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ZACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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**Zach**

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## Resource Links for Parents

Zach Website [zac.psdschools.org](http://zac.psdschools.org)

PSD Website <https://www.psdschools.org/>

COVID Information  
<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/COVID19schoolstatus>

ParentVUE [https://pvue.psdschools.org/PXP2\\_Login.aspx](https://pvue.psdschools.org/PXP2_Login.aspx)

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ZachElementarySchool/>

Online How To's <https://zac.psdschools.org/online-how-tos>

Staff Emails <https://zac.psdschools.org/directory>

PTO <https://zac.psdschools.org/pto-and-sac>

School Meals  
<https://psdschools.nutrislice.com/menu/zach-core-knowledge-school>

Zach Calendar <https://zac.psdschools.org/calendar>



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## 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 receive report cards at the end of each semester in both January and June.

## COVID Contact Tracing

Our school will continue contact tracing students through early December. We need to ensure that if any students were in school this week, who develop symptoms in the next 14 days, we are able to notify any close contacts within the homeroom. If you child develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID thru Dec 4, please email [taisha@psdschools.org](mailto:taisha@psdschools.org).

Thank you!

## 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](http://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](mailto:rroberso@psdschools.org)

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## 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.



## Lunch & Breakfast Meals @Zach

Lunch & Breakfast meals can be picked up @Zach or Kinard 11:00am-1:00pm Monday-Friday. A student name and ID# is required to pick up a meal. The student does not need to be present to pick up a meal. For pickup at Zach, enter through the playground gate and go to the south cafeteria door.

Snow is falling  
and books are  
calling...

## 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>



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## ROAR Matrix - Remote Learning

	<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



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# Preston Middle School Transition Series

2020-2021



## DECEMBER 2020

12/10 - 5:00PM OR 12/11 - 11:00AM

### Puma 101

Meet our Principal, Administration, and Counseling teams, and several of our Preston teachers. Learn more about Preston and all that we have to offer. We will share general information including our course offerings, daily schedule, clubs, athletics, and much more!

## JANUARY 2021

1/5 - 5:00PM

### Open House

We invite families and students to experience what makes Preston an incredible middle school. Enjoy opening remarks from our Principal, Amy Schmer, meet our amazing teachers, and hear firsthand about the student experience.

## FEBRUARY 2021

2/1 - 2/5 FEEDER ELEMENTARY VISITS  
2/9 - OPTIONAL Q&A - 5:00PM

### Registration

Preston Counselors will present 6th Grade registration information, distribute course selection material, talk about what to expect in 6th grade, and talk about life as a 6th grader at Preston Middle School.

## APRIL 2021

4/27 - 5:00PM

### Connect with a Counselor

Meet our Counseling Team to ask registration questions and clarify the course selection process.

## MAY 2021

### 5th Grade Welcome

5th grade students will meet our 6th grade teachers, tour the building, and show their Puma Pride!

## EVENT DETAILS

All events will be held virtually. Visit our 6th Grade Transition website for more information.

<https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/6thgradetransition/home>

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## Kinard Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Events & Dates

### ★ PARENT VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS:

*December 11<sup>th</sup> - 10:00-11:00 a.m.*

*December 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-7:30 p.m.*

*January 8<sup>th</sup> - 10:00-11:00 a.m.*

Can't make one of the evenings above? We will also be hosting virtual meetings for all prospective parents at the following times. Link to join the meeting will be shared in email and on our website: <https://kin.pdschools.org/>

### ★ INCOMING 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE VIRTUAL FAMILY NIGHT:

*January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.*

This evening is designed for parents and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to learn about Kinard's curriculum, culture, and overall student experience.

### ★ SCHOOL CHOICE 1<sup>st</sup> ROUND DEADLINE:

*January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 p.m.*

All students are required to complete this online process in order to be considered for enrollment at Kinard. Visit the Kinard website (<https://kin.pdschools.org/>) and click on "Enroll Here" to apply.

Visit our website at <https://kin.pdschools.org/> for additional information and opportunities to learn more.

