

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.

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

March 29th April 2nd

Lunch Menu

Monday, March 29th:

- Phase 4

Tuesday, March 30th:

- Phase 4

Wednesday, March 31st:

- Phase 4

Thursday, April 1st:

- Phase 4

Friday, April 2nd:

- Phase 4

Monday, March 29th:

- Chicken Nuggets
- Chicken Caesar Wrap

Tuesday, March 30th:

- Mac & Cheese
- Cold Deli Yogurt with Goldfish

Wednesday, March 31st:

- Teriyaki Meatballs and Rice
- PB & J Sandwich

Thursday, April 1st:

- Cheese Calzone & Marinara
- Yogurt Parfait

Friday, April 2nd:

- Pepperoni Pizza
- Chef Salad



New Information

Updated COVID-19 Information (Attachments)

Please see attachments for the most recent COVID-19 protocols.

Meet Superintendent Finalists During April 2nd Online Community Forum

Search firm Hazard Young Attea & Associates, or HYA, will host a virtual forum from 5-8:30 p.m. April 2 during which PSD students, families and community members can meet the three superintendent finalists selected by the Board of Education. There will be time for attendees to ask questions. Information about the finalists will be posted on the [PSD Superintendent web page](#) when it is available, prior to the forums. Spanish interpretation will be available. [Get the online meeting link and call-in option information here >>](#)

CMA\$ Information

CMA\$ Testing Schedule (Attachment)

Please see the attachment for grade level testing times.

Recess and Lunch Schedule for CMA\$ Testing

In order to accommodate our CMA\$ testing schedule, our 1st and 3rd grade classes will switch their lunch and lunch recess schedules on April 13, 14, and 15. The updated schedule is as follows:

1st grade lunch: 10:50am; lunch recess: 11:15-11:35am

3rd grade lunch: 11:50am; lunch recess: 12:15-12:35pm

Pet Policy

As the weather gets warmer, many families are walking to pick up their children after school with their dog. The policy states dogs are not allowed on Zach Campus during school hours 7:45am-3:15pm. If you want to walk over with your dog, please meet your child at the rock by Kechter Road or the bridge.

Health Office is in Need of Clothing

The health office is in need of gently used clothing for students that need a change of clothes during the day.

Girls: underwear sizes small (4T-7), medium (8-10), socks size 1-6

Boys: boxers sizes medium (7-10), large (10-12), socks all sizes

Reminders from Previous Family Memos

Kindergarten 2021-2022 Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 is now open. Please visit the Kindergarten page on the Zach website for information and registration link.

<https://zac.psd.schools.org/kindergarten-2021-2022>

Zach is Looking for Substitute Teachers

If you are interested in becoming a substitute teacher go to:

<https://www.psd.schools.org/careers/substitute-teachers>

for more information.

Volunteers

PSD is allowing us to have volunteers to support outdoor recess. We need regular volunteers to help supervise grade level at recess. Volunteers will be expected to wear an orange vest, mask and clear face shield, the school can provide.

Volunteers are expected to remain 6ft from all staff and students, except their own children of course. You will work closely with the grade level recess supervisors to support student engagement and activities. If you can commit to daily, weekly or anything in between of volunteer supervision, we would appreciate it.

Recess times we need support are as follows:

12:45-1:00pm (4th grade)

1:05-1:30pm (5th grade)

If interested, please email zachinfo@psdschools.org the days and times that you are available so we can put a schedule together. Thank you!

Computers 4 Africa

Computers4Africa needs your old laptops! Your contribution of retired technology will help create and sustain computer training, literacy, and CLEAN WATER in emerging nations. Traveling to Zambia in 2012, we saw the incredible need for computer training and lack of resources for an eager generation that is hungry to step into the global marketplace and began to supply refurbished laptops to schools, training centers and Bible colleges.

To date, **Computers4Africa** has placed laptop computers in Zambia, Botswana, Congo DR, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Nigeria, Sierra Leone as well as Mexico and Northern India.

