

Principal's Column



Summer Greetings!

It is with great anticipation that I write this to our Preston community. As we look forward to our 18th year at Preston and our 3rd as Preston Middle School, we are positioned for our best year ever. Preston will welcome our largest class of 6th grade students to our building this fall with great anticipation and excitement. We will also be celebrating the first class of 8th grade students who have enjoyed three years at Preston. We have no doubt they will raise the expectations for future years.

2010-2011 was a tremendously successful year at Preston and will act as a springboard for the upcoming year. We have experienced an incredible growth in STEM opportunities at Preston with over 400 students participating in this summer's STEM institute, a second trip to nationals for our Science Olympiad team, 6 Lego Robotics teams competing at the Colorado State tournament, and the best MATHCOUNTS team in the region. We have been tracking the STEM opportunities that students participate in at Preston; that number has doubled in the last school year from approximately 600 opportunities during the 2009-2010 school year, to over 1200 opportunities this past school year. This is critical as we prepare students to be competitive members of our 21st century society.

Preston and our incredible staff have been recognized as a leading middle school nationally. We have been selected as an Intel School of Distinction Finalist in Science (one of three finalists in the country in middle school science). A team including Superintendent, Dr. Jerry Wilson, and school board member, Nancy Tellez, will be part of a Preston team presenting as part of the Intel recognition in Washington D.C. in September. Preston is also recognized as a SMART Showcase school (1 of 3 in Colorado) and will be a model school for how to integrate technology in the middle school classrooms. These celebrations recognize a staff that works extremely hard and has high

expectations for themselves and the students they work with as they create an incredible culture for learning.

We look forward to continuing to offer our students options to expand their interests. Our platform at Preston is amazing and includes the core content, a plethora of elective classes including all three performance music classes, all the middle school athletic options, STEM options including Fight Simulator and Intro to Biotechnology, and extracurricular options like Science Olympiad and Robotics. This allows Preston wonderful opportunities to meet the individual need of our students.

I would like to thank you for the partnership that we have here at Preston. I have been amazed each year how well our parent community works with our staff. It is important to reiterate the importance of this partnership and our willingness to work alongside our community as we prepare your students for high school and beyond. I also want to express the importance of reading at home. We see a direct correlation to reading and student performance. Your students will benefit a great deal from the structure that is provided at home with a place and time to complete homework, consistent sleep, and a reinforcement of the importance of reading.

I look forward to our best year here at Preston and can't wait to get started! The Preston website is a great resource when looking for dates, times and other resources. We work hard to make the site an active and up-to-date source of information.

With Gratitude,

Scott Nielsen

Back to School

Events at a Glance

August 9th
7th grade Parent/Athlete football meeting 6:30 p.m.

August 10th
8th grade Parent/Athlete football meeting @ 8-10 a.m.

August 11th & 12th
8th grade WEB Leader Training 8-2 p.m.

August 12th
7th and 8th graders pick up schedules and lockers 1-4 p.m.

August 15th
7th and 8th graders pick up schedules and lockers 9-12 p.m.

6th grade parent & new parent orientation 7-8 p.m.

August 16th
6th graders pick up Lockers and schedules

August 19th
Transition Day 1st day of school for 6th grade students & WEB Leaders 7:45-2:35

August 22nd
First Day of School for ALL students!
7:45 -2:35

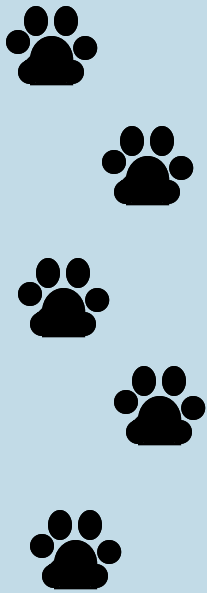
August 23rd
Tennis meeting 6 p.m.

August 25th
Picture Day

August 26th
Parent/Athlete softball meeting 5 p.m.

September 1st
Back to School Night
7-9:15 p.m.

PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL



Puma Press

Important Phone Numbers

- **24-hour Attendance Line** **490-3059**
- FAX 488-7307
- Main Office 488-7300
- Counseling Office Secretary 488-7309
- Principal—Scott Nielsen 488-7301
- Assistant Principal—John Howe 488-7302

Mark Your Calendar

Transition Day 6th (WEB)	8/19/11
First day of classes-all students	8/22/11
School Pictures	8/25/11
6th grade Skate Party 6-7:15 pm	8/25/11
Back to School Night 7-9pm (doors open at 6:30)	9/1/11
Labor Day-No School	9/5/11
Magazine Sale Kickoff	9/16/11

Preston Middle School
2011-2012 6th Grade Supply List

1 ream of white computer copy paper**
1 ream colored copy paper-your choice any color**
2 boxes of Kleenex**
Binder system (3 ring binder/accordion folder/Trapper Keeper, whatever works for YOU!!)
Choose a system that works for you! You need to be organized!
1 pair of scissors
1 package of Expo markers **
1 package of glue sticks **
2 boxes of colored pencils (ongoing)
1 box of markers (ongoing)
1 pencil pouch
3 packages of Wide ruled loose leaf paper**
1 ruler
2 boxes of #2 pencils**
2 packages of sticky notes**
grading pens (red, blue, and black)
fine point black marker for labeling maps in Geography
Graph paper (quad ruled, loose leaf)**
Protractor/compass
5 pocket folders**
3 composition notebooks
Calculator (Recommended TI 30Xa—under \$10 at Target)
PLEASE LABEL WITH STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME
1 Flash Drive for class work
PLEASE LABEL WITH STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME
\$25.00 due on or before Aug. 31, 2011 for: (Check Payable to Preston)
National Geographic
Assignment Notebook
Daily Language Instruction Workbook
Success in Middle School books
Current Science Magazines

\$120.00 due on or before Oct. 1st (checks payable to Preston)
for our Winter Ecology field trip to Pingree Park!! ☹
Oct 10-12 for group A; Oct 12-14 for group B

**The items marked with an asterisk will be collected by the teacher and used by the whole group.

Preston Middle School
2011-2012 7th and 8th Grade Supply List

We would like students to have the following supplies for the first day of classes at Preston this fall:

3" three-ring binder
1 ream of copy paper
1 ream of colored paper
1 pack lined index cards
4 packs large sticky notes
2 glue sticks
4 highlighters
1 flash drive
loose leaf notebook paper
#2 pencils
pens (blue or black ink)
scientific calculator is an expected supply for all Connected classes
graphing calculator or Smart-phone with graphing calculator app for Algebra or geometry.
colored pencils (at least 12)
1 pencil pouch
1 set of 5-tab notebook dividers
graph paper
Composition book for math
1 spiral notebook
2 boxes of tissues
1 bottle of hand sanitizer
a Preston daily planner to keep track of assignments in all classes.
(available at Preston for \$5 after August 12th).

Elective classes will have additional supplies specific to their program. Students will be informed of supplies needed in these areas the first week of school.

Once again, Preston will provide a backpack and supplies to students whose families are experiencing financial hardships. Special thanks to CSU employees who contribute to this cause. See your school counselor for assistance or call 488-7309.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

September 1st is *Back to School Night*. Parents will report directly to their student's first period class at 7:00 p.m. Yearbooks and Preston apparel may be purchased throughout the evening beginning at 6:30. Please come early, as parking is limited. Additional parking is available at Traut Elementary, west of the Preston campus. Classes will meet for 10 minutes with a 5 minute passing period between each. 8th period will dismiss at 9:15.



Sixth Graders and Parents: Back to School Skating Party!

Sixth grade students and their parents are invited to participate in the Annual Welcome Skating Party at EPIC (Edora Pool Ice Center) Blue Rink Thursday, August 25th. **WEB** Leaders will be on-hand to welcome students and parents. Sixth graders can skate from 6-7:15 p.m. The cost is **\$FREE!** For Preston students (includes skate rental—we have the entire Blue Rink to ourselves for the evening!). Snacks will be available for purchase.

