PONDEROSA ELEMENTARY



STUDENT HANDBOOK

2024-2025

A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS
AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

PONDEROSA ELEMENTARY

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September 3, 2024

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our new and returning families! We are looking forward to working with each of you as a partner in your child's education. The Ponderosa Elementary School staff is a caring and qualified team who strive to give the best to every student. We appreciate your support as we prepare our students for success.

This handbook will give you the necessary information regarding the schedules, expectation, policies, and procedures at Ponderosa Elementary. These policies and procedures are common to all Post Falls Schools. We appreciate you taking the time to read and discuss the handbook contents with your child. Please keep this information for reference throughout the school year. In addition to this handbook, **look for the lunch menu to be delivered by your child on the last school day of each month** as well as a school newsletter to be emailed to you and found on our website**.** These publications contain pertinent communication regarding activities, programs, and other school news.

Students do best when their attendance is prompt and regular. Please notify the secretary by 8:30AM in the event that your child may be absent or tardy and read the enclosed attendance policy on page seven carefully. Children may be in the cafeteria beginning at **8:30** for breakfast. If you are dropping off your child or they are otherwise walking or biking, they should try to arrive no earlier than **8:30**. School ends at **3:40**. Children should not remain on school property after 3:40 unless directly supervised by an adult.

All visitors must enter through the front doors, check in, and sign out at the office and wear a visitor's badge at all times on our campus when school is in session. All visitors are also required to have their driver's license scanned *each* school year as an extra security measure to protect our children. We will keep your visitor's badge on file in the office during the current school year for your convenience.

For additional district information, monthly lunch menus, and access to all school district policies, please visit our website at www.pfsd.com and click on the 'schools' tab then Ponderosa. We are looking forward to working with you and your child.

Sincerely,
Scott Ross, Principal

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Ponderosa Elementary School Directional Statements

Post Falls School District #273 Mission Statement

We are committed to the academic excellence of all students and preparing them to be productive and responsible citizens.

Ponderosa Elementary Vision Statement

It is our vision at Ponderosa Elementary School that all staff and students demonstrate the traits of perseverance, respect, integrity, determination, and empathy while all students meet or exceed the Idaho State Standards.

Belief Statements

- A caring community in which students, staff, parents, and visitors feel welcome, safe, and respected, is essential to learning.
- Parents are the first and primary teachers and are responsible for their children's basic needs and values.
- Students have the right to learn and no one should interfere with that right.
- Home and school cooperation and agreement are conducive to student success.
- Students learn in different ways and should be provided a core curriculum with a variety of instructional approaches in an orderly, safe, comfortable, and disciplined environment.
- To enable students to become confident, self-directed, lifelong learners and responsible citizens, a commitment to continuous improvement is imperative.

School Report Card

Parents may access our annual report card at www.pfsd.com . Paper copies are available in the office.

Site Goals

1. Increase student achievement as measured by district and state measures through the exploration of using formative assessment and clear objectives to guide instruction.
2. Increase the character education opportunities for children centered upon the traits of perseverance, respectful behavior, kindness and safety.

Title I SchoolWide Program

Ponderosa is a "School Wide Title I" school. Children are given reading instruction based upon their instructional needs and flexible groupings are frequently used to accommodate those needs.

2024 - 2025 School Year Assessment Calendar

September-June monthly reading diagnostic assessments for targeted instruction students, grades K-5
September-June bi-monthly progress monitoring of tier II students for intervention effectiveness gr. K-5
September, January, and April- Idaho Reading Indicator, grades K-3 (initial identification of at risk readers; low scoring students will be given additional diagnostic assessments)
Quarterly- District developed math assessments
September, January & May- Nationally normed curriculum based measures in math concepts, computation, and reading; students scoring below the 25th percentile are targeted for tier II interventions.
April - May State Testing in Math and English Language Arts Test, grades 3-5
Students who enroll throughout the school year will be given universal screening tests to determine if further testing for instructional purposes is necessary.

