



# PUEBLO NEWS

July 10, 2023

## — WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

### Pueblo Meet the Teacher Information

July 17

WEB Orientation for incoming 6th Graders  
Meet the Teacher

July 19

First Day of School - No Early Release

Dear Bulldog Families,

I hope that you have all enjoyed a restful summer break. We are looking forward to seeing our returning students and can't wait to meet our new 6th grade Bulldogs. Please read below to learn about how you can be prepared for the upcoming school year.

### MEET THE TEACHER

This event will take place on Monday, July 17 with gates opening at 12:50 pm.

- 6th grade students and families will visit classrooms at Pueblo from 1:00 - 2:20
- 7th and 8th grade families will come to Pueblo from 2:40 - 4:00

We are encouraging students and parents to access schedules in advance through ParentVue. These will be available on Monday, July 17 at approximately 10:00 AM. *In an effort to save*

*paper and reduce crowding, we **WILL NOT** be passing out paper copies of student schedules.*

Please consider adding the [ParentVUE](#) mobile app to your phone for easy access. If for some reason you cannot access your child's schedule through [ParentVUE](#) please contact the Pueblo front office at 480-541-6800, during our [posted office hours](#).

Students will be following their schedules and meeting teachers during designated times. We will email specific times later this week and will also be providing event schedules and map hand-outs at the event. It is important that we stick to the schedule to keep everything running on time and to avoid overcrowding.

This is not an open-house event and we appreciate your help with not congregating and socializing inside the classrooms. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Schedule changes will only be considered in cases where a student is scheduled into a class that is the wrong level or is missing a class. We will have a schedule correction form available for parents to submit if this is the case.

### **WEB - 6th GRADE ORIENTATION**

On July 17 our 6th grade Bulldogs are invited to come to Pueblo to meet their WEB leaders and some of our teachers and administrators. WEB, which stands for Where Everybody Belongs, is a nationally recognized middle school orientation, transition, and mentoring program. WEB involves 8th grade students being trained as leaders and mentors to help welcome and develop positive friendships with our new 6th grade students. You should receive a letter from Pueblo in the mail this week with information regarding this event. If you have any questions please contact the Pueblo front office at 480-541-6800 or email Haleigh Gettings at [hgettings@kyrene.org](mailto:hgettings@kyrene.org).

### **SUPPLY LIST**

The Supply List includes recommended supplies for each grade level. These are not required on the first day of school and if families need help acquiring any of the suggested items please contact the Pueblo office. Additional supplies may be requested throughout the school year and specifically for some of our elective classes. Thank you for helping to prepare your child for school.

Students that have registered for Band will need the following items.

- 1 inch black binder with clear view front and inside pockets
- Pencil pouch with 3 holes to go inside the binder
- 5 dividers
- Sharpened pencils (mechanical are fine)
- Sheet protectors (50 pack is good)

### **STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES**

If you plan on [dropping off or picking up](#) your child from Pueblo you will use the front office parking lot. Students should not be dropped before 7:50 am, as there is no supervision before that time. Please pull all the way forward and drop your child off at the end of the parking lot. In order to keep things moving, have your child gather their supplies and say their goodbyes quickly when you are dropping off. We appreciate your help with keeping the line moving as fast as possible.

When picking your child up, please follow the same procedure and pull all the way forward to the end of the parking lot. Once your child is in the car you can move into the passing middle lane and exit the parking lot, allowing other cars to pull forward. The beginning of the school year is always busy during these times as everyone is figuring out the process and routines. Thank you in advance for your patience.

### [Drop-off and Pick Up Map](#)

*Please note the signs on Twelve Oaks Blvd. which indicate that there should be no stopping or parking during school hours and remember it is unsafe to make U-turns in a school zone.*

## **ATTENDANCE LINE**

Pueblo Middle School is equipped with a computerized telephone attendance reporting system.

**The absence reporting phone number is 480-541-6801 and may be called 24 hours a day.**

Parents/guardians are asked to call the attendance office by 9:00 AM each day that their child is absent. Please leave a message on the voice mail indicating the student's name, grade, date(s) of the absence and reason for the absence. If we do not receive a parent phone call, the student's absence will be recorded as a truancy.

### [Pueblo Absence Reporting and Tardy Policy](#)

NOTE: Parents MUST call the attendance line within 24 hours of an absence, even if they spoke to the health office, or if they told a teacher, we cannot excuse any absences until we receive a message from the parent/guardian.