Directions: Go north on Timberline to Prospect. Turn west or left on to Prospect, cross the tracks and turn south or left on Riverside. Go 2 blocks and enter the parking for Edora Park on the right.

Yearbooks

The yearbooks have been ordered. Be sure to purchase a book for your child before all of them have been sold. Send cash or a check for **\$35** with your child and have them take it to the Front Office. Yearbook prices will be **\$37** second semester. Remember there are a limited number of books available. Please save your receipt.



Early Dismissal

Early dismissal passes are used to minimize classroom disruption.

If you know in advance that your child will be picked up during the school day, please send a note with your child. In the note include the date, time and reason your child will be leaving. The front office will be happy to provide your child with an "early dismissal pass" and have them waiting for you in the front office.

School Pictures

School pictures are scheduled for **Thursday, August 25th**

Additional information regarding package options and prices will be sent home with your student on the first day of school.



Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year and greetings from your counselors. We hope that your summer has been spectacular and that mid August will find you ready and excited to be at Preston Middle School. We will be available in the counseling office on August 2nd if you need to schedule an appointment with us.

Mrs. Julie Baker, 6th grade counselor and 7th graders with last names N-Z (488.7313)

Ms. Kristin Scheumann, 8th grade counselor and 7th graders with last names A-M (488.7311)

Mrs. Rebecca Chavez, Counseling Secretary (488.7309) **Mrs. Chavez will be available August 2nd.**

Getting to know us.....

Ms Kristin Scheumann:

Where were you born?

Fort Wayne, Indiana. I've also lived in Minnesota and Iowa. I'm a Midwest girl!

Why did you become a school counselor?

I love working with people, especially middle schoolers. I feel honored that people are willing to let me into their lives as they search, explore, problem solve, and grow.

What are your passions outside of counseling?

Anything physically active- running, hiking, yoga, skiing, etc. Being outside, traveling, and camping. Spending time with my family and friends. Cooking and eating (except for foods that involve onions and cilantro!).

What is your fantasy dream job?

To be a world traveler (yep, I'd make it a paid profession). I love traveling and have been to Africa, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia. I'd also like to be a personal trainer, like on The Biggest Loser. I love making work out plans and schedules for my family and friends (only if they request it, of course!)

What was your biggest fear when you were in middle school?

Hmmm. This is a tricky one. I think that I really worried that other students were left out or picked on. I genuinely liked everyone and so I really wanted to help everyone feel included. Also, I was in show choir but I hated dancing and so I feared dancing on stage in front of audiences. Just thinking about dancing on a stage raises my anxiety!

What are three words that your best friend would use to describe you?

Adventurous, compassionate, and funny

Mrs. Julie Baker:

Where were you born:

Denver, Colorado

Why did you become a school counselor?

As a high school teacher, I realized there were many situations where my hands were tied and I truly wanted to do more to help students. I went back to school for my Masters in Counseling and have never been so glad.

What are your passions outside of counseling?

My family, pets, traveling, camping, fishing and boating.

What is your fantasy dream job?

Travel agent sounds pretty great because getting great deals on flights would help and I'd love to travel to Australia and New Zealand!! I wouldn't mind switching places with an author also for a month or two. I've always wanted to write a book, but I can't seem to sit still long enough.

What was your biggest fear when you were in middle school?

My biggest fear would have been to be liked. Who can't relate to that?? All middle school students need to have a connection. That's why we encourage them to join a club! I tried things I didn't love like basketball and made a bit of a fool of myself.

What are three words that your best friend would use to describe you?

Humble, loyal, hardworking.



Immunizations

Please refer to the Preston website for a complete list of required immunizations for your child.

<http://schoolweb.psdschools.org/preston/health.html>

Personal or religious exemptions require a parent or guardian signature on the back of the Colorado Immunization card. Medical exemption requires a physician signature.

Please bring the immunization records you have for your child at the time of registration. Incomplete immunization status can keep your child from attending school.

Keep immunization records up to date.

Students registering for the first time in PSD must present proof of immunizations or a signed State of Colorado Exemption Certificate is required for personal, religious, or medical exemptions to school immunization requirements.

