



Trumble Park Elementary Newsletter

August 27, 2026

Roadrunner Reminders

Friday, August 28- 6th Grade- No School
Monday, August 31- School Picture Day (see below)
Monday, September 7- No School- Labor Day
Tuesday, September 8-No School- Staff Development
Friday, September 11-Southside Parade- 6th Grade
Friday, September 18- Vehicle Day-1rd Grade
Thursday, September 24- Family Literacy Night K-2 6:00-7:30 pm
Monday, September 28- Rose Field Trip-3rd Grade
Tuesday, October 6- Conferences 3:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday, October 7-Conferences 3:30-7:30 pm
Friday, October 9- No School
Monday, October 12- No School- Staff Development

Principal's Corner

Hello Trumble Park Community,

It has been such a joy to greet students as they arrive in the morning. We have SO many walkers and bikers(with helmets); a great way to start the day. Something I have already noticed about this community is you ask questions, explore and question tradition demonstrating that your community is important to you; I am grateful to be part of such a community. Questioning is a way we learn and grow, and that is what school is all about.

Your students are taking a statewide assessment this week and next, and you can feel the level of concentration and desire to show what they know. This assessment will give their teachers one way of determining what your child will learn next. Thank you for sending them ready to learn and show what they know.

I will be out of the office August 31st-September 11. There will be Central Office Administrators and others scheduled to be present in the building while I am gone. I am grateful for their support of our community.

Please contact Jen Moore, Administrative Assistant, (jen.moore@plcschools.org) if you have any questions/concerns. If she does not have the answer, she will get you to the right person. Thank you for your understanding and patience during my absence.

Kindest regards

Pam Lowndes

Former student John Black, built this bench for our playground as part of his Eagle Scout Project. With the help of materials from Home Depot in Papillion, Fellow scouts, and family members he designed, planned, and built this bench to give a spot for students, staff, and parents to sit, relax and visit. Thank you John, the Trumble Park Community is grateful!



Nurse's Corner

Hydration & Breakfast

Starting the day fueled and hydrated helps students feel their best and stay ready to learn! Encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast and drink plenty of water throughout the day. Sending a labeled water bottle to school is a great way to help them stay hydrated.

Healthy Sleep Routine

Back-to-school means getting back into a routine! Consistent bedtimes and wake-up times can help students feel rested, focused, and ready for the school day. Try to keep bedtime routines consistent—even on busy school nights.

Medication at School

If your child needs medication during the school day, please make sure it is brought to the Health Office by a parent/guardian in its original, pharmacy-labeled container. A completed Medication Administration Form must also be on file before medication can be administered at school.

Questions or concerns? Please reach out to your school nurse or health para. We're here to help keep our students healthy, safe, and ready to learn!

Traci Longenecker, BSN, RN

PLCS School Nurse

G. Stanley Hall - Trumble Park - Walnut Creek

Online Student Verification

Online Student Verification must be completed each school year for each student. This is very important! **Please click the button below** and log into your Family Portal to complete. This ensures that we have the most up to date contact information for you and your student.

Please Note our district communication team sent you this information on July 16, you may have already completed it.

[Click Here to complete Online Student Verification!](#)

TP Trolley's Corner

We're excited to share that our Trumble Park Trolley will be up and running soon—and we need your help to keep it stocked with fun and exciting items for our students!

What is the Trumble Park Trolley?

The Trumble Park Trolley is our school's very own "store," where students can use earned tickets to "purchase" items of their choice. Students earn tickets from staff members by demonstrating the positive behaviors we strive to encourage every day—being safe, respectful, responsible, and caring.

Each class will have the opportunity to shop at the Trumble Park Trolley once every month, during a scheduled time window. The Trolley is stocked with small, tangible items as well as coupons for experiences such as Hat Day, PJ Day, Extra P.E., or Recess, etc.

This program is a fun and motivating way to reinforce positive behavior across our school, and it's something the students really look forward to!

Media Center's Corner



Dear Caregivers,

We are thrilled to kick off our participation in the Golden Sower Reading Program! This year, our K-3 students will explore a selection of nominated titles which introduce themes such as kindness, courage, and friendship. Throughout the year, school librarians will share these titles with students in preparation for voting in April, when children across the state submit their votes to award the winning title. While the program is introduced to all K-6 students, we will specifically read all the picture books ([Little Bluestem](#)) Golden Sower nominees to our K-3 students.

The purpose of this program is to encourage independent reading and cultivate a love for literature among our students. The program aims to stimulate critical thinking and foster an appreciation for quality writing and illustration. [Here is a link to the Golden Sower website](#) to learn more about the program and the selection process.

As we share these engaging stories throughout the year during library specials, our activities will align with standards focusing on comprehension and literary analysis. We invite you to engage in daily discussions with your child about their reading and classroom conversations. If your family has questions about this process or specific titles, please notify the school librarian.

To learn more about the titles in the Golden Sower program, please visit: [Common Sense Media](#) or [TitleWave](#).

To access the list of Nominees for this year, [please visit this website](#).

