



The Dino Bytes

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2020-2021

2275 W Hubbard Rd.

2-12-2021



February 2021

- 2/15 - 19 - No School - Winter Break
- 2/18 - Domino's Pizza Dough Night



February Birthdays

- ★ 2/14 - Dr. Hettinger
- ★ 2/17 - Mrs. Quiroz

March 2021

- 3/2 - 6:30pm Board Meeting
- 3/8 - 6:30pm PTA Meeting
- 3/18 - Domino's Pizza Dough Night
- 3/22 - 26 - No School - Spring Break



Yearbooks for the 2020-2021 school year are still on sale!

We only order the number of yearbooks we receive pre-orders for. Once you see how awesome it is, it will be too late to get one, so order today so you don't miss out. Yearbooks will be handed out the last week of school.

Each yearbook is \$15.00 and there will only be a soft cover available this year to keep costs low.

You can purchase your yearbook through myschoolbucks, or by bringing cash or a check, made payable to Project Impact STEM Academy, to the office anytime between 8:00 - 4:00 Monday through Friday.

If you do come to the office to make your purchase, please make sure to wear your mask.

Deadline to place your order: April 2, 2021

Food Trucks at PiSTEM!

We are excited to announce community partnerships with local Food Trucks! Our PTA has been working with these local businesses and in exchange for our space they have agreed to feed our staff one month during the school year! Please support these generous businesses and help us spread the word in our community--we are anxious for this to be beneficial for all! Have a food truck request? E-mail it to outreach@pistem.org!!

February Food Truck Dates:

- 2/18: Domino's Pizza--not a food truck but they donate a portion of proceeds from this day to our school
- 3/4: Tacos Patron



2021-2022 Intent to Return/Lottery

The Charter School Lottery process has become more streamlined so this year it is not necessary to complete lottery applications for all currently enrolled students. Instead, current students will need to have an Intent to Return form completed prior to the Lottery.

To simplify the process, we sent the Intent to Return forms to each family through DocuSign for easy completion. These were sent to the first contact on your student's profile. Please check your emails and if you have not received your Intent to Return form yet, please send me an email, mbrashears@pistem.org, and I will resend it.

If you have already completed the Lottery application for your students for the 2021-2022 school year, we do ask that you complete the Intent to Return form as well as that will reserve your seat.

Please note that the Intent to Return form is only for returning students. A separate Lottery application for siblings that are not currently enrolled at Project Impact STEM Academy will need to be submitted on or before April 1st, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

Thank you all for being flexible as we learn of improvements to the Lottery process. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out! Phone #: 208-576-4811 - Emails: mbrashears@pistem.org - outreach@pistem.org - joinus@pistem.org

If your student(s) have any of the following symptoms, they are not permitted to be on campus.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting/Stomach ache
- Diarrhea



Symptoms of Coronavirus

If your student is absent, please remember to let the school know by either calling the front office at 208-576-4811 or by sending an email to Molly at mbrashears@pistem.org. Please remember to provide a reason for their absence.

To ensure we keep our community safe and healthy, it is our policy that anyone displaying a symptom of COVID-19 must do one of the following;

- Participate in a 10 day quarantine after completing the Quarantine form by clicking [here](#), and be symptom free.
OR
- Receive a negative COVID-19 result and be symptom free. There is a St. Al's location that does rapid same day result tests at Ten Mile and Cherry Lane. Other options include Primary Health offices that provide low cost tests that take 1-4 days to receive results.
OR
- Provide a current signed and dated letter from your physician indicating that the current symptoms are directly related to a chronic condition not related to COVID-19.

Any child that misses a day of school for unknown reasons or for COVID symptoms will participate in a quick re-entry interview and should go to the office prior to entering their grade level building. Children that have had COVID symptoms and have not participated in a 10 day quarantine must present their negative test results for re-entry.



Helpful information for new families/students at PiSTEM

If you haven't opted in to the text message services, you can still do that by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.

Onboarding for new students

[Video Overview of Buzz and Summit Learning.](#)

[Summit Learning Parent's Guide](#)

[Agilix Buzz Parent's Guide](#)

We will be hosting a few onboarding sessions so students that enrolled mid year can get all the training and information they need to succeed through the online systems we use at PiSTEM.

Please contact Mrs. Prillaman at aprillaman@pistem.org for more information.

Requesting Parent Access to School Programs

Parents, if you would like to gain access to the Parent Portal to the programs we are using so you can monitor your students progress throughout the year, please click on the link below to complete the form.

<https://forms.gle/z815GNEAWeGEm92n8>



We have some PAID positions open!

- Office Substitute
- Learning Lab Coach
- Substitute Teacher

For more information on position details and requirements, please contact Jill Hettinger, jhettinger@pistem.org

Board Tidbits

We are still looking for an additional board member to join the team! Please email Mr. Peterson at bpeterson@pistem.org for more information and to apply.

The next regular meeting of the board will be Tuesday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm.

PTA News

You are invited to our PTA meeting 6:30 pm Monday, 3/8. If you would like to join us via zoom, send us an email at ppp@pistem.org

Project Impact STEM Academy's Mission Statement

Project Impact STEM Academy will provide an **engaging, adaptive learning environment** through the use of **personalized** learning plans, **intentionally** integrated curriculum, mastery-based **progression**, and **authentic** projects embedded in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. In this environment, students will **gain confidence**, practice failure until it is no longer **intimidating**, and become **invested** in the **life-long** pursuit of **knowledge**.