from 7:50 - 8:10 a.m. Topics will include # of service hours required, suggestions for service hours and service projects. Future meetings for NJHS will be held on the first Thursday of the month in Mr. Selleh's room A-8 from 7:50 - 8:10 a.m. Service logs will be due on April 25th, 2025 with NJHS Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

NJHS has a long history of honor, dedication, and pride. We are pleased to be a part of this outstanding organization. Please visit our website for sign-ups for service as well as other information. We look forward to a wonderful year!

Mr. Colby Selleh and Ms. Nancy Zimmerman
NJHS Advisors

THE SOCIAL CLUB

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The Social Club is a club made for students to socialize with one another and spend time with friends. Many students don't really have time outside of school to hang out with friends or are not allowed to do things with them. This club is meant to solve that problem by providing a safe space on school grounds to spend time with one another.

Basic Information:

Sponsor: Ms. Mann

The club is weekly, from 3:15 to 4:30 PM on Tuesdays. It takes place in the school library.

Students must follow school rules in keeping conversations appropriate and must respect one another even if they are not members of the same friend groups participating in the club.

Parents must be ready to pick up their children by the time the club ends if they normally drive them to school. Students may walk or bike home if permitted to do so by parents.



THEATRE CLUB

Welcome to Pueblo's Theatre Club! Theatre is a place where everyone belongs. Whether you're interested in acting, costumes, lights, stage management, or if you just need a place to be where everyone is as weird as you are, the Theatre Club welcomes you! Theatre Club is a place where you can learn more about the art of Theatre and how you can be involved in it. We play games and also work together, we sing and dance together, laugh and sometimes cry together. Our goal is to use Theatre to become more educated, kind, and productive members of society.

Please pick up a permission in room D5 or the front office to bring with you to the meeting.

Theatre Club meetings are after school from 3:15-4:15 pm in room D5.

Tentative dates for this semester are: 8/8, 9/5, 10/31, 11/21, and 12/12. Please pick up your child on the west side of campus (Gate 6, in the Pueblo/Paloma lot) after the meeting.

Sponsor: Ms. Rokusek (Ms. R.)



ATTENDANCE LINE

Pueblo Middle School is equipped with a computerized telephone attendance reporting system.

The absence reporting phone number is 480-541-6801 and may be called 24 hours a day.

Parents/guardians are asked to call the attendance office by 9:00 AM each day that their child is absent. Please leave a message on the voice mail indicating the student's name, grade, date(s) of the absence and reason for the absence. If we do not receive a parent phone call, the student's absence will be recorded as a truancy.

Pueblo Attendance Procedures

NOTE: Parents MUST call the attendance line within 24 hours of an absence, even if they spoke to the health office, or if they told a teacher, we cannot excuse any absences until we receive a message from the parent/guardian.

