

Zach Elementary School

School Motto: Together We Inspire

School Mission: We commit to do our best to encourage, inspire and meet each child's needs.

School Vision: Ensure high levels of learning for all students.

Facebook: facebook.com/zachelementaryschool

Please "LIKE" us on Facebook! We make positive and celebratory posts and comments.

Website: <https://zacschools.org/>

December 14th - 18th

Monday, December 14th:

- ZOLA: 8:15am-2:30pm
- Lunch & Breakfast Sack Meals Provided: 11:00am-1:00pm @Zach & Kinard

Tuesday, December 15th:

- ZOLA: 8:15am-2:30pm
- Lunch & Breakfast Sack Meals Provided: 11:00am-1:00pm @Zach & Kinard

Wednesday, December 16th:

- ZOLA: 8:15am-2:30pm
- Lunch & Breakfast Sack Meals Provided: 11:00am-1:00pm @Zach & Kinard

Thursday, December 17th:

- ZOLA: 8:15am-2:30pm
- Lunch & Breakfast Sack Meals Provided: 11:00am-1:00pm @Zach & Kinard
- Super Zephs Celebration: 3:00-3:30pm

Friday, December 18th:

- ZOLA: 8:15am-8:30am
- Lunch & Breakfast Sack Meals Provided: 11:00am-1:00pm @Zach & Kinard

Winter Break December 21st - January 4th



Lunch Menu

Monday, December 14th:

- Cheese Pizza
- PB&J Sandwich

Tuesday, December 15th:

- Cheese Calzone & Marinara
- Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

Wednesday, December 16th:

- Cheeseburger
- Yogurt Parfait

Thursday, December 17th:

- Chicken Strips & Goldfish
- Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

Friday, December 18th:

- Chicken Drumstick & Goldfish
- PB & J Sandwich



New Information

ZEF

Zach Enrichment Fund (ZEF)

The PTO has extended the ZEF contribution deadline to December 14th in hopes of reaching the \$35,000 goal.

Give online at <https://psdschools.schoolpay.com> or drop a check off in the office. The suggested donation is \$100/child, but any amount helps reach the target of 100% participation.

If you've already contributed, thank you! If not, please support your child's extraordinary educational experience today! Don't forget to ask grandparents to help out too. They can just send our office a check in the mail if they don't want to pay online. Our address is [3715 Kechter Rd, Fort Collins, CO 80528](#).

Attention All Super Zeph's:

It is time to celebrate all of the hard work and dedication that our Super Zephs are demonstrating. Teachers will be sending out invitations to receive a frozen treat on 12/17 from 3:00-3:30 to reward our Super Zephs. These students have shown ROAR. Below is a chart showing our school wide expectations.

	<u>R</u> espectful	<u>O</u> rganized	<u>A</u> ttentive	<u>R</u> esponsible
Remote Learning	Be present Show your face Mute unless it is your turn to talk Wait your turn	Find a quiet spot Have materials ready Have required work complete Use the bathroom before your meeting or lesson	Stay in one spot Participate Ask questions	Be on time Use a plain background Follow your teacher's directions Be dressed in clothes

Mrs. Fierro's SEL Learning Page

Please visit [Mrs. Fierro's SEL learning page](#) for frequently updated resources and events supporting student engagement, and student and family needs, during Phase 1 learning."

Student Pictures

Student pictures are available for pick up in the office during normal office hours M-F(8am-3pm). Next week will be the last time to pick them up before winter break.

Elementary Report Cards

PSD is excited to announce that we have updated our elementary report cards. The new report cards provide additional consistency among schools and across grade levels. They are also updated to better align with the academic and personal development skills contained within our Colorado standards. Families will be able to access report cards in ParentVUE at the end of each semester in both January and June.