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love of reading!

Sincerely,

PLCS Elementary Librarians

PAPILLION LA VISTA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we embark on another incredible school year in PLCS, we are eager to connect with each of you regarding the Young Adult sections for ages 11-13 available in our elementary libraries. Our goal is to foster lifelong learners, critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, and responsible users of information resources. To accommodate our older students, specifically 5th & 6th grade students, PLCS elementary libraries have the Young Adult section of the library which is dedicated to books that relate to this age/grade of students. Below you will find some key information related to this section of our school libraries.

The transition from childhood to adolescence is a pivotal time, marked by changes with students as they mature. YA literature serves as a bridge between children's books and the more nuanced themes of adolescence. These stories delve into topics such as friendship, family dynamics, and personal growth, resonating with the experiences of 5th-6th grade readers.

How does the District determine selection of books for Young Adult?

Elementary librarians add to and weed their collections of books in each library, including those in the YA section. Books that are Young Adult have gone through a systematic process outlined in District procedures. Staff who review these books prioritize factors such as age-appropriateness, educational value, diversity, and literary quality to offer a diverse range of titles that reflect our students' experiences and support District educational goals.

What are the parameters of YA book checkout?

- The YA section is exclusively available to 5th and 6th grade students and any parent/guardian may opt their student out of this section of the library. The recommended age for the YA section is ages 11-13.
- We encourage you to discuss your expectations regarding YA checkout with your child and monitor their reading selections through the Papillion-La Vista Public Schools app.

In PLCS, we want parents/guardians to have the information they need to make informed decisions for their student(s). This communication aims to provide you with background specifically related to the YA section of our libraries. Thank you for your partnership in shaping the best path forward for your student.

Sincerely,

PLCS Curriculum Department

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Electronic Devices

Students may bring cellphones and smartwatches to school when a parent/guardian determines the device is essential for their student's safety. The school assumes no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage.

Upon arrival on campus, all electronic devices must be powered off and securely stored in backpacks for the duration of the school day. Electronic devices can easily become a nuisance item if removed from the backpack, and will result in disciplinary action. Items collected may need to be retrieved by a parent or guardian.

If a child is not feeling well, they should go to the health office. Parent/student communication should take place through the office. Please see the [District Elementary Student Handbook](#) for more information. Thank you for supporting a distraction-free learning environment for your child.

Lunchroom's Corner

Lunch Menu

Please refer to the [PLCS website](#) for information regarding lunch menus, prices, and payment options.

Money can be added to your student's lunch account using Linq Connect. However, if you would like to pay using a cash or check (made out to Rumsey Station) that is fine too. The cost of a school lunch for the 2026-27 school year is \$2.55.

[Click HERE to access Linq Connect](#)

Family members are welcome to each lunch with their child. We have limited seating at tables located outside of the gym for you and your child. A sign-up sheet will be shared with families in an upcoming newsletter. Outside food may be brought in, however, it may not be shared with other students.

Breakfast is also offered from 7:50-8:05 a.m.

Lunch Times

Kindergarten: 11:00-11:30	1st Grade: 11:25-11:45
2nd Grade: 11:40-12:00	3rd Grade: 11:55-12:15
4th Grade: 12:10-12:30	5th Grade: 12:25-12:25
6th Grade: 12:40-1:00	

School Picture Day

Dear Trumble Park Parents and Students,

Your picture day this year will be on Monday, Aug. 31 . All orders for pictures will be placed online.

If you order by MIDNIGHT OF PICTURE DAY using the SCHOOL KEY, your order will be delivered to the school for free approximately 2 weeks after picture day.

Want to see your picture before ordering? No problem! Your student will receive an INDIVIDUAL KEY 2 weeks after picture day, which allows you to view your picture and order. Please note that these orders must be mailed home, so a shipping fee will apply.

Click the link below to order your school pictures:

<https://modernimagesonline.com/ordering/with?key=37DU7CAY>

ORDER NOW AND GET YOUR PICTURES DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL FOR FREE:

- NEW this year... choose your background!
- Ordering online is easy and fast
- Customizable Packages (A-C) let you get the picture sizes you want!
- Discounted Digital Download with any package
- Use the SCHOOL KEY & your order will be delivered to school (approximately 2 weeks after picture day)
- Free digital download with Package A!

The Modern Images staff is looking forward to working with you this year.

Thanks,

Modern Images Staff

www.mi-photo.com

Birthday Treats

As part of our no shared foods policy, **birthday treats will not be allowed**. Birthdays are recognized during morning announcements, a slide on the hallway tv, and a trip to the principal's office for a birthday book, pencil, and sticker.

Birthday/party invitations may not be passed out at school. For more information about this policy, please see the [District Elementary Student Handbook](#). Student addresses cannot be given out by the office. A student directory will be available from our school PTO at a later date.