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## Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School

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## Angel Tree

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## Zach Breakfast and Lunch Menus

# December 2020

Zach Remote Site  
Breakfast

### MONDAY

### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

### THURSDAY

### FRIDAY

**1**

- WGR Pumpkin Bread or Seasonal Loaf Bread
- Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Lowfat Milk
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**2**

- Cereal Variety
- Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Lowfat Milk
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**3**

- Muffin: Assorted Flavors
- Fresh Berries, or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Lowfat Milk
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**4**

- WW Bagel & cream cheese
- Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Lowfat Milk
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**7**

- Muffin: Assorted Flavors
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Lowfat Milk
- Yogurt
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**8**

- Breakfast Round
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Lowfat Milk
- Yogurt
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**9**

- WGR Grahamz Crackers
- Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute
- Lowfat Milk
- Yogurt
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**10**

- WW Bagel & cream cheese
- Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute
- Lowfat Milk
- Yogurt
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**11**

- WGR Pumpkin Bread or Seasonal Loaf Bread
- Fresh Berries, or Substitute
- Lowfat Milk
- Yogurt
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**14**

- Breakfast Round
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Lowfat Milk
- Yogurt
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**15**

- Muffin: Assorted Flavors
- Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute
- Lowfat Milk
- Yogurt
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**16**

- WW Bagel & cream cheese
- Fresh Berries, or Substitute
- Lowfat Milk
- Yogurt
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**17**

- WGR Grahamz Crackers
- Fresh Berries, or Substitute
- Lowfat Milk
- Yogurt
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**18**

- Cereal Variety
- Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute
- Lowfat Milk
- Yogurt
- Apple Juice, or Variety

**21**
**22**

- No School Today

**23**

- No School Today

**24**

- No School Today

**25**

- No School Today


**28**

- No School Today

**29**

- No School Today

**30**

- No School Today

**31**

- No School Today

## Zach Breakfast and Lunch Menus, continued...

# December 2020

Zach Remote Site  
Lunch

**MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****1**

- Cheese Pizza
- Yogurt Parfait
- Fresh Berries, or Substitute
- Snap Peas & Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**2**

- Chicken Nuggets
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Fresh Pear
- Cherry Tomatoes & Celery Sticks or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**3**

- Cheeseburger
- Cold Deli Yogurt with Goldfish
- Grapes
- Salad with dressing
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**4**

- Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**7**

- Cheese Ravioli & Goldfish Crackers
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Grapes
- Snap Peas & Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**8**

- Pepperoni Pizza
- Yogurt Parfait
- Applesauce & Fruit Cup or Substitute
- Carrots & Celery Sticks, or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**9**

- Chicken Burrito
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Fresh Berries or Substitute
- Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**10**

- Mac & Cheese
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Fresh Pear
- Cherry Tomatoes & Cucumber Slices or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**11**

- Chicken Drumstick with Goldfish
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Salad with dressing
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**14**

- Cheese Pizza
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Fresh Berries, or Substitute
- Carrots & Celery Sticks, or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**15**

- Cheese Calzone & Marinara
- Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Snap Peas & Red Bell Peppers, or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**16**

- Cheeseburger
- Yogurt Parfait
- Fresh Pear
- Cherry Tomatoes & Cucumber Slices or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**17**

- Chicken Strips & Goldfish
- Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
- Grapes
- Salad with dressing
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**18**

- Chicken Drumstick with Goldfish
- Pb&J Sandwich
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Fresh Broccoli, or Substitute
- Yogurt
- Chocolate Milk

**21****22**

- No School Today

**23**

- No School Today

**24**

- No School Today

**25**

- No School Today

**28**

- No School Today

**29**

- No School Today

**30**

- No School Today

**31**

- No School Today





## Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, December 1**

8:15am K-5 @ZOLA  
 11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Wednesday, December 2**

8:15am K-5 @ZOLA  
 11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Thursday, December 3**

8:15am K-5 @ZOLA  
 11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Friday, December 4**

8:15am Homeroom Check-in  
 11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Monday, December 7**

8:15am K-5 @ZOLA  
 11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Tuesday, December 8**

8:15am K-5 @ZOLA  
 11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Wednesday, December 9**

8:15am K-5 @ZOLA  
 11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Thursday, December 10**

8:15am K-5 @ZOLA  
 11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Friday, December 11**

8:15am Homeroom Check-in  
 11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Monday, December 14**

8:15am K-5 @ZOLA  
 11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Tuesday, December 15**

8:15am K-5 @ZOLA  
 11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Wednesday, December 16**

8:15am K-5 @ZOLA  
 11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Thursday, December 17**

8:15am K-5 @ZOLA  
 11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Friday, December 18**

11:00am Lunch & Breakfast Meals Available  
 @Zach & Kinard

**Monday, December 21**

Winter Break

**Tuesday, December 22**

Winter Break

**Wednesday, December 23**

Winter Break

**Thursday, December 24**

Winter Break

**Friday, December 25**

Winter Break

**Monday, December 28**

Winter Break

**Tuesday, December 29**

Winter Break

**Wednesday, December 30**

Winter Break

**Thursday, December 31**

Winter Break