## **TEXT MESSAGE COMMUNICATIONS**

Families are encouraged to opt in for our Kyrene School District and school based text message for reminders and notifications. You can sign up to receive text message alerts by texting "Y" or "yes" to 67587. This is something that needs to be done every year.

## **ParentVUE MOBILE APP & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The ParentVUE Mobile application helps parents stay informed and connected by providing day-to-day insight into their child's academic experience. ParentVUE Mobile for the iPhone/iPod Touch works with the Synergy™ student information system in much the same way as the ParentVUE web portal, allowing parents to access near real-time information on assignments and scores, attendance, and demographic information. ParentVUE offers parents a single sign-on to view all of their children's information regardless of school. Go to ParentVUE Mobile App for [directions and login](#).

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Families can access information regarding Bus Routes and Bus Safety by visiting the Kyrene webpage and looking under the Parent Tab. This [link](#) will take you directly to the transportation page.

## ATHLETICS/CLUBS

For information about registration for Athletics please visit the Kyrene webpage and look under the Programs and Services tab. If you have any questions about Pueblo Athletics please visit the Pueblo Athletics homepage or contact Erin Gray in student services in our Pueblo front office at 480-541-6804.

1st Quarter Sports: boys soccer, girls volleyball, cross country.

2nd Quarter Sports: boys basketball, girls soccer, softball, wrestling, cheer.

3rd Quarter Sports: girls basketball, baseball.

4th Quarter Sports: track and field.

There will be opportunities throughout the year for students to get involved in clubs. Students can find information by way of our daily announcements and Bulldog TV. Parents can find information in the weekly Bulldog Newsletter on our school webpage.

## PBIS DONATIONS

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a school-wide process for creating positive and safe environments that are predictable, encouraging, and effective for achieving academic success and reaching social goals.

Here at Pueblo Middle School, we focus our efforts on helping all children exceed their potential by teaching to and supporting the whole child. We believe in our students and recognize that they are simply fantastic with the majority of students following our school expectations. When they do this, we want to recognize these positive behaviors by issuing students “Dawg Tags”.

PBIS helps us as staff acknowledge our students’ efforts daily as they demonstrate their best. Through instruction, comprehension and regular practice, all teachers, staff members, and students use and follow a consistent set of behavior expectations and routines across all school settings. All students are directly and explicitly taught school expectations throughout the school year to continually ensure understanding. At times, students may make choices that are not positive. When this happens, we view it as an opportunity for re-teaching.

We have adopted a unified set of expectations in all common areas which you will see posted throughout the school. Students are recognized daily with online “Dawg Tags” for practicing the

7 Habits and remembering to:

**Be Respectful**  
**Act Responsibly**  
**Remember Safety**  
**Kindness Matters**

Students will have the opportunity to earn dawg tags when they are “caught” demonstrating appropriate behavior. These can be cashed in for prizes and snacks every Wednesday at the PBIS cart during lunch. We are asking for donations to help stock our PBIS store. Items such as small gift cards (\$5 & \$10), earbuds, bags of chips, individually packaged snacks, and cans of sparkling water would be greatly appreciated.

## ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL

Kyrene School District has a convenient new payment portal for parents to pay for everything from athletics to field trips. The InTouch Payment Portal will provide parents with digital receipts for all transactions. You can even use it to make this year's tax credit donation to the school of your choice. Register once and use the portal all year. For directions to set up your account, please click: [Intouch Parent Instructions](#)

## **FOOD SERVICES**

In order to determine if your student qualifies for free or reduced price meals, we ask that all families complete the free and reduced meal application located at [family.titank12.com](http://family.titank12.com). To begin your application click here. Meal payments can be made on the [InTouch Payment Portal](#) this year. Parents can view meal balances or pay by check/cash at schools. Free & Reduced lunch applications are available at school sites or contact Maribel Olivas-Smith, NSLP Specialist, for meal account issues by phone at 480-541-1350 or email at [kbs@kyrene.org](mailto:kbs@kyrene.org).

## **PTO MEMBERSHIP**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing PTO board members. We are grateful for their support last year and look forward to working with them again this coming school year. If you are interested in getting involved with the Pueblo PTO, this year's first PTO meeting will take place at Pueblo on **Monday, August 8 at 9:00 AM** in our Media Center.

President - Amanda Ohlgren  
Treasurer - Heidi Nechtman  
Secretary - Sofia Preston

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## **Contact Us**

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**School Hours:** 8:20 am – 3:05 pm  
*Every Wednesday at 1:05 pm*

**Office Hours:** 7:30 am – 4:00 pm  
*Every Wednesday at 2:00 pm*

***Be sure to bookmark our Pueblo website.***