As a Microsoft Registered Refurbisher, your donated equipment will be securely erased, reloaded, and prepared for shipment. Your donated laptops can be dropped off at Zach Elementary or pickup can be arranged. Contact John F. Clark at GreatThinkPads@live.com and please like our **Computers4Africa** Facebook page! Cash donations for shipping are also greatly appreciated.



Help for ParentVUE App

Please click on the link below for help with the ParentVUE app.

<https://techportal.psdschools.org/Guide/parentvue-using-your-parentvue-account-mobile-device>

STEM-X Summer Programs (ATTACHMENT)

PSD has revised the summer STEM-X Program. The elementary program will be for grades 3-5 only. Please see attached flyer for more information.

ATTACHMENTS

Updated COVID-19 Information

CMA's Testing Schedule

STEM-X



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We need your help!

PSD has experienced medical professionals, compassionate staff and health protocols in place, but only together can we build a shared culture of [health and safety to Keep PSD Open](#).

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Face covering requirements

PSD staff and students are [required to wear face coverings](#).

- Cloth face coverings may be removed during limited circumstances while following physical distancing, including approved outdoor "mask breaks," recess, eating and drinking.
- Face coverings should be clean, in good repair, include multiple layers of fabric and fit snugly.

Return to Learn illness guidance

PSD will align with [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\) Return to Learn guidance](#) for when staff and students may return to work and school after experiencing illness symptoms (not a COVID-19 case).

- These replace the previous iteration of illness protocols followed in the first semester.
- Neither staff nor students should come to work or school sick.

Social distancing updates in Phase 4

Six feet of social distance will not always be possible due to space limitations. [CDPHE](#) and the [Larimer County Department of Health and Environment \(LCDHE\)](#) allow schools to seat students between 3-6 feet apart. (see next page) Due to that change, plastic partitions will be used to separate students when distancing is a challenge.



How PSD will respond to COVID-19 cases

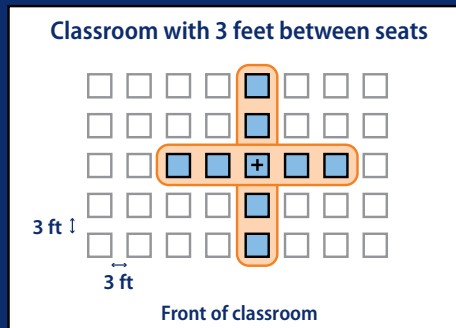
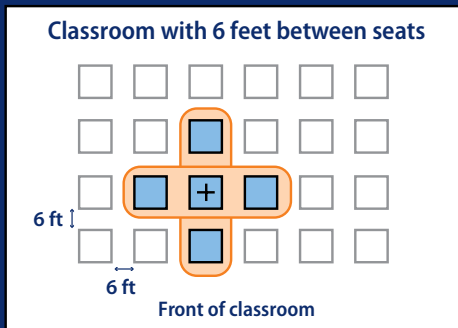
PSD will take different – but still **LCDHE**-approved – approaches to contact tracing by grade level in the second semester.

Enhanced contact tracing: Rather than investigating and identifying close contacts, all students in a classroom will shift to remote education for 10 days to prevent the possible spread of the virus. Staff members (homeroom teachers, paraprofessionals, etc.) identified as close contacts will also shift remote. All may return to school/work once cleared to do so.

Targeted contact tracing: PSD COVID-19 Response Teams investigate and identify possible close contacts (zero to X number); LCDHE issues orders to quarantine. Contact tracing happens in a classroom but also extends into lunchrooms, buses, athletics and other school-specific spaces.

Who is a close contact?

- Less than **6 feet** for more than **15 minutes**
- Maintaining **6 feet** or more of distance is not always possible within some PSD schools due to space constraints that are difficult to reconcile with educating more students more of the time.
- Recognizing this challenge, the **CDPHE** and **LCDHE** allow schools to seat students between **3-6 feet** apart.
- PSD will maximize social distancing whenever possible, with a goal of at least **6 feet**.



Every COVID-19 case investigation is unique and may require slightly varied responses. However, these graphics indicate generally which students may be identified as possible close contacts, depending on the size and set-up of the classroom. If a middle school student with five classes tests positive for COVID-19, there will likely be close contacts identified in each of their classes.

