



ZACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Message from the Principal

Zach Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a safe and healthy break. We're excited to jump into learning again and all the wonderful opportunities we have with one another every day. Not only that, we're looking forward to finding ways to continue connecting as a community, both with families and within our classrooms. If you have thoughts or ideas, please join us at one of our Coffee and Conversation meetings the first Friday of each month (the sign-up link is in our weekly communications).

Recently, our counseling/admin team has been reflecting on learning and the best ways to ensure student growth. One of those ways is for students to be at school as much as possible. When students miss school, it is challenging to keep up with the content. However, we know that it has been especially difficult this last year with COVID, RSV, and Influenza hitting our community so hard. Because of that, we have tried to be very flexible with supporting families regarding absences. However, we also want to make sure we are doing our best to ensure growth in our students. We'll be sending more information out in our weekly communication with attendance data and next steps.

Some things we are excited about besides daily academics are field trips, music performances, and our talent show! These traditions are some of the added layers of learning and connection that make school so fun. Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you for your investment in our school and support of our community. We are grateful for you all!

With gratitude,

Your Zach School Family

**We understand the stress
of caring for a sick child.**

Our providers are here to help get
your family on the fast track to healthy.



Kindergarten 2023-2024 Registration

Kindergarten registration for 2023-2024 is now open. Please visit the kindergarten page on the Zach website for information and registration link.

zac.pedschools.org/kindergarten-2023-2024

The 2023 Zach Elementary Science Fair will be held in March, virtually, on Flipgrid! Participants will have five minutes to present their project on the video sharing platform.

Fourth and fifth graders will enter into the judged competition with two winners will be advanced to the PSD Museum of Discovery Science Fair in late March.

K-3 young scientists can enter with either a traditional science fair project or a research project on a topic of their interest. The date for the fair and details will be released in early January.

Questions? Email
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We will meet every Monday from 3:00-3:30 starting January 30th through March 6th. After Spring Break we will meet every other week until April 21st.

Happy New Year!



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ZACH ELEMENTARY: 2023 Winter MAPS Assessment Schedule

MON Jan 9	TUES Jan 10 4th Reading 10:15-11:25	WED Jan 11 4th Math 8:15-9:25 4th Reading 10:15-11:25	Thurs Jan 12 4th Math 8:15-9:25 2nd Reading 8:30-10:30	Fri Jan 13
MON Jan 16	TUES Jan 17	WED Jan 18 3rd Math 8:15-9:30 5th Block I 10:00-11:10	THUR Jan 19 2nd Math 8:30-10:30 3rd Math 8:15-9:30	FRI Jan 20 5th Block 2 11:25-12:35
MON JAN 23	TUE Jan 24	WED Jan 25	THU Jan 26	FRI Jan 27

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade



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2023 CMAS Testing Schedule ZACH Elementary

MON Mar 27	TUES March 28 3rd ELA 8:30-10:45	WED March 29 3rd ELA 8:30-10:45	Thurs March 30 3rd ELA 8:30-10:45	Fri March 31
MON April 3	TUE Apr 4 5th ELA 9:30-11:45	WED Apr 5 5th ELA 9:30-11:45	THUR Apr 6 5th ELA 9:30-11:45	FRI Apr 7
MON Apr 10	TUE Apr 11 4th ELA 8:30-10:30 5th Math 9:30-11:10	WED Apr 12 4th ELA 8:30-10:30 5th Math 9:30-11:10	THU Apr 13 4th ELA 8:30-10:30 5th Math 9:30-11:10	FRI Apr 14
MON Apr 17	TUE Apr 18 3rd Math 8:30-10:10 4th Math 8:30-10:00 5th Science 9:30-11:30	WED Apr 19 3rd Math 8:30-10:10 4th Math 8:30-10:00 5th Science 9:30-11:30	THU Apr 20 3rd Math 8:30-10:10 4th Math 8:30-10:00 5th Science 9:30-11:30	FRI Apr 21 NO SCHOOL
MON Apr 24 (Make ups)	TUE Apr 25 (Make ups)	WED Apr 26 (Make ups)	THU Apr 27 (Make ups)	FRI Apr 28 (Make ups)

3rd Grade**4th Grade****5th Grade**

Elementary grades 3-5 will be taking ELA and Math assessments

- 5th Grade will be taking the Science assessment
- Social Studies will not be tested in 4th grade in 2023.

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SEL NEWS

JANUARY

COMMUNICATION

Communication and collaboration skills are some of the most impactful and important tools we can empower our students with. These skills affect the quality of our friendships and social relationships, our academic and post secondary success, and our ability to navigate conflict successfully. Both academic and social emotional learning CO state standards include communication skills.

