

STEM Focus School

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics



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POLTON'S PRINCIPAL PERSPECTIVE

+20° = BUNDLE UP FOR RECESS

It is important to remember that from now until possibly the end of April, the middle of May, or (it could happen)...the beginning of June, our weather "IS" unpredictable. You may wake up to 60-70 degree warmth, and within an hour it could be snowing, or raining, hailing or just very very cold! Even though it may be cold outside however, recess does go on. Recess is cancelled only when the temperature drops below 20 degrees including wind chill, or when the weather is wet. At all other times, children will continue to go outside. Some parents send their child to school and request that s/he stay indoors due to the sniffles or a slight cold, etc. With 460 students, honoring this request would be virtually impossible. As with all other elementary schools, we generally go by the principle that if your children are well enough to come to school, they are well enough for recess. Can you believe that with the temperature changing so quickly during the day, many children are still arriving without coats or jackets, and others are still wearing shorts and short sleeves? Don't count on the weather (after all this "IS" Colorado), bundle them up for school, bundle them up for health, bundle them up for recess!

Richie Strickland
Principal



Winter


POLTON Prints



POLTON CALENDAR

December	6	4th Grade Field Trip /Denver Museum of Nature & Science
	8	Winter Concert- 6-8 p.m. / Gym
	19-Jan. 2	No School-Winter Break
January	16	No School-MLK Jr. Day
	26	Science Fair-6-8 p.m.
February	20	No School-President's Day
	21	No School-Non-Contact Day
March	1 & 2	No School-Non-Contact Day
	15	Class Group & Individual Pictures
	26-30	No School-Spring Break
May	4	No School-Non-Contact Day
	25	4th Grade Field Trip-Argo Mine (9:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
	28	No School-Memorial Day
June	6	Last Day of School

Polton Panthers



POLTON'S 10TH ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR

Is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. During this time, our "real scientists" or judges, parents and community members will meet with the Polton Scientists. The fair will continue on Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. for the entire school to view. Science Fair boards will go on sale beginning next week. We have a variety of colors: green, blue, white, yellow and red. The boards cost \$5.00 and will be sold between 9:00 and 9:15 a.m. each day in Deb McMullen's room. Thanks to the PTCO for buying the boards. All funds will go directly back to the PTCO.

POLTON COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**2985 South Oakland Street
Aurora, Colorado 80014
720-747-2**

**600
FAX 720-747-2688**

**Polton Place Daycare
720-747-2678**

**Attendance Line
720-747-2695**

**Nurse
720-747-2603**

www.cherrycreekschools.org

**Please Call Storm Delay/
Closure Hotline
(720-554-4701)
In the event of
Inclement weather.**

**Delayed Start:
Bus pick-up and school start times
are delayed 1 hour.**

**Please watch your local
television channels, listen to the
radio, or call the storm/delay
closure hotline to learn this
information.**



Polton's Caring Community

Attendance Line

Please call the attendance line if your child is going to be absent or late. 720-747-2695. This line is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Attendance is VERY important!

It is difficult for students to learn if they are not in the classroom. Please encourage your children to be in school, but don't send them when they are sick.



Snow Delay & Closure line: 720-554-4701

The website
(<http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us/SchoolStatus/>)
and hotline number
(720-554-4701)

is updated within minutes after decisions are made at the district level.

This website is updated during a weather event by 6:00 a.m.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please make arrangements now for emergency childcare in the event of an early or late opening/closing schedule. Be sure to discuss them with your child(ren) so that they know what to do. **Please do not call the school** - announcements will be made on the local radio and television stations.

If there is a snow delay, school begins at 10:00 a.m.



Polton's new PTCO Executive Board and PAAC Chairs for the 2011-2012 school year:

Parent Advisory and Accountability Committee (PAAC)

Co-Chairs:

Mark McMillan (mcmillanmark@hotmail.com)

David Aarestad (davidaarestad@yahoo.com)

Meeting Dates for 2011-2012:

Tues., February 21, 2012 6-7:30 p.m.

Tues., April 24, 2012 6-7:30 p.m.

Parent, Teacher, Community Organization (PTCO)

PTCO President: Matt Batcho (Matt.Batcho@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Sara Kraeski (Sara.Kraeski@dgslaw.com)

Secretary: Sandy Foster (ske2000142@cs.com)

Meeting Dates for 2011-2012:

Thurs., January 19, 2012 8-8:45 a.m.

Tues., February 21, 2012 6-7:30 p.m.

Thurs., March 22, 2012 8-8:45 a.m.

Tues., April 24, 2012 6-7:30 p.m.

Thurs., May 24, 2012 8-8:45 a.m.

Polton Place Hours on Regular Days:

6:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

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3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.



2011-2012

Skate City Dates:

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Times:

6:00-8:00 p.m.





Polton Community Elementary School

PASS Committee Meeting Dates and Times

PASS-6:30 PM

(AFRICAN AMERICAN)

January 31, 2012

March 20, 2012

May 22, 2012

PASS-6:30 PM

(HISPANIC/LATINO)

January 19, 2012

March 8, 2012

May 10, 2012

All meetings will be held in the Polton Library.

The PASS Committee (Partnership for Academically Successful Students) is dedicated to promoting social equity and excellence in academics, athletics and the arts for Polton Elementary School's students of color.

Winter Break Dates

Dec. 19, 2011-January 2, 2012