



## IMPORTANT

### DATES:

- March 7th - 4th Grade Recorder Concert 6pm
- March 8th - Skate City
- March 12th - 2nd Grade Choir Concert 6pm
- March 18th-29th - Spring Break

## FIELD WORKS

- March 7th - Kinder
- March 12th - 3rd/4th Grade
- March 14th - 1st/2nd Grade



## N(M)EWS

- Pricing for the yearbook is now \$26.50 for softcover and \$31 for hardcover. To order, visit [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) with code 13404919. Order Deadline is March 15th.



# PPSEL Newsletter

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## *Mission and Vision*

**Mission:** Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning's mission is to develop motivated, independently thinking individuals who demonstrate strong character, academic achievement, social confidence and service to the community by utilizing the Expeditionary Learning Model.

**Vision:** Our vision is to be a community that actively cultivates character in a challenging and engaging learning environment.

## *A Note From Mr. Knapp*

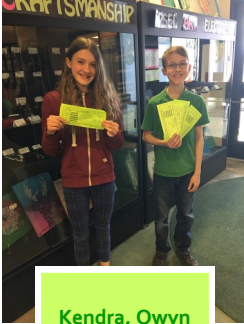
Why does PPSEL teach the way that we do?

Education has turned into a lot of testing and learning how to test. This means a lot of memorizing and robotically doing tasks. At PPSEL, we try to give students a more authentic learning experience. In life, there is very little memorizing and very little testing, but the emphasis is on the quality of the work that you do. Rather than memorizing, we give students opportunities to interact with texts and content, asking questions, synthesizing information, and critically thinking. Rather than "school formats" like worksheets and test, we believe in trying to also provide hands-on experiences that mirror those of the real world. We give our students skills that extend beyond "school formats" to things that they will find in the real world—the thing that school is supposed to prepare you for. We love what we do at PPSEL and the authenticity of our practices.

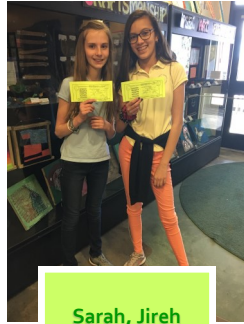
Remember, to stay on top of all the current goings on at PPSEL, be sure to subscribe to our official Facebook page!  
@PPSELSchool

### PPSEL Pride

These fine PPSEL students were caught using their Character Traits and were rewarded with Character Bucks. Great job! Thank you for making our school an even more awesome place!



Kendra, Owyn



Sarah, Jireh

### Faces of PPSEL

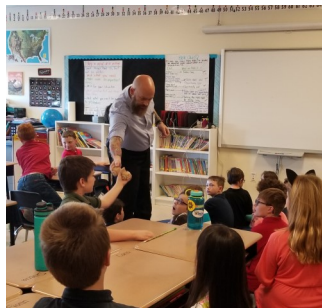
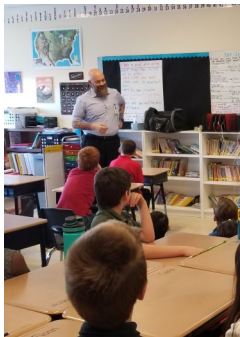
#### Brian Barbera - Dean of Students



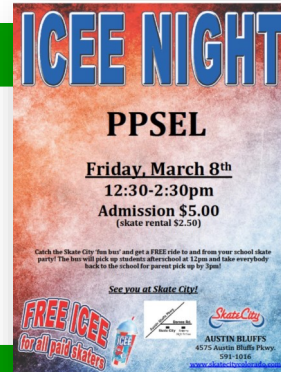
My job is to support PPSEL students and families. I am here to help create a positive learning environment for all of our students. I have also been known to collect character bucks from our amazing students that demonstrate the character traits our school represents.

Thank you, Mr. Barbera, for all you do here at PPSEL!

### IN THE CLASSROOMS



Our own Mr. Brent spent some time in 3rd and 4th grade as an expert speaker. He explained his woodworking business and showed the students examples of his handiwork. He gave students ideas for their own businesses and product.



### From the Office

\* If you have an 8th grader that will be moving on to high school next year, please email [theppseloffice@ppsel.org](mailto:theppseloffice@ppsel.org) to let us know where your student is going.