Ponderosa Elementary Staff

Office Staff
Scott Ross, Sarah Triphahn, Michele Simons, Carla Deuser, LeighAnn Hankes, Lauren King

Kindergarten Team
Christine Byxbe, Misty Lemburg, Victoria Scarbrough
First Grade Team
MaryAnn Burns, Michelle Stauning, Maril Valle
Second Grade Team
Shelley Hewitt, Katie Keane, Brenda Milam
Third Grade Team
Erin Butler, Kale Pfeifer, Mikiah Baerlocher
Fourth Grade Team
Jaime Bennett, Makayla Magnuson, Kristin Owens
Fifth Grade Team
Jacob Smulkowski, Kristin Tancredi, Shavon Young

Resource Team
Kali McMillan, Jacqueline Butler, Margie Ruby, Susan VanAmburgh
Title I Reading Team
Danielle Power, Lea Lau, Julie Garcia, Kelly Jenkins, Rebecca Reed
Therapeutic Classroom Team
Mark Griffith, Sierra Koczor, Allie Overoye, Kim Sabers
One-on-One Aides
Jacklyn Martinez, Leah Scott

Specialists
Jason Loveall (PE), Lindsay Hutson (Music),
Michele Ross (Computer Lab), Lauren McSwain (Library)

Counselor
Bekka Diaz
School Psychologists
Emily Shryock
Therapists
Thea Maristuen (PT), Heather Overye (OT), Melissa Robinson (SLP)

Kitchen Team
Yolanda Herrmann, Brenda Noel, Martine Sarrazin

Duty Paras
Sharraine Sumner, Gwen Bodman, Aubrey Ellison, Rebecca Reed

Custodian
John Pollock
Mechele Hendsley
Safety Dean
Randy Ruby

Daily Schedule 2024-2025

OFFICE HOURS:
8:00 - 4:30 when school is in session

MAIN STUDENT SCHEDULE:

Monday through Thursday
8:30 Breakfast is served
8:30 Morning Recess
8:55 School begins
3:40 Students dismissed

MORNING RECESS SCHEDULES (Teacher Covered)
10:15 - 10:30…..…....3rd Grade
10:30 - 10:45.....2nd Grade
10:35 - 10:50……...Kindergarten
11:00 - 11:15.....1st Grade

LUNCH SCHEDULES:
11:00 - 11:35..…....5th Grade
11:20 - 11:55……..4th Grade
11:40 - 12:15…..…3rd Grade 11:20 - 11:55 TCR
12:00 - 12:35….....1st Grade
12:20 - 12:55...…...2nd Grade
12:40 - 1:15 …...…Kindergarten

AFTERNOON RECESS SCHEDULES
1:20 - 1:35…… 3rd Grade (Big Playground) 1:30 - 2:00 TCR
1:40 - 1:55…… 5th Grade (Big Playground)
2:00 - 2:15…..…...4th Grade (Big Playground)
2:20 - 2:35…….2nd Grade (Big Playground)
2:40 - 2:55…… Kinder (Small Playground)
3:05 - 320……..1st Grade (Small Playground)

SPECIALIST SCHEDULES: includes PE, Music, Library, Computers for all grades. **Children must wear tennis shoes on their PE day.** Twice monthly, the school Counselor will be meeting with Students for Character Education.

GAP Program
Growing Achievement in Post Falls helps to "bridge the gap" during out of school time (before and after school) by providing a quality school-age program for your family. GAP is funded, supported, and maintained by fees charged to the parents utilizing the program. A registration packet is available in the Ponderosa office. You may also call 773-5010 or visit the district website for registration materials and information at www.pfsd.com.

Teacher Requests
Teaching teams work together to carefully place students according to their academic, social, and emotional needs. While parents may submit teacher requests **prior to spring break** of each school year, those requests are not guaranteed to be fulfilled.

Before & After School Activities
The City of Post Falls' Parks and Recreation Department prints their monthly calendar of activities for students on the back of our monthly lunch menu.

Food Service Program
A monthly calendar of menus will be sent home with your student on the last school day of each month. Menus are also posted on our district website. Breakfast is served between 8:30 and 8:55.