Call your healthcare provider, the Larimer County Health Department at (970) 498-6700, or visit www.co.larimer.co.us/health/chs for information. A walk-in children's immunization clinic is offered at the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, 1525 Blue Spruce Drive. Call for specific times.

Update schools with student health information

Please inform your school's health care staff if your child has special health concerns, medications, or dietary needs, so a school health care plan can be developed for your child.

Medication at School

All medication given at school, whether doctor-prescribed or over-the-counter, **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE PSD PERMISSION FORM** (available in the school health office and on the Preston website @ <http://schoolweb.psdschools.org/preston/>) **SIGNED BY BOTH THE PARENT AND THE PHYSICIAN.**

Medication must be provided and brought to school in the original prescription bottle or the over-the-counter container. Medications are to be kept locked up in the school health office and not carried by the student, with the exception of asthma inhalers. With appropriate physician authorization, students who need to use an asthma inhaler, may be allowed to carry it. Authorization for medication administration **MUST BE COMPLETED YEARLY.**

Welcome Preston Parent Volunteers

Register to volunteer! Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks inside and outside the classroom. To volunteer, you first need to register. This may be done *online* either at home, at school or from any computer with access to the internet. Go to www.psdschools.org and click on Community then Volunteers and Resources, then on Volunteers. A criminal background check is conducted for all volunteers new to PSD. If you registered as a volunteer last year, please take a minute to update your volunteer profile information – at the registration screen, click volunteer login.

If you have any questions, contact Trish Biggio or email her at jmtmom@comcast.net or the Partnership and Volunteer Program, 490-3208. **Help shape the future – Volunteer!**

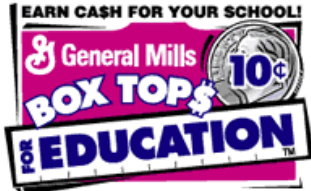
First Semester Concert Dates

October 13-Preston Advanced Music Groups...7 p.m.
 November 3-Preston Concert Band, Choir, Orchestra...7 p.m.
 November 9-Middle School Choir Festival @ FRHS...Day Event
 December 6-All Preston Bands Concert...7 p.m.
 December 8-All Preston Choir Concert...7 p.m.
 December 15- All Preston Orchestra Concert...7 p.m.



Box Tops for Education

Thank you to the parents and students who have brought Box Tops for Education to Preston. In previous years the program has generated in excess of \$500 for educational materials at Preston. Please continue to bring Box Tops for Education to Preston.



Want to designate a school to receive 5% of your next school supply purchase? Visit your local Office Depot store, use **Preston's ID #70017833**, and designate 5% back to Preston.

Preston Magazine Fundraiser

Preston's Magazine Kickoff is Friday, September 16th! More information will be posted on our website as it becomes available.

Want to volunteer? Contact John Howe @ 488-7302 or email him @ jhowe@psdschools.org.





PHYSICALS

Do you want to participate in sports this school year? It is necessary to have a current school physical form on file in the front office. **Physical forms must be signed by your physician, parent or guardian, and the student and turned in before the first day of practice.** Physicals are valid for one year from date of exam.

Athletics

The first day official day of 7th & 8th grade football is **Wednesday, August 10th @ 2:30-5.** 87th grade participants and their parents will meet in the Preston gym for a **meeting** and distribution of equipment @ 6:30 on the 9th. **8th grade** football players and their parents will meet August 10th from 8-10 a.m. Girls' slow pitch softball will begin with a meeting @ 5 on August 26th. **Athletes may practice only when a current physical form and proof of insurance is on file in the front office.** Physicals are valid for one year from the date of the examination. Physical cards may be picked up in the Main Office. Fees for middle school sports are **\$75 per sport**, with a **family maximum of \$300 per year**. Fees are waived if the athlete qualifies for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program and a waiver for sports fees has been submitted. Practice for 7th and 8th grade sports is immediately after school with pick up times usually no later than 5:15 p.m. Games are played at 3:30 p.m. at Preston or the opponent's school. Schedules for the upcoming season will be distributed by coaches and posted on the Preston website after classes begin.