P.T.O. Corner

School Spiritwear Store is closing on Friday, August 28th. Here is the direct link:

https://stores.inksoft.com/Trumble_park_elementary/shop/home



TRUMBLE PARK ELEMENTARY

PLAN AROUND SCHOOL BREAKS



THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT CONNECTION BETWEEN TIME SPENT IN THE CLASSROOM AND STUDENT SUCCESS. WE KINDLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLAN YOUR TRIPS, VACATIONS, AND STUDENT ABSENCES AROUND OUR ACADEMIC CALENDAR WHEN POSSIBLE.

2026-2027
DAYS YOUR STUDENT DOES
NOT HAVE SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 7-8
OCTOBER 9 AND 12
NOVEMBER 2
NOVEMBER 25-27
DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 4
JANUARY 18
FEBRUARY 5 AND 15
MARCH 22-29
APRIL 26

Arrivals and Dismissals

K-6 student arrival time - 7:50-8:05

No students or parents should be on school grounds before 7:50 unless going to Kids Club or riding District transportation.

7:50 a.m. Students may begin arriving on campus; enter the building through the main doors, and proceed directly to their classrooms. Students who choose to eat breakfast may arrive between 7:45-8:00 a.m. and proceed directly to the gym. Please do not drop students off prior to 7:50 a.m.

When students arrive they will either go to breakfast through the cafeteria door, or to their classroom through the main entrance. Breakfast will begin at 7:50 and will be in the cafeteria.

8:05 a.m. Bell rings. Students who are not in their classrooms are marked tardy and must report to the Health Office for a pass.

3:05 p.m. Bell rings. All students are walked by their teacher through their assigned exit door and to the parking lot. Students who attend an after school daycare or who ride the bus are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Students who attend Kids Club are dismissed with the rest of the class at 3:05 p.m.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL ON VALLEY

To keep our students safe and our traffic running smoothly, only families with the designated yellow passes may drop off or pick up in front of the school on Valley.

Valley Road in front of the school is ONLY to be used by PLCS transportation, daycare vans, and parents who have received permission from the school.

Please place your yellow pass on dash so staff can clearly see the pass.

Since 90th street is closed, yellow pass drivers will have to turn around in the circle drive further up Valley Road and return down Valley. See the map.

REMINDERS:

No dogs or pets are allowed on School Property

Valley Road directly in front of the school/main entrance is ONLY to be used by PLCS transportation, daycare vans, and parents who have received permission from the school.

When stopped on Harrison for drop off/pick up, please don't stop in front of the parking lot entrances. Some of our staff arrive and leave at various times throughout the day.

Parents of walkers: If a student walks to school, it's recommended that the parent designate a meeting location to meet siblings/others for walking to and from school.

Parents Driving: please stay in your vehicle in the through lanes of traffic.

When dropping off or picking up, please wait off school grounds, which in most cases is just across the street. This supports student safety on the sidewalks and traffic flow.

If you need to pick up your student during the day, you can ring the doorbell, identify yourself and your student. Office staff will have you sign your student out in the front office. If your student is returning from an appointment, please walk them into the building and sign them in.

Ms. Pam Lowndes, Principal

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Ms. Jen Moore, Administrative Assistant

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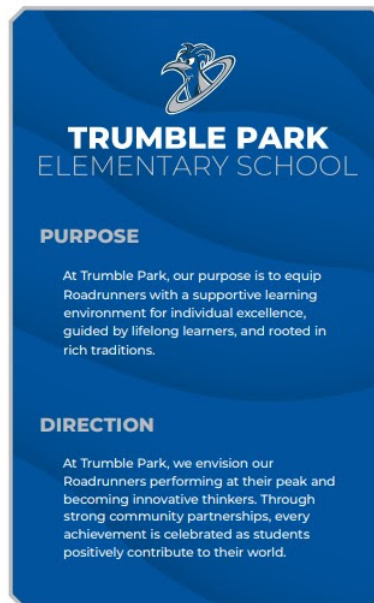
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DATE: August 10, 2026

TO: Parents or Guardians of Students at Trumble Park Elementary School

FROM: Papillion La Vista Community Schools
8120 Giles Road
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402-898-0420

RE: Annual Notification of the Management of Asbestos in the Papillion La Vista Community Schools

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 requires that all public and private elementary and secondary (K-12) schools inspect for friable and non-friable asbestos Management Plans that address asbestos hazards in school buildings and implement response actions in a timely fashion.

The Papillion La Vista Community Schools has stayed on the leading edge of this program and hired the Institute for Environmental Assessment to inspect and develop a management plan, which went into effect July 9, 1989. We have continued over the years to implement those remedial actions required and to continually monitor the condition of any remaining asbestos material. School district personnel consistently perform surveillance.

Please be aware that asbestos found in schools and other buildings can be dealt with safely and effectively. Not all asbestos needs to be removed; the material once identified can be maintained in a sealed condition with appropriate precautions to be taken if the asbestos is disturbed for any reason.

The remaining material that is present at Trumble Park Elementary was removed as part of the 2023 bond and poses no health risk to the building occupants.

The Asbestos Management Plan with all associated records and documentation for your access are available at either the school's administrative office or in my office at the above address. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Dan Kauk Ed.S.
Director of Operations
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