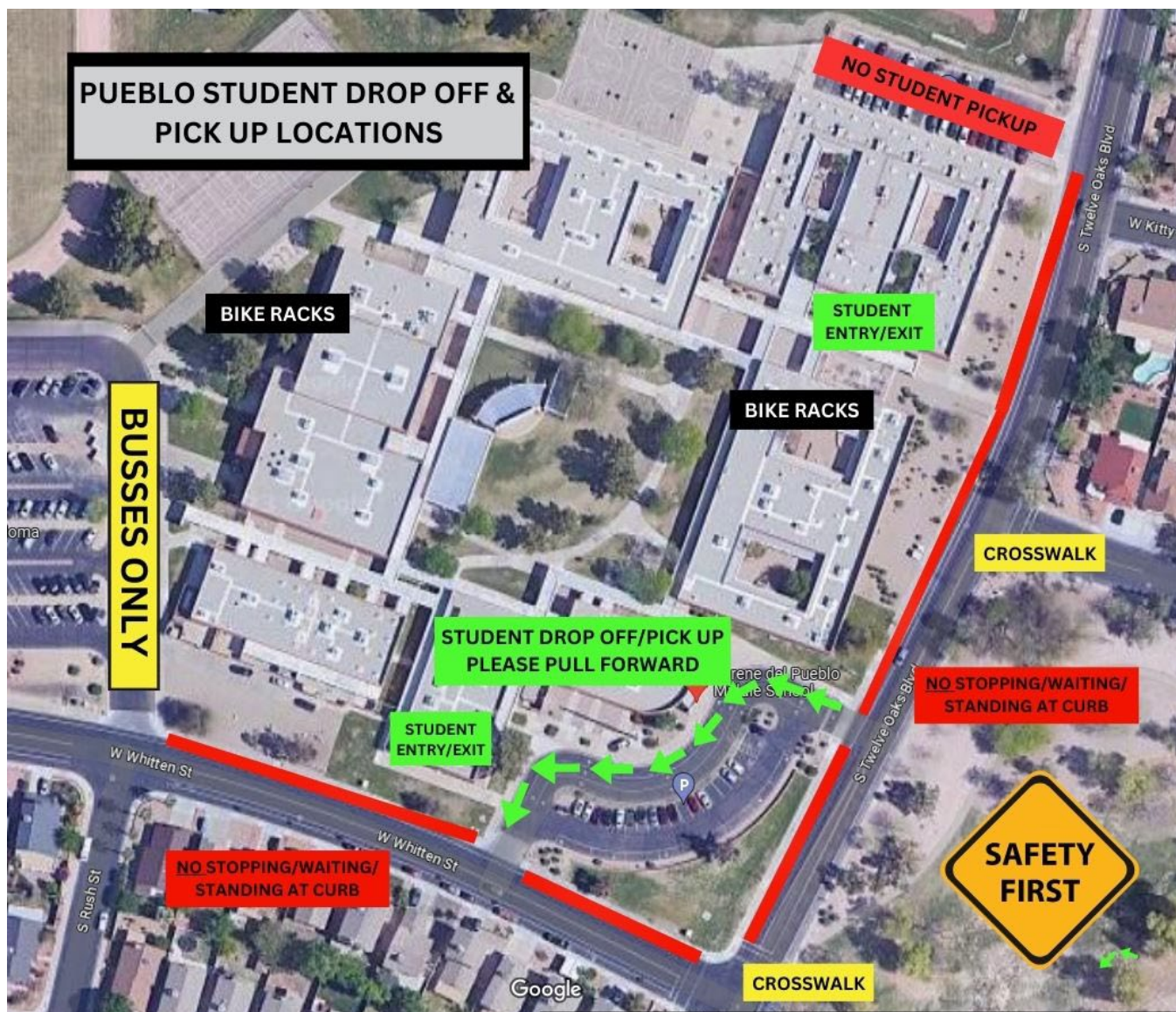
STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES

If you plan on dropping off or picking up your child from Pueblo you will use the front office parking lot. Students should not be dropped before 7:50 am, as there is no supervision before that time. Please pull all the way forward and drop your child off at the end of the parking lot. In order to keep things moving, have your child gather their supplies and say their goodbyes quickly when you are dropping off. We appreciate your help with keeping the line moving as fast as possible.

When picking your child up, please follow the same procedure and pull all the way forward to the end of the parking lot. Once your child is in the car you can move into the passing middle lane and exit the parking lot, allowing other cars to pull forward. The beginning of the school year is always busy during these times as everyone is figuring out the process and routines. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Please see our Student Drop Off/Pick Up Map under our [News and Events](#).

Please note the signs on Twelve Oaks Blvd. which indicate that there should be no stopping or parking during school hours and remember it is unsafe to make U-turns in a school zone.



ATHLETICS/CLUBS

For information about registration for Athletics please visit the Kyrene webpage and look under the Programs and Services tab. If you have any questions about Pueblo Athletics please visit the [Pueblo Athletics homepage](#) or contact Erin Gray in student services in our Pueblo front office at 480-541-6804.

1st Quarter Sports: Girls Volleyball (cut), COED Wrestling (non-cut)

2nd Quarter Sports: Boys Basketball (cut), Girls Soccer (cut), Girls Flag Football (cut), Boys & Girls Cross Country (non-cut)

3rd Quarter Sports: Girls Basketball (cut), Girls Softball (cut), Boys Flag Football (cut), Boys Soccer (cut) COED Cheer (Cut)

4th Quarter Sports: Boys & Girls Track and field (non-cut), Boys Baseball (cut), Boys Volleyball (cut)

There will be opportunities throughout the year for students to get involved in clubs. Students can find information by way of our daily announcements and Bulldog TV. Parents can find information in the weekly Bulldog Newsletter on our school webpage. Our website will be updated soon with the available clubs for the 24-25 school year.