Middle School Sports Seasons

Football	8/10-10/19	Softball	8/22-10/14	Tennis	Aug-Oct
Girls' Basketball	10/17-12/16	Wrestling	10/24-12/17	Boys' Basketball	12/19-2/24
Volleyball	2/27-4/14	Track	4/9-5/23	Golf	April-May

Listed below, in order of the season, are the teams offered for students at the 7th and 8th grade level:

7th and 8th grade girls—tennis, softball, basketball, volleyball, track, and golf.

7th and 8th grade boys—tennis, football, wrestling, basketball, track, and golf.

Tennis and golf are club sports. The tennis season is in the fall and golf in the spring. Information on club sports will be sent home once classes begin.

In order to represent Preston in sports, including club sports, all students must maintain academic eligibility. At Preston, students may not have a D or F in two or more classes. One D or F and a discipline problem will also make the student ineligible. Eligibility is determined each week. Ineligibility means the student will miss the next scheduled event, but will continue to practice with the team. These are minimal standards. All Preston athletes are expected to be examples of student athletes.



New Bus Information in 2011:

In an effort to create more efficient bussing systems within Poudre School District and to save money, PSD is implementing routing changes that will change how students determine which bus they ride. **Bus schedules is available on the PSD website.**

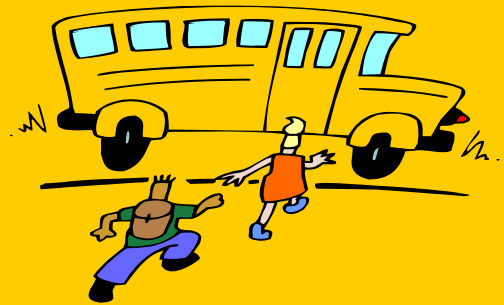
Route numbers identify busses:

- This year, students will determine their morning and afternoon bus based on the route number.
 - In most cases, the route number for your child's morning bus will be different than the route number for your child's afternoon bus.
 - The route number will be posted in the window closest to the entrance door of each bus. Cards/labels help students determine correct bus:
 - To help students learn their route numbers, students will be given a card/label when they get off of their morning bus at the beginning of the school year.
 - The card/label will have their morning bus route number and the afternoon bus route number and should aid students in finding the correct bus in the afternoon.
 - The card can be carried by the student until they remember their route numbers.
- Please encourage your child to ride the bus the first day of school so they can learn the new system. School staff members, bus drivers, and additional transportation staff will help guide students to the correct busses the first couple days of school, until students are familiar with the new process.

Students wanting to ride a bus other than their own, will need to follow the process below:
Requests for bus passes need to be turned in to the front office BEFORE 1 p.m. Your request for a bus pass **MUST** include the following:

- * Your name
- * Your ID Number
- * Name of student you are riding with
- * Bus Number of the bus you're riding
- * Street name of drop off
- * Date
- * Your Parent's Signature

Please pick up bus pass at the END of the day.



Automobile Traffic

We request that parents bringing students to school drop them off in front (east) of the school. Please pick students up after school in back (west) of the building or wait for them along Corbett Drive, east of the school. Please do not drive in the bus lane in front of the building between 2:15 & 2:40 p.m.
www.prestonmiddleschool.org

School Insurance and Free and Reduced Lunch

School Insurance information will be sent home with the students the first week of school. Information for free and reduced lunches and school fee waivers will be mailed to homes during the summer. Students enrolled in the program will automatically be approved for the first 30 days of school. Parents must submit a new family application each school year.