- Parents are encouraged to fill out a form to determine if their children qualify for free or reduced meals. Forms may be obtained in the office or Ponderosa kitchen. Parents of students who qualify, but fail to turn in the paperwork on time, are responsible for meal charges.
- All children have a computerized meal account. To put money on your children's lunch account, you may send a check made out to "Post Fall Nutrition Services." Please include your children's name/s on the subject line. Students who have three or more outstanding charges on their accounts are given an alternative meal. Parents may sign up for an account balance alert or pay online at **https://pfsd.revtrak.net**.

Questions about the school lunch program? Please call the Ponderosa Kitchen at 773-3332 or the Post Falls School District's Food Service supervisor at 773-1625.

Ponderosa Elementary Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Approximately half of our 435 students live within the walking zone and do not qualify for bus transportation. Because of this, we have many children who are dropped off or picked up daily. It is imperative that all drivers follow our procedures in order that our children remain safe and pick up time is efficient.

Drivers may choose one of three options when picking up children:

1. **BEST:** Stay in the car and in the lane that follows the curb marked "Pick Up/Drop Off." *If your car is behind the painted lanes near the entrance reader board then you must find a designated parking space and walk with your child or exit the parking lot and try again.* ***Do not block the parking lot entrance.***
2. **Option Two:** Find a parking space and walk over to the pick up area in the front of the building to retrieve the child/ren. If your child has not yet arrived in the pick up area please wait near the fence to relieve congestion.
3. **Option Three:** Make arrangements to meet your child while parked along Spencer Street or Mountain View (behind the school). **Neither parents nor children are allowed to walk through the bus lanes or in the small parking lot behind the bus lanes. No children are allowed to cross Ponderosa Blvd. unless in a crosswalk.**

General Information-

- Courteous behavior is expected. **REMEMBER YOUR CHILDREN ARE WATCHING**
- Drive slowly and watch for children.
- Children are not allowed to cross into the front parking lot or across Ponderosa Blvd. near the parking lot exits unless they are walking ***with*** an adult.
- No person is allowed to park in the bus loop or walk through the bus loop after school until 3:30.

Dropping Off-

- Children may be dropped off for breakfast no earlier than 8:30 Children may be dropped off as close to 8:55 as possible.
- Drop off next to the sidewalk, never in the middle of the parking lot; children are not allowed to walk through the parking lot unless they are with an adult.

Picking Up-

- No "cutting" is allowed in the pick up line.
- You must follow the directions of the staff on duty.

Please report any inappropriate drop off or pick up behavior to the office (773-1508) along with a description of the children, vehicle, and license number. This information will be passed along to the Post Falls Police Department.

Getting Involved at Ponderosa

Ponderosa Elementary School has many unique opportunities for students. These enriching opportunities are made possible through parents, grandparents, and caregivers who volunteer their time and talents. Whether it's helping organize and plan events or helping a child to master his math facts during the school day, volunteers make it possible at Ponderosa. Please consider how you may contribute to the caring community of Ponderosa Elementary.

Parent Advisory Committee

Ponderosa Elementary has an active Parent Advisory Committee designed to create open lines of communication between parents and school personnel. Monthly topics are often emailed out prior to the meeting and input is always welcome. The idea is to get both the school and families working on the same page with a common goal of what is best for our students and to make Ponderosa Elementary the best school it can be!

Volunteers

Understanding the positive connection between student success and parent involvement, Ponderosa staff encourages volunteerism. Opportunities include mentoring, Fall Carnival, fundraisers, reading and math tutoring, book fair nights, and numerous other classroom directed activities. All volunteers must submit to a background screening through our Raptor System. **No younger children are allowed to accompany volunteers.**

Visitors and Animals

For the safety of our children, all volunteers and visitors must use the front entrance, have their driver's license scanned, sign in and out at the office, and obtain a visitor's badge. Students are not allowed to have non enrolled children visit or accompany them during the school day. Animals, with the exception of service animals and/or those used for educational purposes by the staff and certified as such, are not allowed anywhere on school property at any time, including at drop off and pick up time.

Birthday Celebrations

Parents wishing to bring **birthday treats for the class must be store-purchased with clearly labeled ingredients.** To reduce the number of distractions to our learning environment, **birthday balloons, flowers, and other presents are not allowed** in the classrooms or hallways. Balloons and flowers in glass vases are not allowed on the buses. If you plan on bringing in treats for a birthday celebration, **please notify the teacher 24 hours in advance before doing so.** This allows for appropriate planning.

