



PPSEL Newsletter

**Veteran's Day
Assembly Nov. 12th!!!**

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Remember, to stay on top of all the current goings on at PPSEL, be sure to subscribe to our official Facebook page!
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IMPORTANT

DATES:

- **Nov. 2nd - M.S. Dance 12:30-2:30pm**
- **Nov. 9th– Skate City**
- **Nov. 19th-23rd - Thanksgiving Break**
- **Dec. 17th - Concert @ Sand Creek High School**
- **Dec 20th– Gallery Night 5:00-7:00pm**

FIELD WORKS

- **Nov. 2nd - 7/8 Band**
- **Nov. 6th - 1st Grade**
- **Nov. 7th - 2nd Grade**
- **Nov. 13th - 3rd and 4th Grade**
- **Nov. 29th - 1st and 2nd Grade**

A Note From Mr. Knapp

PPSEL performs best in the district according to the state of Colorado! The state evaluates schools based on their performance on state testing. We are given scores for academic achievement and academic growth in Math, English Language Arts, and Science. These scores are placed on a School Performance Framework. PPSEL outperformed every other school in the district on this framework. We are so proud of the work that we are doing and its impact on students. We don't do a lot of test preparation like some schools, we simply stay true to our model of EL Education and trust that our methods will bring about results, and they do! Our students get exposure to real world experiences through experts, fieldwork, group work, projects, and many other things. We believe this gives students real life skills that go beyond tests and "school formats" that aren't encountered as adults. We love that we give students these skills that they can use to perform well with whatever they are faced with. It's great to be part of PPSEL!

In The Know...

PowerSchool is our new Student Information System. It is a super convenient way to check grades, attendance, and other important info. To login go to <https://d49.powerschool.com/public/>. If you have any questions please contact the PPSEL Office.

SAFETY CORNER

To brush up on our parking lot procedures please visit <https://www.ppsel.org/parking-lot-procedure-map/>

Meet Our Staff

Ms. Savannah is our helpful friend in the Nurse's office. She joined us at the beginning of the year, and we be are super thankful to have her around!



COMMUNITY NEWS

- *The PTO Coat Drive will be taking place from Oct. 1st-Nov. 16th. Please bring in any new or gently used warm items to donate to the Spring's Rescue Mission. The donation bin is located in the front atrium.
- *Our school-wide food drive will be from Oct. 22nd-Nov. 5th. It will benefit the Helping Hands Food Pantry. A reward will be given to the class that collects the most.
- *The Giving Tree will be up in the foyer from Nov. 13th-Dec. 4th.



IN THE CLASSROOM



1st and 2nd grade classes diving deep into their expedition with fish dissections!

Daylight Savings is on Nov. 4th! Don't forget to "Fall Back".

With cooler temps coming our way, be sure to sign up for weather alerts via our PPSEL app, Flash Alert, and/or become part of our Google Group by emailing don.knapp@ppsel.org.

Fieldwork Spotlight

5th Grade visited Pikes Peak Urban Gardens at Harlan Wolfe Ranch. They helped weed, winterize, and prepare for Fall garden beds. This ties into their expedition "PPSEL Environmental Action Plan".



Did you know...Our students have their own newspaper? It is called *PPSEL INK*.

From the Office

*Expedition fees are due every semester in August and January. If you are unsure if you owe, please email theppseloffice@ppsel.org for a balance.

*Attendance can now be submitted online! You can either go on the website www.ppsel.org, or download our Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning app!

*Impact Aid forms went home on October 30th. The office needs these forms back to the office no later than November 16th.

PPSEL Pride

These fine PPSEL students were caught using their Character Traits. Great job, Megan and Gavin!



PPSEL Character Traits

Compassion

Self-Discipline

Respect

Craftsmanship

Integrity

How have you shown your traits today?

Excellence In All We

Do!

Have a great Thanksgiving Break!