School Meals

School lunches will be available on the first day of school at a cost of **\$2.30**. This price includes a hamburger or cheeseburger, a hot dog, a cold sandwich or the special of the day. As well, a choice of two side items and milk or juice are included with the lunch. Lunch menus are posted on the PSD web site at www.psdschools.org and printed weekly in the Fort Collins Coloradoan. A la carte items are available as a choice for students at the middle school level. Students may purchase breakfast before school for \$1.25. **Students may want to pack a sack lunch the first week of school to avoid long, slow lines in the lunchroom due to their unfamiliarity with choices and the lunchroom process.**



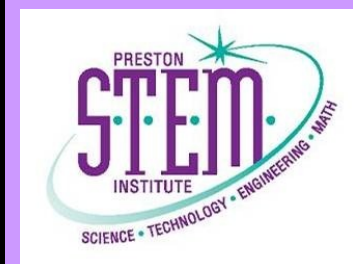
Preston School Spirit Days

On Fridays, many students and staff will wear Preston apparel. Preston will offer several days when students can order Preston clothing from local business, GoJo Sports.

Please make checks payable to GoJo Sports.

Parents, please feel free to purchase Preston apparel for yourselves! We enjoy showing our Puma spirit at Preston events.

We look forward to celebrating the *Purple and Teal* with all of you!!!



2011 STEM INSTITUTE

The 2012 STEM institute is scheduled for June 6-10 and June 13-17. Registration will

open in February 2011. The STEM institute provides an opportunity for middle school students to explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This year, 150 students participated and all students reported that they had a quality experience.

PBiS Banquet

"Parenting Adolescents and Living to Tell About It!"

**Thursday, September 29,
from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Preston Cafeteria**

Featuring

**Scot Crandall – TEAM Fort Collins
and**

Theresa Fightmaster—Parenting Coach

This event, co-sponsored by the **Preston Parent Organization**, will offer parents valuable insights about effective parenting of adolescents. Our speakers will be Scot Crandall, Executive Director and co-founder of TEAM Fort Collins and Theresa Fightmaster, parenting coach and counselor.

Proceeds from this event will support Preston's efforts to recognize the positive behavior of our students. All funds will go directly to students!

Positive Behavior Support, or **PBiS**, works from the assumption that when taught the expected behavior middle school students will respond cooperatively to make their school a better place. The PPO and PBiS Teams want to build on that success by sponsoring this evening event for parents to hear about PBS and to hear from Scot Crandall about parenting ideas that work for this amazing age group.

Preston Middle School invites you to consider becoming involved with Preston First Lego League Robotics! Preston will sponsor up to 10 teams this year, growing from 8 last year. Six of Preston's 8 teams qualified for the State Tournament!! Team members must be students in good standing academically and as community citizens and have the ability to work cooperatively and focus on a task for one and one-half to two hours several times a week from September through December. Team members will fill a variety of roles including (but not limited to); programming, research, writing, presentation, construction, project management, choreography, and more!

FIRST LEGO League (FLL) is a global program created to get children excited about science and technology. A hands-on program for ages 9 to 16 (9 to 14 in the U.S. and Canada), FLL uses [Challenges](#) based on real world scientific problems to engage children in research, problem solving, and engineering. The cornerstone of the program is its [Core Values](#), which emphasize friendly sportsmanship, learning, and community involvement.

Each yearly Challenge has two parts, the Project and the Robot Game. Working in teams of three to ten children and guided by at least one adult coach, teams have 8 weeks to:

- Build an autonomous robot to carry out pre-designed missions in 2 minutes and 30 seconds
- Analyze, research, and invent a solution to a real world problem

The culmination of all that hard work for many teams is the participation in an FLL [event](#) – much like a high energy sporting event. Referees monitor and score the Robot Game. Judges review team presentations. An FLL event is a pumped-up environment with music and excitement that celebrates the work the children have done throughout the season.

A meeting will be called to organize teams within the first 3 weeks of school so look and listen for announcements.

Participation fee is \$75; this fee is used for registration fees and materials

This year's challenge is entitled, "Food Factor"

For more information, visit: <http://www.firstlegoleague.org>

RTI

(Response to Intervention)

As Preston continues its pursuit of excellence in educating all of our students, we will be supported by a new federal mandate called Response to Intervention.