** Not to scale*



Temporary school closures:

This is new for the second semester. PSD leadership and Health Services staff will discuss with principals whether a temporary school closure is necessary when a school's case percentage goes **above 1%**, as displayed on **PSD's data dashboard**. Families should be prepared that their student's school may be affected by this new change and that they may receive little notice before a temporary closure occurs.

Data transparency: Each PSD department and school has a COVID-19 Response Team. PSD's COVID-19 data dashboards display data entered by COVID-19 response teams and are kept as current as possible on the [PSD COVID-19 Data and School Information web page](#).

Preschool/Elementary - will follow enhanced contact tracing

- **Why the change from targeted to enhanced contact tracing between first and second semester?** We do not believe PSD preschool/elementary COVID-19 Response Teams would be able to balance the significant workload of targeted contact tracing and keep our youngest

learners in school all day, every day.

- Although we recognize the remote shift is disruptive, this approach reduces case response work and allows staff to have the time to consistently deliver full-time in-person education.
- LCDHE will issue quarantine orders to students.

Middle and high school – will follow targeted contact tracing

- Targeted contact tracing in secondary schools second semester will look like it did first semester.
- School COVID-19 Response Teams will identify recommended possible close contacts of the infected individual and shift those people to remote teaching/learning for an Initial Assessment Period with LCDHE.
- At the end of the assessment period, LCDHE confirms close contacts and issues quarantine

orders (quarantine date may vary by person depending on exposure date to the positive individual).

- Targeted tracing is less disruptive and more sustainable at the secondary level. Enhanced tracing is thought to be more difficult for secondary teachers to manage, who engage with multiple classes in a day, compared with an elementary homeroom teacher who interacts with one.

Vaccinated individuals may not have to quarantine

As of February 2021, when PSD COVID-19 Response Teams conduct contact tracing investigations, they will submit names of all possible close contacts to LCDHE who will verify whether anyone has been fully vaccinated. Those who have a verified vaccination status will not have to quarantine.

Asymptomatic close contacts have option of shortened quarantine

As allowed by public health guidance, asymptomatic PSD staff and student close contacts can voluntarily end their quarantines early if they meet strict criteria and are approved to do so. This goes into effect March 22 and is a change from PSD's previous protocols. [More information >>](#)



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Quarantining during the second semester

Poudre School District's [protocols](#) for voluntary shortened
quarantines, meeting public health criteria

Quarantine vs. Isolation: Both help slow the spread of COVID-19

Quarantine: *stay home*

- For anyone who is a close contact of someone with COVID-19; health department issues legal orders
- **10 days** from last date of exposure in most instances
- **14 days** from last date of exposure if case involves a COVID-19 variant
- Cannot participate in PSD or non-PSD athletics, activities, etc.
- **New for second semester:** When PSD COVID-19 Response Teams conduct contact tracing investigations, they will submit names of all possible close contacts of a case to LCDHE. LCDHE will verify whether anyone on the list has been fully vaccinated. Those who have a verified vaccination status will not have to quarantine.

Isolation: *stay away* from other people, including in your household

- For anyone diagnosed with COVID-19; health department issues legal orders
- **10 days** from the date symptoms started until symptoms improve and at least **24 hours fever-free** without using fever-reducing medicines; can return to activities on **11th day**
- If no symptoms, isolate **10 days** from date you were tested, returning to activities on **11th day**
- Cannot participate in PSD or non-PSD athletics, activities, etc.
- Testing is not required or recommended to leave isolation because it is possible to test positive for up to 90 days after recovering, even though you are no longer able to spread the virus to others



PSD's new quarantine protocols

As allowed by [county](#) and state public health guidance effective March 22, asymptomatic staff and student close contacts can voluntarily end their quarantines early if they meet strict criteria and are approved by PSD COVID-19 Response Teams to do so.



