

# Powel Parent News

January 2021



**January** Need technology assistance? [Get Technology Support Here](#)

Grab and Go Meals can be picked up on Fridays from 9 am - 2 pm [Grab & Go Location](#)

**Did you know?** Even though the building is CLOSED, you can reach our secretary, **Mrs. Felder** on the school's phone line **(215-400-7740)** each day between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm -

| Sunday    | Monday                                    | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday |
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|           |   |  |  |   | 1<br><b>Happy New Year!</b>   | 2        |
| 3         | 4<br><b>Welcome Back to School!</b>       | 5  | 6  | 7<br><b>Parent Workshop:</b><br>Parenting in a Pandemic<br><br>11:30 - 12:30    | 8<br><b>School Spirit Day!</b><br><br>Wear Read & White                         | 9        |
| 10        | 11  | 12   | 13   | 14<br><b>Superhero Day</b><br><br>Come to class dressed like your favorite hero | 15<br><b>School Spirit Day!</b><br><br>Wear Red & White (Half Day for Students) | 16       |
| 17        | 18<br><b>MLK Day</b><br><br>School Closed | 19<br><b>Home &amp; School Mtg</b><br>6:00 pm  | 20<br><b>Crazy Hat Day</b><br><br>Come to class wearing your favorite crazy hat<br><br><b>SAC Meeting</b><br>3:30 pm | 21  | 22<br><b>School Spirit Day!</b><br><br>Wear Red & White                         | 23       |
| 23/<br>31 | 25  | 26<br><b>Disney Day</b><br><br>Come to class dressed like your favorite Disney character | 27<br><b>Quarter 2 Ends</b><br><br>(Report Cards Conferences are February 3rd - 5th)                                 | 28  | 29<br><b>School Spirit Day!</b><br><br>Wear Red & White                         | 30       |

## Happy New Year!

A new year is always a great time to reflect and reset. So in 2021, as we prepare to move into the new Powel School building, we will simultaneously be restoring many of the beloved traditions that were in place in our first home - those practices that contributed to the fun, student centered culture and intangible spirit that is so uniquely Powel. This includes morning announcements, assemblies, special events, shout outs and spirit days.

Of course, since we are still virtual (until further notice) these days and events will look slightly different, but the purpose is still the same - to recognize and celebrate growth and success, to display all the wonderful things students are learning and doing, to ensure that school is fun and to live up to our goal of making **Powel a place of LOVE and LEARNING!**

Stay tuned for more details.



**SHOUT OUT** to the following parent volunteers who will serve as **Parent PALs** for this school year:

### Kindergarten

Teacher Carter: Mercedes White (Imir Byrd)

Teacher Hendricks: Cherym Smiley (Janaad Ali)

### First Grade

Teacher Amy: Sheasma Paige (Bella Scober)

Teacher H: Dionne Issacs (Demi, Dior Wilson-Isaacs)

### Second Grade

Teacher Gill: Melissa Baird (Makari Baird)

### Third Grade

Teacher McBride: Laneice Williams (Eli Williams)

Teacher Ridgway: Fiona Golden (Elijah Golden)

**Parent PALs** are still needed for both 4th grade classes, as well as Teacher Jackie's class.

If you agree that **great schools need parents who are informed and involved** and have an hour a week to volunteer, we would love to hear from you.

Please email Ms. Coleman, School Social Worker at [lmcoleman@philasd.org](mailto:lmcoleman@philasd.org), if you are interested.



## New School Update

## Who to call if...

*In most instances, your child's teacher should be your first point of contact.*

### Classroom Teacher

- Instruction (e.g. homework, grade expectations, curriculum & content, upcoming assessments)
- Classroom Culture (e.g. classroom management practices, behavior expectations, field trips)
- Student Progress/Grades (e.g. academic performance, reading levels, report cards)

### Computer Support Specialist - Diana Nguyen

[dnguyen@cisphl.org](mailto:dnguyen@cisphl.org)

- Technology Questions
- Connectivity Issues
- Chromebook Repair

### Counselor – Pamela Turner Bunyon

[pjturnbunyon@philasd.org](mailto:pjturnbunyon@philasd.org)

- Bullying/Harassment
- Social Emotional Learning (e.g. mindfulness, navigating big feelings, getting along with others)
- Kindergarten & Middle School Selection Process

### Social Worker & STEP Coordinator – Lisa Coleman

[lmcoleman@philasd.org](mailto:lmcoleman@philasd.org)

- Therapy and Small Group Counseling for Students
- Behavior Health Support/Resources
- Student Supports (e.g. tutoring, summer programs, connecting to outside agencies)
- Family Supports (e.g. community resources, housing, clothing, financial services)

### Nurse – Robin Scott

[rscott@philasd.org](mailto:rscott@philasd.org)

- Requests to Administer Medication in School
- Immunization
- Student Health Concerns

### School Secretary – Jeanette Felder Hadley

[jfelder@philasd.org](mailto:jfelder@philasd.org)

- Registration Requirements

Progress continues on the new building, which is located at 3610 Warren St.

With the construction phase now complete, landscaping has begun, and the school has been wired for phone lines and technology.

Furniture will be delivered and assembled beginning the week of January 11th and should be completed by January 26th, and materials from the original Powel will be moved to their new home the week of January 18th.

We are looking forward to making many new and wonderful memories in our new location!

- Changes in Emergency Contact Information
- Student Attendance/Absence Letters

**Special Education Liaison – Tara Shaw**  
**tshaw@philasd.org**

- Requests for Testing
- Services for Students with IEPs or 504 Plans

**Principal – Kimberly Ellerbee**  
**kellerbee@philasd.org**

- Documentation of Custody Orders
- School Safety Issues
- School or District Policy/Procedures
- Any Unaddressed/Unresolved Questions/Concerns