RTI challenges Preston to continue to learn and grow in the way that we challenge and support our students. This will require the entire school community to take responsibility for high levels of learning for every student. Preston will continue to offer high quality, research-based instruction and behavioral support for all students. We will use frequent common assessments to measure the learning for all students; we will intervene for students who are not meeting the learning goals and monitor the student progress during these interventions. Preston will continue to use a collaborative approach to implement, monitor, and improve our practices. During the past several years, we have focused on increasing support for the high expectations that we set for the learning of all students during their stay at Preston. This has included our lunch support, after school homework support, learning labs, small group tutoring, etc... We will continue to improve each of these practices and look forward to supporting students that may need extra help to meet Preston's essential learning goals.

One major avenue to help Preston identify those students needing support is our grading practice. Preston is in our second year of **standards based grading** system as a way to monitor and communicate student learning and growth. Our goal is to more adequately reflect what students know, understand, and are able to do. Students at Preston will continue to be challenged at a very high level and will practice outside the classroom. They may be expected to re-do a piece of work that does not meet the learning objectives. Students will receive feedback about their performance within the standards in the form of an academic grade. The rating will be as follows:

A = Advanced = (4)

B = Proficient = (3)

C = Developing = (2)

D = Emerging = (1)

F = Insufficient evidence (0)

This system will help us to identify the students who require intervention or enrichment. Students will also receive a second grade focusing on their work habits. This is critical, as we know these are skills that prepare our students for high school and beyond. The work habits grade will be focused on the student's preparation for learning, classroom behavior, participation in learning, and productivity as a learner. These areas are critical in preparing our students to be ready to compete in a global marketplace. Preston will continue to honor those students who qualify for the A and B honor role and will also recognize those students who receive the highest marks for work habits, with the Principal's Excellence Awards. We will continue to support this transition with more information as the school year begins. We look forward to another great year at Preston Middle School and look forward to building and supporting partnerships with you our parent community.

"Every effort must be made in childhood to teach the young to use their own minds.

For one thing is sure: If they don't make up their own minds, someone will do it for them."

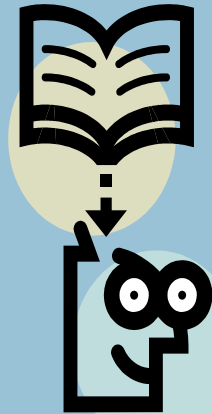
~Eleanor Roosevelt

Graphing Calculators

All students should have a scientific calculator for their math class, available for about \$10 from office supply and grocery stores. For students in Connected Algebra or above, they should have a graphing calculator, smart phone or MP3 with a graphing calculator application. We recommend the TI-83 or TI-84 graphing calculators, as these will be the easiest to use in class. Students in Connected 1, 2, or 3 can wait to get a graphing calculator.

Students should plan to keep their calculators in their immediate possession throughout the school day to reduce the chance of theft. The student should be sure to register the calculator's serial number with their math teacher to assist in case of theft or loss.

Update phone numbers and parent contact information



Parents are encouraged to keep phone numbers, addresses, and emergency contact information updated throughout the school year. Watch for a student information form to come home with your child the first week of school. Please call Rebecca Chavez, counseling secretary, @ 488.7309 to make changes in your student's information throughout the school year.

Backpacks

Students are welcome to bring backpacks to school, however backpacks must remain in lockers during the school day and between classes. The policy change to limit backpacks was made a few years ago to address issues of crowding in the halls and in classrooms. Limiting the use of backpacks is a part of Preston's ongoing efforts to promote a safe school environment.

Reminder..."Sorry, summer dress might not be appropriate for school"

The dress code at Preston Middle School does not permit the wearing of "sagging" pants, sleepwear/pajamas, visible undergarments, "see-through" clothing, slippers, chains, or spikes. Clothing with any mention of a controlled substance, drugs, alcohol, or inference thereof, or carrying messages bearing evil, anarchist, satanic, violent, sexual, or otherwise potentially offensive references are prohibited and may distract from the learning environment. Hats may only be worn outside. A good rule of thumb is avoiding the exposure of the 4 Bs...no bottoms, no breasts, no bellies, or backs.

**Thank you for helping your students make
positive choices regarding dress at school!**