When asymptomatic close contacts *can* leave quarantine early

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) accepts two alternative options for quarantine:

- **7-day option:** if no symptoms, a person may quarantine for 7 days and return to normal activities on day 8 if a negative test was collected within the previous 48 hours (on day 6 or later).
- **10-day option:** if it has been 10 days since a person was exposed and they do not have symptoms, they can return to normal activities on day 11 without a test.
- Test negative on any (PCR, BinaxNOW, Abbott ID NOW, etc.) COVID-19 test
- Start the process by contacting the respective department or school COVID-19 Response Team. Written documentation of negative test results is required
- Obtain approval from PSD COVID-19 Response Team before ending quarantine early and returning to school or work



Note: Symptomatic close contacts of a case must either isolate for 10 days from symptom onset (if they test negative after symptom onset) or quarantine for 14 days. Those with illness symptoms should follow [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\) Return to Learn guidance](#) for schools.



When asymptomatic close contacts *cannot* return early

The option to end quarantine and return to PSD classes and athletics/extracurricular activities early only applies to cases where a student may access a class and/or activity in-person.

- In elementary schools, all students in a classroom are shifted to remote education for 10 days from the last date of exposure to a COVID-19 case. During this time, the educational option is remote learning. **Students may not "test back" into class early because the classroom will remain closed to all until a date communicated by the school.**
- If an elementary classroom is open to in-person learning, an elementary student could be cleared to complete quarantine early and return to class. E.g. Student is identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case in their household but there is no case at school, so the class isn't shifted to remote learning.
- If a case involves a COVID-19 variant (see Quarantine vs. Isolation for more).



PSD believes access to education is critical to student success. This change also aligns with the CDPHE's recent loosening of organized sports guidelines. Additionally, the [Larimer County Department of Health and Environment \(LCDHE\)](#) has reported that more students who test positive for COVID-19 but are asymptomatic have been discovered because they were tested as part of the process to end their quarantines early at other schools in the county that have already implemented this protocol.



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Vaccinations, PPE and quarantines

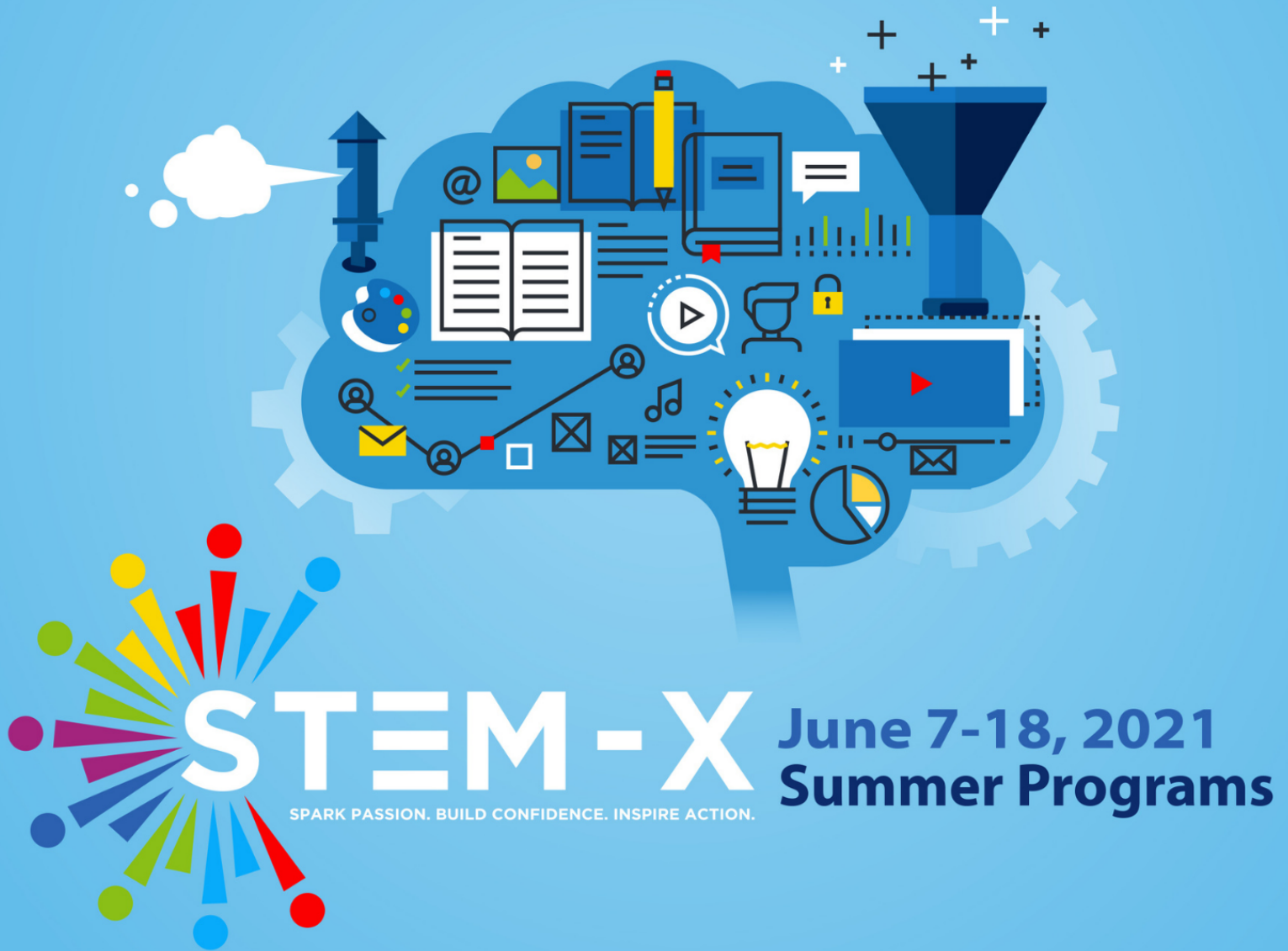
Vaccinated individuals will continue to follow all health and safety and personal protective equipment guidelines.