Treats/Snacks for the Classroom

Several of the students at Ponderosa Elementary have special dietary needs. We ask that if you are planning on providing classroom snacks, whether it be birthday treats, classroom celebrations, or for any other reason, **please contact the teacher at least 24 hours prior to the time you bring them in**. This will ensure that all students are able to be included to join in the fun.

Student Policies and Procedures

All district policies may be accessed at www.pfsd.com.
Click on the "Board of Trustees" tab," and choose the "Board Policy Manual" link.

Attendance

Ponderosa Elementary recognizes that regular school attendance contributes to successful student achievement. Regular and punctual patterns of attendance are expected of each student. If possible, schedule dental and medical appointments before or after school or on non-school days. Students must be signed out at the office before leaving school grounds during the school day.

If your child will be tardy or absent, call the school office as soon as possible. You may leave a message on our answering machine before 8:00 AM or after 4:30 PM. Children who have fevers, unexplained rashes, or who are vomiting must stay home. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours ***without the aid of fever reducing medicines*** before returning to school. Children who vomit at school or have a fever, lice, or unexplained rash must be picked up immediately. If your child becomes ill at school, parents will be contacted so that they may arrange transportation home. **Please keep your child's emergency contact numbers updated.**

Attendance concerns

All parents of students who have accumulated five unexcused or excused absences will be mailed a letter alerting them of such attendance issues. The school will work with parents to encourage faithful attendance and medical circumstances will be taken into account. If absences are above five without a medical note or agreed upon reason, the principal will request a parent conference to meet with the parents about the issue. Students missing more than 18 days per school year are considered for retention. Students who are tardy or leave early disrupt the learning environment for all students in that classroom.

Student Behavior

It is Ponderosa Elementary School's vision that all children experience academic success while demonstrating the traits of perseverance, respect, integrity, determination, and empathy. Behavior in and outside of instructional time is expected to demonstrate the five character traits. Behavior that does not demonstrate perseverance, respect, integrity, determination, and empathy will be addressed through instruction and consequences. Staff and parents will work together when natural learning opportunities arise for children. **Consequences for cumulative inappropriate behavior increase as per district policy.**

Expectations and Reflection

All students will watch a slideshow of Ponderosa Elementary Expectations each fall. Students who do not follow the guidelines will receive a reflection form. Students who struggle with following expectations will review the slideshow at the teacher's discretion.

Building Regulations

1. Students are expected to play outdoors until 8:50 am with the exception of students eating breakfast in the cafeteria. Students are not permitted on campus before 8:30 unless with a parent or enrolled in the GAP daycare program.
2. Students are to remain on school grounds unless signed out by a parent. **Early dismissals require advance notification and are highly discouraged due to the disruption of the learning environment to all children.**
3. Students are expected to walk quietly through the building to minimize the disruption to learning for other classrooms. Students must have a pass or adult supervision when moving through the hallways.

Use and/or Possession of Dangerous Items

Guns, ammunition, knives, fireworks, chains, and other dangerous items are not to be brought to school by students. Any student who brings a firearm onto school property shall be subject to expulsion from school. A student who brings any dangerous item may be subject to suspension.

Violence, Profanity, Threats, and Bullying

1. Any type of violence or rough play, which may include pushing, kicking, hitting, and choking, spitting, and any type of profanity will not be tolerated at Ponderosa. Violent and verbally offensive students will be removed from the classroom, playground, or other school setting, and may be subject to suspension. Parents will be notified of any violent actions and/or profanity used. **Students with cumulative offenses will face increasing consequences,** to include playground restrictions or permanent removal, and suspension.
2. Written and verbal threats of bodily harm to students or staff will be taken very seriously. **Any student making a threat regardless of intent, *whether jokingly or not*, is subject to disciplinary action which may include loss of privilege, in-school or out of school suspension.** Depending on the severity of the incident, further disciplinary action may be taken which include, but is not limited to: parent conference, counseling, further suspension, notification of law enforcement/citation/charges, and expulsion.
3. **Bullying is not tolerated at Ponderosa Elementary.** It is our belief that all students have a right to feel safe at school. Students are encouraged to tell an adult immediately in the event that they are feeling bullied by another student. Students who continue to demonstrate a pattern of bullying others will have their recess times severely restricted and/or removed altogether and may be suspended.

