

Thunderbird News

04/15-04/26



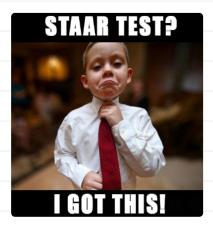
Powell's Mission & Vision & Core Beliefs

MISSION: Engage students in meaningful learning experiences.

VISION: Our school community will grow confident, curious and capable well-rounded citizens.

Core Beliefs:

- 1)Powell provides a safe supportive and challenging environment for our students to learn at their maximum potential.
- 2) Creating opportunities that foster meaningful relationships among students, staff, families and the community.



Message from Principal Alvarez

Happy Sunday, Powell Parents

Campus Events:

We had a great day on Monday viewing the Solar Eclipse on campus....even though it was very cloudy. Our teachers did a wonderful job having our students well prepared for going outside to view the Eclipse Watch party!

We had a great day on Saturday with our Garden Club students and parents. Thank you for your support and time in making our campus look amazing! Our students and staff look forward to these events where we are able to do things side by side with our parents and community.

STAAR Testing

Testing season is upon us. The following three weeks, we will have a closed campus on select testing days, as there are secure areas and protocols that are required to follow as a campus. We will be asking for support in not having visitors for lunch or parent volunteers on the following dates for STAAR.

Tuesday, April 16 (Reading and Language Arts)

Tuesday, April 23rd (Science- 5th Grade)

Tuesday, April 30th (Math)

We ask for all of our parents support with the following:

- * A good night sleep. Every 3rd-5th grade student needs to go to bed by 8 pm.
- *Students cannot be checked out early.
- *If there should be an urgent situation, please contact the front office.
- *If a student is absent, they will make up the test when they return based on the state testing window.

24-25 Data Validation:

On March 18th, data validation for the 24-25 school year began. Parents should have received an email to log into Home Access Center (HAC) and complete your student's data validation for next year.

At this time, depending on the number of students who are registered, will determine how many teachers we have allocated for each grade level. If you are still unsure if your child will be attending Blattman, please secure your child's spot NOW. If you need to update it after you complete the validation process, please call the front office.

We know that sometimes parents wish to share characteristics or attributes that you feel your child needs in a teacher or some characteristics that you know would not bring the best out in your child. I would encourage parents to share that information regarding requests for the upcoming school year. Teacher attribute requests will be accepted up until **May 1st, 2024.** You can email these requests to paul.alvarez@nisd.net. I will do my best to match your child with a teacher that fits their academic and social emotional needs.

We appreciate all you do for us and for our Thunderbird community!!

#OnePowellTeam
Have A Great Week!
Proud Principal of Powell
Mr. Alvarez



State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness

Spring 2024 STAAR

STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) will be administered for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades in the following content areas- Math & Reading and Science for 5th grade. On April 16th (Reading/Lang Arts) and 30th (Math) all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will take STAAR. On April 23rd, only 5th grade will take Science STAAR. Please see the attachment below for more details. We appreciate your support.

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Campus Events: Bike Rodeo & Garden Club Day





























LEARNER PROFILE

















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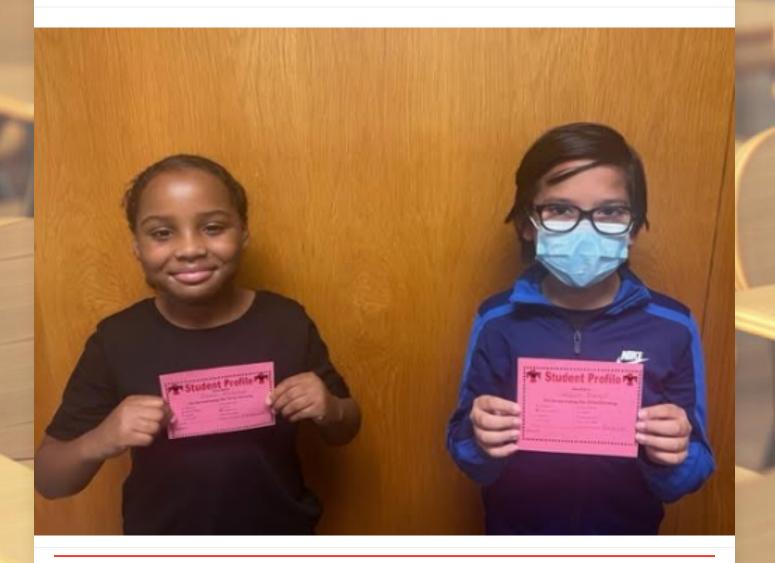
INNOVATOR

LEADER

LEARNER

CRITICAL THINKER SOLUTION FINDER

Congrats Jason and Olivia!! For being a great Critical Thinker and Communicator



Fiesta Float Parade- 04/19 @8:30 AM



In celebration of Fiesta, we are inviting each student to create a float of their choice to join in on Powell's annual Fiesta Parade! They can create floats out of a shoebox or any type of box they can carry. Your student may pick any character or theme they choose. The parade will take place on April 19th at 8:30 am.