FACES OF OUR SCHOOL

This year we will be sharing **Faces of Our School** with our community. We are proud to have many staff members who have worked in Kyrene and at Pueblo for many years, and we are also thrilled to have many new faces at Pueblo this year.

FACES OF OUR SCHOOL

MRS. HEMMERLE

7TH & 8TH GRADE MATH TEACHER

PUEBLO BULLDOG SINCE: 2019

DREAM VACATION: HAWAII

WHO INSPIRES ME MOST: MY KIDS

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: CHIPOTLE

FAVORITE MOVIE: YOU'VE GOT MAIL

GO-TO SNACK: POPCORN OR TRAIL MIX

ON WEEKENDS I LIKE TO: HIKE, PLAY WITH MY DOG, READ

IN MIDDLE SCHOOL I: I WAS A KYRENE KID AT CMS

I CHEER FOR: UOFA WILDCATS & MY KIDS

PERSON I WOULD LIKE TO MEET: MICHELLE OBAMA

I BECAME AN EDUCATOR BECAUSE:

I had wonderful math teachers that modeled perseverance and made me feel successful in school. I hope to pass along these same feelings to my students.



Bachelor's Degree from
the University of Arizona
in Business
Administration

Master's Degree from
Grand Canyon University
in Secondary Education

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Colby Selleh

6/7 ELA Teacher - Volleyball Coach

PUEBLO BULLDOG SINCE: 2018

DREAM VACATION: Visiting somewhere I haven't been before.

WHO INSPIRES ME MOST: My mother!

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Panda Express or Kodo Sushi

FAVORITE MOVIE: The Emperor's New Groove

GO-TO SNACK: Peanut Butter Pretzels

ON WEEKENDS I LIKE TO: Get outside! Go fishing, hiking, camping, and more.

IN MIDDLE SCHOOL I: Played 3 sports and did Jazz Band (go trumpets).

I CHEER FOR: The Chicago Bears

PERSON I WOULD LIKE TO MEET: Kurt Vonnegut

I BECAME AN EDUCATOR BECAUSE:

I had teachers whose belief in me helped improve my self-image, and I'd like to do the same.



**BA English
(Secondary
Education)**

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PTO - JOIN AND HELP SUPPORT PUEBLO

If you are interested in getting involved with the Pueblo PTO, please come to our first PTO meeting of the school year on Monday, August 6 at 3:30pm. Please enter through the front office to be directed to the Media Center.

SITE COUNCIL

Our first Pueblo Site Council meeting of the school year will be held following the PTO meeting on August 6.



FROM THE OFFICE

TRANSPORTATION

Families can access information regarding Bus Routes and Bus Safety by visiting the Kyrene webpage and looking under the Parent Tab. This [link](#) will take you directly to the transportation page.

FOOD SERVICES

In order to determine if your student qualifies for free or reduced-price meals, we ask that all families complete the free and reduced meal application located at family.titank12.com. To begin your application, click here. Meal payments can be made on the [InTouch Payment Portal](#) this year. Parents can view meal balances or pay by check/cash at schools. Free & Reduced lunch applications are available at school sites, you can complete and [application](#) on the Kyrene website or email at kbs@kyrene.org.

ParentVUE & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The [ParentVUE](#) program helps parents stay informed and connected by providing day-to-day insight into their child's academic experience. ParentVUE Mobile for the iPhone/iPad Touch works with the Synergy™ student information system in much the same way as the ParentVUE web portal, allowing parents to access near real-time information on assignments and scores, attendance, and demographic information. ParentVUE offers parents a single sign-on to view all of their children's information regardless of school. Here is a list of frequently asked questions for ParentVue: [ParentVUE FAQs](#).

ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL

Kyrene School District has a convenient new payment portal for parents to pay for everything from athletics to field trips. The [InTouch Payment Portal](#) will provide parents with digital receipts for all transactions. You can even use it to make this year's tax credit donation to the school of your choice. Register once and use the portal all year.

Contact Us

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Attendance: 480-541-6801

School Hours: 8:20 am – 3:05 pm
Every Wednesday at 1:05 pm

Office Hours: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
Every Wednesday at 2:00 pm

[Be sure to bookmark our Pueblo website.](#)