Playground Expectations

I. General Conduct
   A. **Be nice and remember the Golden Rule**
   B. No pushing, shoving, throwing down or throwing rocks, pinecones, dirt, grass, or snowballs
   C. Do not climb fences or trees
   D. No sliding on snow or ice
   E. Pick up after yourself
   F. Have a pass to enter building during recess or lunch

II. Playground boundaries and Equipment:
   A. Play away from the building and stay where the duty can see you. Trees are marked with orange circles signifying the boundaries.
   B. Swings
      i. Count to 60 when waiting for a turn (30 on first grade playground)
      ii. Face forward, no jumping, twisting, or hanging on swing
      iii. Stay away from swings unless counting
   C. Monkey Bars/Rings
      i. One way, one person at a time
      ii. Cannot sit on top of bars
      iii. Twirl only on designated 'twirling' bars
   D. Slide
      i. One person at a time on structure
      ii. Down only, feet forward
      iii. No sliding down pole on twisty slide
   E. Football (4^{th} and 5^{th} graders only)
      i. Teams of eight only
      ii. **Light touch only**
      iii. **Misbehavior may result in being banned from the game for the school year and/or the privilege for all removed.**

Bicycles and Other Wheels

Students are expected to follow bicycle safety rules to and from school and lock their bikes or scooters when they arrive. Students may use the bike racks outside the portable classroom or lock their bikes on any *outside* fence. Bicycles must be walked on the school grounds. To preserve our property, **skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, and bikes are not to be ridden on school grounds at any time.**

Bus Rules from the Transportation Department

Safety is our number one concern. Behavior which may cause harm to other students or which results in an unnecessary distraction for the driver shall be deemed sufficient cause for restrictive consequences up to and including expulsion from the bus. Students who receive a bus conduct report will also have consequences at school.

At the Bus Stop

1. Never push, shove, scuffle, or horseplay. This is unacceptable and is considered a serious safety hazard.
2. Stay out of the street and away from the road. Help protect the surrounding property while you wait for the bus.

3. Students shall be at the bus stop on time to meet the bus.
4. Look both ways before crossing the road, and wait for the bus driver's signal to cross. Always cross at least ten feet in front of the bus. Never run to or from the bus. Never crawl under a bus for any item.
5. Student shall not be permitted to ride a school bus for personal transportation (ie: birthday party, overnight stay, friend's house, or to a job).
6. Students shall refrain from leaving or boarding the bus at locations other than the assigned stops at home or school.

On the Bus

1. Take a seat right away and remain seated facing forward, keep your hands, arms, and head inside the bus. The driver has the right to assign seats.
2. Students shall observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and respectfully.
3. Keep head, hands, feet, books, and objects to yourself.
4. No swearing, rude gestures, cruel teasing, or put downs.
5. Students shall not create unnecessary noise or confusion, which might distract the driver's attention.
6. Students may talk in a normal, conversational tone of voice. The driver may require silence at railroad crossings and elsewhere for safety.
7. Prohibited items: hazardous materials, tobacco products, drugs, weapons, and glass containers. Nuisance items: pagers, radios, laser pointers, animals (other than trained service animals).

Leaving the Bus

1. Do not leave your seat until the bus has stopped. Take your turn and do not push.
2. Once off the bus, move away from the bus as soon as you get off. If crossing the street, wait for a signal from your driver and check for traffic.

Toys

To safeguard our academically focused environment, no toys or instruments such as lasers may be brought to school for any reason. Toys/trading cards/electronics that are brought to school will be put in a "June Box" and can be claimed by the students in June.

Smart Watches and Cell Phones

If needed for emergency purposes before and after school, cell phones and smart watches must be turned off and out of sight. Phones are located in every classroom for emergency purposes. Cell phones are not to be used by students between 8:30 and 4:00 on school property. If a child uses a cell phone or smart watch during school hours the parent will be expected to retrieve the phone or watch at the office and the child will not be allowed to bring the phone or watch back to school. Staff is not responsible for lost items, including cell phones.