Reminders from Previous Family Memos

2020-2021 Winter Reading Challenge / 2020-2021 Programa De Lectura De Invierno

Escape the cold this winter curled up with a good book and take part in our first-ever Winter Reading Challenge! Who can join? Everyone! This is a free, all-ages program to encourage reading over the winter months. The challenge begins November 16, 2020 and runs through February 7, 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsGKM4Yw7P8>

Student Laptops

Parents, please take the time to check application use on your student's devices. For school meetings we are using Google Meets, which has a chat feature. The nice thing is the chat is monitored by the teacher and goes away when the Meet ends. Some students are logging into Microsoft TEAMS (which we don't use in class) and using the chat feature to talk to their friends. Most conversations are positive, but some are negative. We can't monitor conversations outside of our Meet, but you can! Logon to your student's device every once in a while, and open TEAMS, Zoom, etc. and look to see if your student is chatting. You can also log into your students EMAIL account and monitor what is being sent, received, etc. You can get to your students email by going to www.psdschools.org/mail and logging in with their credentials. If you need your students logon information or have questions, please email rroberso@psdschools.org

Trouble Shooting Guide for Laptop Issues (ATTACHMENT)

Please see attachment for information.

Zach Spirit Gear

Time to purchase your Zach spirit gear! Order now and get your delivery in time for our upcoming school spirit days!

<https://www.rokkitwear.com/school/55724-zach-elementary-school>

ATTACHMENTS

Trouble Shooting Guide for Laptops

Tech Support Help

To fix most tech issues, please restart your laptop

- Press the ctrl - alt - del buttons on your laptop at the same time.
- On the bottom right of your screen, click the circle with a line through it.
- Choose 'restart'. Log back in after the restart.

Issue accessing a website?

- Close the browser. Open it up and try the website again
- Still not working? Try Firefox or Microsoft Edge.

How do I know if I'm logged into Chrome?

- From your desktop, double click on the Google chrome icon. Look for your first initial in the upper right hand corner. Click the initial. If you are logged into Chrome, you will see your name.
- If you don't see your name look in the upper right corner for the icon that looks like a person. Click "Sign in to Chrome".
- Type your PSD student email address in "Sign in" in Google Chrome. Click "Next".
- On the next page, re-enter your PSD student email address. Click "Next".
- Type the student's password. Click the "Sign In" button.
- Click the "Don't show this again" checkbox. Click "Yes". Click the "Yes, I'm in" button.

Power light on but screen is dark (what we call 'deep hibernation')

- Plug your laptop in. Press the power key (up in the right corner) down and hold it down for at least 30 seconds or until the power light turns off. Do not let go of the power key until the light is off. Wait a few minutes.
- Press the same power key for a couple of seconds until you see the white power light come back on. Then release the power key.
- You should eventually see the "Dell" start up menu appear, and then the login screen will appear. Next, restart your laptop.

Camera not working?

- Click the 'windows' icon found on the bottom left corner of the screen. The icon looks like four squares.
- Type the word 'camera' on the keyboard. The camera icon should appear. Click on the icon.
- The camera window will open up & you should see if the camera is working.
- Try taking a photo.

Microphone not working in Google Meets, but works in MS Teams

- If MS Teams is still running in the background, Teams will 'take control' of the mic and it won't work in Google Meets. Be sure to exit MS Teams completely before using Google Meets.

Microphone not working in General

- Check to see if the light is "ON" on the F4 key on the laptop. If it is, the student may have hit the "Fn" key + F4 and locked the microphone OFF. Try Fn + F4 again to turn it back on. If the light doesn't go out, try Fn + ESC and the Fn + F4. The students do this on accident when trying to change the volume (Fn + F2 or F3)

Camera/Microphone not working in Google Meets?

- Open up a new Chrome tab/window
- Type in: meet.google.com and press 'enter'
- Select 'join or start a meeting'
- Leave the field blank and click on 'continue'
- This should prompt a window to popup asking "Allow Meets to use your camera and microphone?"
- Select "yes"
- If this doesn't work, please install the latest audio drivers on your laptop

Audio Drivers are installed, but microphone and/or camera still don't work.

- To further troubleshoot the microphone and camera, type **"Silverlight"** in the **Start menu** where it says *"Type here to search"*. **Click on the Microsoft Silverlight icon. Choose the Webcam/Mic tab.** You will see if Video and Audio are working properly.
- **Check the Windows Privacy Settings** by opening the **Start Menu** and clicking on the gear symbol. Choose **'Privacy'** from the options and you will see several sections on the left side. Scroll down on the left side and choose the **'Camera' & 'Microphone'** sections. Under each section, **make sure the 'Allow apps to access your camera/microphone'** is switched on.