[LCDHE](#) is following CDC guidance for fully vaccinated individuals (14 days after final dose: Refrain from quarantine if not symptomatic). When there is a COVID-19 case, the respective PSD department or school COVID-19 Response Team (CRTs) will conduct a contact tracing investigation

with LCDHE. CRTs submit information to LCDHE for any one identified as a possible close contact of the case. LCDHE will verify state vaccination records to determine whether anyone on the list is fully vaccinated. If they are, that individual will not be quarantined.

2021 CMAS Testing School Schedule (3.25.21)
School: Zach Elementary

MON March 29 (ELA & Math)	TUES March 30 (ELA & Math)	WED March 31 (ELA & Math)	THUR Apr 1 (ELA & Math)	FRI Apr 2 (ELA & Math)
MON Apr 5 (ELA & Math)	TUE Apr 6 (ELA & Math) 5 th ELA 9:10-11:40	WED April 7 (ELA & Math) 5 th ELA 9:10-11:40	THUR April 8 (ELA & Math) 5 th ELA 9:10-11:40	FRI April 9 (ELA & Math)
MON April 12 (All CMAS)	TUE April 13 (All CMAS) 3 rd ELA 8:30-11:00 4 th ELA 8:30-10:30 5 th Science 9:10-11:40	WED April 14 (All CMAS) 3 rd ELA 8:30-11:00 4 th ELA 8:30-10:30 5 th Science 9:10-11:40	THUR April 15 (All CMAS) 3 rd ELA 8:30-11:00 4 th ELA 8:30-10:30 5 th Science 9:10-11:40	FRI April 16 (NO SCHOOL)
MON April 19 (NO SCHOOL)	TUE April 20 (All CMAS) 4 th Math 8:30-10:00	WED April 21 (All CMAS) 3 rd Math 8:30-11:00 4 th Math 8:30-10:00 5 th Math 9:10-11:40	THUR April 22 (All CMAS) 3 rd Math 8:30-11:00 4 th Math 8:30-10:00 5 th Math 9:10-11:40	FRI April 23 (All CMAS) 3 rd Math 8:30-11:00 5 th Math 9:10-11:40
April 26 (Make-Ups)	April 27 (Make-Ups)	April 28 (Make-Ups)	April 29 (Make-Ups)	April 30 (Make-Ups)



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