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Parents are welcome to come and enjoy the parade!

All floats need to be completed at home BEFORE the morning of April 19th. Students will not have class time to work on floats.

Message From Our Wellness Team- Counselor, Family Liaison & CIS



Wellness Team Family Newsletter

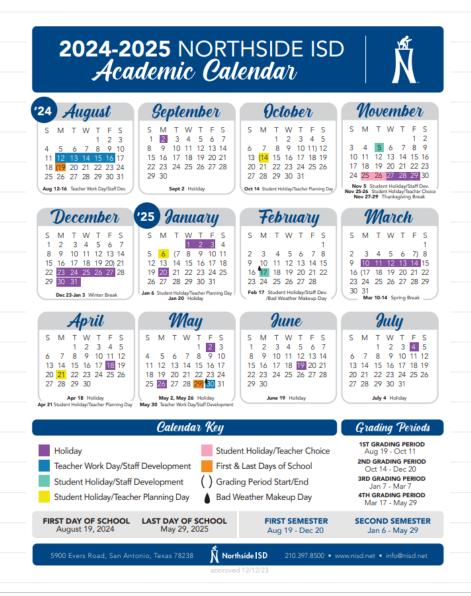
Wellness Team Family Newsletter - April Edition by Melissa Herrera | This newsletter was created with Smore, an online tool for creating beautiful newsletters for educators, nonprofits, businesses and more

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2024-2025 School Year Calendar

Powell Parents,

As we approach the end of the 23-24 school year, I want to make sure everyone is aware of the school calendar for next year, 2024-2025. Next school year, our first day of school will be on 08/19/24 and the school year will end on 05/29/25. Please see the attachment for the 2024-2025 NISD academic calendar.



2024-2025_NISD_Calendar.pdf

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Important Upcoming Dates:

04/15- Author Visit- Matthew Gollub

04/16- CLOSED Campus (3rd-5th RLA STAAR)

04/17-19: RLA STAAR Make Up Days 3rd-5th GD

04/19- Progress Reports Go Home

04/23- CLOSED Campus (5th GD Science STAAR)

04/24-25: Science STAAR Make Up Days 5th GD ONLY

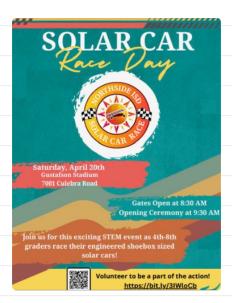
04/25- Kona Ice Visit (After School)

04/26- Battle of Flowers (No School)

04/30- CLOSED Campus (3rd-5th Math STAAR) 05/01-05/03: Math STAAR Make Up Days 3rd-5th GD 05/03- Powell's Festival: Cinco De Mayo 05/06-10: Teacher Appreciation Week 05/08: National Nurse's Day- Nurse Francesca is AMAZING!!! 05/15: Field Day & Early Release 05/24: Senior Walk @8 AM Calling all Incoming Kinder Students!! Kinder registration is now active. Click the link below to register and save your spot now: https://www.nisd.net/schools/registration 23-24 Grade Level End of the Year Ceremonies: PK/ECSE-5/31 at 9 AM Kinder- 06/03 at 8:30 AM First Grade- 06/04 at 9:45 AM Second Grade- 06/03 at 2 PM Third Grade- 06/04 at 8:30 AM Fourth Grade-06/05 at 8:30 AM Fifth Grade-06/06 at 8:30 AM Purple Up for Military Kids- 04/15



Upcoming Campus & District Events



Solar Cars - 04/20 at 8:30 AM



Senior Walk- 04/24 @8 AM



Cinco De May Festival 05/03 @5-6:30 PM

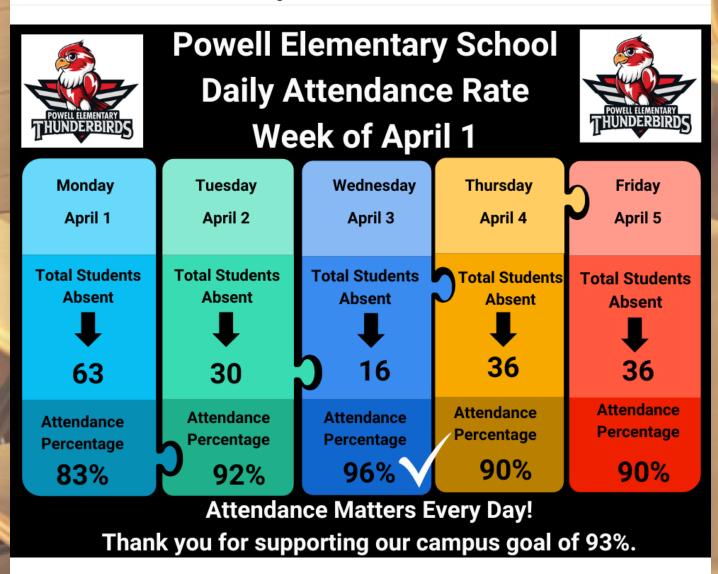
Current Attendance Rate - 91.38% (Goal Rate- 93%)