Tips for supporting communication skills at home:

- Tell your child when you notice him or her listening and point out specifically what that looked or sounded like.
- Play a collaboration game: think of a problem that you need to solve together (planning a meal, getting the family ready for school in the morning, or assembling a new toy, gadget, or household item). Have one of you start with an idea, and practice adding to one another's ideas or revising the idea. Keep this going until you find a solution you agree on.
- With your child, think of the various settings where your child may have conversations (at a family gathering, with friends on the playground, with a coach or teacher, at the store, etc). Talk with them about how each conversation might be different, and how, based on the setting.
- Share your own experiences with using communication skills that were helpful to you, as well as times you learned that a communication behavior was unhelpful.

Source: Sanford Harmony Social and Emotional Learning

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

Students in Ms. Johnson's math class practice using their communication and collaboration skills. Students completed logic and reasoning puzzle games: solving the puzzle required practice in listening, sharing ideas, and problem solving as a group.



BOOKLIST

Explore these picture books with communication and problem solving themes:

Picture Books about Communication & Listening

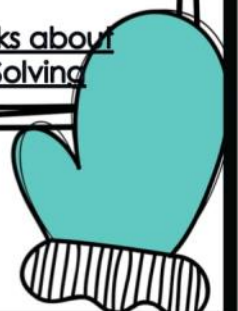
Picture Books about Problem Solving

SEL IN THE CLASSROOM

Social and Emotional Learning Topics for January

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades:
Communicating with Each Other:

Listening to understand and respond
Conversation skills
How & when to speak up
Communicating for collaboration



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Winter 2023 Clubs

Monday:

- Lego(K-1st): 2:45-4:00 pm; rm 213
- Stock Market Game(4th/5th): 3:00-3:30 pm (Jan. 30th); rm 223
- Cursive Club: 2:45-3:30 pm; rm 221

Tuesday:

- Green Choir: 2:50-3:30 pm; choir rm
- GITS: 2:45-4:00 pm; Media Center
- Chess(K-5th): 2:45-3:45 pm; rm 213

Wednesday:

- Lego(2nd-5th): 2:45-4:00 pm; rm 213
- Young Rembrandts: 2:45-3:45 pm; Art rm

Thursday:

- Art Club: 2:50-3:30 pm; Art rm
- Gold Choir: 2:50-3:30 pm; Choir rm
- Graphic Novel: 2:45-4:00 pm; rm 213
- Science/STEM/Stories: 2:45-4:00 pm; rm 231

****K-2 Spanish is before school on Tuesdays 7:30-8:00 am in room 213**

****3rd-5th Spanish is before school on Thursdays 7:30-8:00 am in room 213**



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PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION EVENTS

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Puma 101

November 10, 2022 4:00-4:45 PM
November 11, 2022 2:00- 2:45 PM

Come to Preston to meet our administrators, counselors, and teachers and learn about course offerings, daily schedule, clubs, athletics, and much more.

Connect with a Counselor

February 2, 2023 5:00-5:45 PM

Hear from Preston counselors about what to expect as a 6th grader at Preston Middle School as well as tips and strategies for a successful transition to middle school.

Open House

December 8, 2022 6:00-8:00 PM

Explore what makes Preston an incredible middle school. Families and students are invited to hear from Principal Amy Kirby, meet our amazing teachers and learn what the student experience is like in a STEM by Design environment.

5th Grade Welcome

May 12, 2023 9:30-11:00 AM

Visit feeder middle schools. Our future Preston students get to experience Preston and build excitement to be a Puma!



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School Choice Deadline: December 15, 2022

KINARD Core Knowledge MIDDLE SCHOOL



CORE KNOWLEDGE INFORMATION NIGHTS

Join Principal Lindsey Matkin to learn more about the curricular connection between our Core Knowledge Elementary Schools and Kinard Middle School.

Tues. 11/8 at Zach 6:30-7:30 PM
Wed. 11/9 at Traut 6:30-7:30 PM
Mon. 11/14 at Bethke 6:30- 7:30 PM

We welcome O'Dea families to join one of the presentations at Zach, Traut or Bethke.

FRIDAY TALK & TOURS

Parents/Guardians meet with Kinard administrators for a brief presentation and tour of the school. If you're interested in joining a Friday Talk & Tour sign up online at the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/FridayTalkAndTour>

Fri. 11/18 9:00- 10:30 AM
Fri. 12/9 9:00-10:30 AM



INCOMING 6TH GRADE FAMILY NIGHT

Our Incoming 6th Grade Family Night is designed for parents and 5th grade students to learn more about the Core Knowledge curriculum sequence, Kinard's culture, character education, parent partnership, wellness, student leadership programs, world language, STEM opportunities, athletics, clubs, and more!

**JOIN US: Thursday, Dec. 1st
from 6:00 - 8:30 PM**

**School Choice Application Deadline
Thursday, 12/15/2022**

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Fossil Ridge High School Soccer Clinic



Join the Fossil Ridge High School Girls Soccer Team for a fun training camp!



Who: 1st-5th Grade Boys and Girls

When: February 25th

Where: Fossil Ridge High School Gym

Time: 4:30-6:30



\$45

Pizza Dinner will be served

<https://frhs.soccer/fundraising/>

Camp will be held indoors! Please wear tennis shoes- no cleats. Please bring a water bottle. No need to bring a soccer ball.