Dress Code

So as not to distract from our learning environment, clothing will be modest. Exposed bellies, 'spaghetti' straps, clothing advertising beer, alcohol, profanity, or containing derogatory messages that go against the character traits of perseverance, respect, integrity, determination and empathy, and/or other clothing deemed inappropriate in an elementary school setting are prohibited. Skirts and shorts must be as long as extended fingertips when arms are hanging straight down at the sides of the torso. **Shirts should be long enough so that bellies and bottoms should not be exposed when bending over.** For safety reasons, flip flop sandals and shoes with integrated wheels are prohibited. Tennis shoes must be worn on PE days. Hats are not to be worn in the building unless it is a special "hat day" event.

Video Surveillance

To ensure the health, welfare and safety of all staff, students and visitors and to safeguard district facilities and equipment, use of video cameras by district officials may occur on district property.

Student Health

1. A school nurse is generally available at Ponderosa one day per week.
2. Students who have a fever, an unexplained rash, and/or are vomiting must be picked up immediately. Please keep all contact information current.
3. Medication should be administered at home whenever possible. **If it is necessary to administer any medicine during school time, there must be a written request signed by the parent and/or physician.** Medicine must be brought to the office *by an adult* in the original bottle with the student's name. All medicines are kept in and dispensed from the office.
4. Head Lice Policy- Ponderosa has a "nit-free" policy. Any student contacting head lice will be excluded from school until the school nurse, and/or secretary determines the child is "nit-free".
5. **If your child needs to stay in from recess for health reasons a doctor's note must be sent to the office.** Seriously ill children should be kept at home and the doctor's note faxed to our office for attendance purposes (208-773-0789).

Insurance and Student Injuries

Even with the greatest precautions and the closest supervision, accidents can and do happen at school. Parents need to be aware of this and be prepared for possible medical expenses that may arise should their child be injured at school. The school district does not provide medical insurance to automatically pay for medical expenses when students are injured at school. This is the responsibility of the parents or legal guardians. The school district carries liability insurance only.

Cold Weather, Rain, and School Closures

During winter months, all students are expected to go outside for recess. The fresh air and a chance to unwind help them be more productive in the classroom. The only time students are kept in is during rainstorms or when the "Real Feel" temperature is 10 degrees Fahrenheit or lower based on the local Accuweather.com website for Post Falls. Children should be prepared each day for the weather. On snowy and/or cold days, boots, hats, and mittens or gloves are a necessity. On rainy days, children may be sent outside; please send your child prepared for the weather conditions.

On occasion it is necessary for school to be canceled or to have a 2 hour late start because of inclement weather. The district will provide up-to-date information regarding potential closures at this site. Other emergency information can be found under Current Emergencies on the district website. In most cases, the decision to keep school open or to close school will be made by 5:30am. The district takes very seriously any safety related issues for students, staff, parents and patrons caused by severe weather. The district Transportation Supervisor assesses the current driving conditions prior to 5:30am and is in contact with the Idaho State Police and officials with the City of Post Falls and the Post Falls Highway District to gather information regarding road conditions. The Superintendent and the Transportation Supervisor will review the available road condition information and will drive various roads to see first hand the current driving conditions. The Superintendent will make the decision whether to conduct school or not. If the decision is to close school, the local media will be contacted immediately. The district provides the information to KXLY, KVNI, KCDA, KISS, KDRK radio and KREM-2, KXLY-4 AND KHQ-6 television stations. The district will also utilize the SchoolMessenger notification system for parents with texting capabilities on their cell phones who have opted in to the School Messenger system.

School Messenger

The Post Falls School District has joined the School Messenger emergency notification system. The system allows the district to communicate via SMS text messages to parents regarding important matters such as a school lockdown, school closure (weather or otherwise) or other issues that affect their students. To receive school notifications you must opt-in to school messenger. Please follow the steps below to opt in: **Send a text message to 67587 with "Y" or "Yes" in the body of the text. **You will receive a confirmation text reply that you are registered with School Messenger.

Signature Page

By signing and returning this page, I hereby attest to reading the Ponderosa Elementary Student Handbook with my child(ren).

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____