Parents and Families,

As we continue to focus on academic and social emotional growth, we need our Powell families to support our teachers by having their child at school. When students miss 2 days of school per month or 18 days of the year, it can impact a student's learning where learning gaps can occur from one grade level to the next. For example, 41% of Kinder students who miss 18 days or more a year are at risk of not reading on grade level. We appreciate your support with having your child at school every day.

Our current attendance rate for the year is at 91.38%, which is below our campus goal of 93%.

This past week our attendance was with the following: Monday- 76%; Tuesday- 92%; Wednesday-89%; Thursday- 93% and Friday- 92%. The weekly average was 88.4%. Your support with attendance makes a HUGE difference with our teachers and helps our Thunderbirds with their learning. Let's finish these next few weeks off strong!



Cinco De Mayo Donations By 04/25



Campus Safety and Security

As we continue to actively monitor our campus safety and security plan, we will continue to ask all of our parents to come through the front office after 7:40 am. We close the side gate at 7:40 am and will not allow parents to drop off their child at their class after 7:40 am. Our campus buildings, (Pods), are locked after 7:45 am. If you should come for lunch, we will be asking you to check in at the front office to get a visitor's badge. Please continue to bring your Driver's License or a valid picture ID. We appreciate your help and support in making sure our campus is safe and secure.





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STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

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STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

SECURE



SCHOOL IS SECURED

WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?

LOCKDOWN

side of the building. Students and staff a trained to enter or remain in a room that in be looked, and maintain silence. A Lockdown is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

UNANNOUNCED DRILLS?



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AM & PM Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures

In the morning, our campus will open at 7am. The gate between the front office and 5th grade will be open with a staff member monitoring it. When students enter into the campus, they can have a choice between waiting for their class building to open at 7:15 am by the "old black top" or go to get breakfast in the cafeteria. When the grade level buildings open at 7:15 am, students may then go to their classroom hallway and wait by their classroom door. Students who eating breakfast will need to leave the cafeteria no later than 7:35 to get their classroom.

Morning Parent Drop Off:

If parents would like to drop off their student at their classroom, please do between 7:15-7:40 am. We ask all parents to exit the classroom buildings by 7:40 am so teachers can start their day at 7:45 am. We appreciate your support.

We also ask parents to leave through the front office building after 7:40 am. Please do not leave through the gates after 7:40 am so we can ensure the gates are closed and secure. At times, parents may leave through a gate and the gate may not close all the way, which may leave a gate unsecured. For the safety and security of the campus, please support our efforts and leave through the front office. We appreciate you help and support.

Afternoon Parent Pick Up: (Read 23-24 Safety First Below)

Parents, dismissal will start at 3 pm. If you are picking up your child from the teacher, please follow these procedures for the safety of our students.

- · All Pre-K and Kinder Parents, we will be dismissing our PK/Kinder students from the cafeteria. If you are a walk up parent, please go to the "double doors" outside the cafeteria to pick up your child. If you are a car pick up parent, please let a staff member know that you are needing a Pre-K/Kinder student.
- · If you are in the pick up line and in your vehicle, please do not get out of your car. A staff member will help get your child and bring them to you.
- · Make sure you have your "Car Pick Up" sign on your dashboard.
- · If you are picking up your child from teacher (Parent Walk Up), please stay behind the "Duct Tape Line" until your child's class has arrived at their designated grade level area.

24-25 Learning Tree Update

Powell Families.

For the last three years, Learning Tree has assisted families by offering Learning Tree at no cost. Due to the conclusion of ESSER funds, Learning Tree will resume tuition in the 24-25 school year. Tuition will be \$255 per month (September- May) with a \$40 non-refundable registration fee per child. We will offer some discounts, based on availability/parent income. Please view the important dates below:

Below are some registration target dates:

Jan 10: All parents will be notified of the upcoming change to tuition.

Monday, March 18: Priority Registration opens for existing clients

Monday, March 25: Open Registration opens for all others





HYBRID

FREE for Parents & Caregivers



CHANGING PROBLEM BEHAVIOR INTO

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR



April 17, 2024 9-10:30 AM

Register at: txr20.escworks.net

In person: Session #94770

VIRTUAL

To attend virtually, register for Session #99553.

Contact: claudia.vargas@esc20.net

Contact Information: We Are Here For You!

If you need support, please contact us:

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