Mini Camp AVAILABLE

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Camp

** 1st graders can choose to participate in our mini camp or our regular training clinic**

When: February 25th

Where: Fossil Ridge High School Gym

Time: 4:00-5:00pm

\$20



Zach Breakfast Menu

January 2023

Zach Elementary

Breakfast

MONDAY**2**

TUESDAY**3**

- No School Today

WEDNESDAY**4**

- No School Today

THURSDAY**5**

- Breakfast Round
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

FRIDAY**6**

- Breakfast Calzone
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

9

- Breakfast Sausage Pizza
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

10

- Whole Grain Waffle, Maple
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

11

- French toast sticks
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

12

- Pancake & Sausage Wrap
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

13

- Sausage & Cheese Bagel Sandwich
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

16

17

- Mini Cinnamon Rolls
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

18

- Breakfast Sausage Pizza
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

19

- Cinnamon Roll
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

20

- WG Seasonal Loaf Bread
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

23

- Whole Grain Waffle, Chocolate Chip
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

24

- French toast sticks
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

25

- Breakfast Round
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

26

- Egg Scramble with Tortilla
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

27

- Pancake & Sausage Wrap
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

30

- WG Seasonal Loaf Bread
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

31

- Breakfast Sausage Pizza
- Assorted Muffins
- Assorted Cereal
- Assortment of Fruit
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Juice

Zach Lunch Menu

January 2023

Zach Elementary

Lunch

MONDAY

2



TUESDAY

3

- No School Today

WEDNESDAY

4

- No School Today

THURSDAY

5

- Beef Taco & Rice
- Chicken Nuggets
- Cold Deli Meat & Goldfish
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Goldfish or Pretzels
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Black Beans
- Mexican Condiments- ELEM
- Nugget Dipping Sauces

FRIDAY

6

- Cheese Pizza
- Hawaiian Pizza
- Hummus & Veggie Box
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Goldfish or Pretzels
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Corn
- Assorted Italian Condiments

9

- Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Turkey Gravy & Roll
- Cold Deli Meat & Roll
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Mashed Potatoes
- Chicken Gravy

10

- Penne & Meat Sauce
- Pizza Bites
- Ham or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Green Beans
- Assorted Italian Condiments

11

- Asian Teriyaki Chicken & Rice
- Pig in a Blanket
- Cold Deli Meat & Roll
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Steamed Veggies

12

- Chicken Burrito
- Grilled Ham & Cheese
- Cold Deli Meat & Roll
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Refried Beans
- Mexican Condiments- ELEM

13

- Cheese Pizza
- Pepperoni Pizza
- Yogurt Parfait
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Steamed Carrots
- Assorted Italian Condiments

16



17

- Cheese Ravioli & Roll
- Cheese Calzone & Marinara
- Turkey or Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Pretzel or Goldfish
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Green Beans
- Assorted Italian Condiments

18

- Orange Beef & Rice
- Chicken & Waffles
- Turkey or Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Pretzel or Goldfish
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Steamed Veggies

19

- Homemade Chili & Corn Muffin
- Chicken Nuggets
- Turkey or Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Pretzel or Goldfish
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Black Beans
- Nugget Dipping Sauces

20

- Cheese Pizza
- Veggie Pizza
- Chicken Caesar Wrap
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Pretzel or Goldfish
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Corn
- Assorted Italian Condiments

23

- Grilled Cheese Sandwich
- Fish Sticks
- Cold Deli Meat & Roll
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Tomato Basil Soup

24

- Mac & Cheese
- Lasagna with Beef
- Ham or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Green Beans
- Assorted Italian Condiments

25

- Asian noodle & Meatball
- Pig in a Blanket
- Ham or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Steamed Broccoli

26

- Beef & Bean Burrito
- Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Ham or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Refried Beans
- Mexican Condiments- ELEM

27

- Cheese Pizza
- Pepperoni Pizza
- Chef Salad & Roll
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Peas
- Assorted Italian Condiments

30

- Hamburger & Cheeseburger
- Fish Sticks
- Cold Deli Meat & Goldfish
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Goldfish or Pretzels
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Steamed Carrots

31

- Chicken Alfredo
- Cheese Calzone & Marinara
- Turkey or Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Cold Deli Yogurt & Goldfish or Pretzels
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Green Beans
- Assorted Italian Condiments

Food Offered Daily:

- Salad Bar
- Fruit Salad
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Whole Wheat Dinner Roll
- Chocolate Milk
- Milk fat free
- Milk low fat 1%
- Assorted Condiments

Calendar of Events

January

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Teacher Work Day

Friday, January 6, 2023

8:15am Coffee and Conversation with Angel

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

12:00pm PTO Meeting

Tuesday, January 24

9:00am CSU Field Trip

Wednesday, January 25

5:30pm Multilingual Families

Thursday, January 26, 2023

6:00pm 3rd Grade Music Program



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