



# The Dino Bytes

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2275 W Hubbard Rd.

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## October 2021

- 10/4 Simple Machine & Engineering STEM Night (Career Night)
- 10/11-10/15 FALL BREAK-NO SCHOOL
- 10/20-10/22 All School Parent Teacher Conference
- 10/22 End of First Quarter

## Welcome

### Welcome Dino's

Project Impact STEM Academy could use more standard-sized masks, we are going through them at a rate that is much greater than last year. Students have improved in remembering to bring masks this week - but we could definitely benefit from standard-size disposable mask donations.

## bristlebots

*with The Reuseum @ Kuna Library*

Come join the Kuna Library for a hands-on robot building workshop. Brought to you by The Reuseum!

Saturday

September 18th

10:30-11:30

All Ages!



## PTA News

### **PTA MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Join us for our monthly parent/teacher meeting at the school on the **2nd Monday of every month at 6pm**. Thank you to all of you who attended the first one this week! Some of the highlights from Monday's meeting are:

\*\* In-class volunteer opportunities will kick off with training at the end of September depending on COVID protocols at the time.

\*\* Fall STEM night will be going virtual - various ideas were discussed. Sign up for the planning committee to get involved in further discussion! (Next planning meeting is Monday, Sept. 20 in the morning.)

\*\* Discussion of a fall fundraiser putting together stockings for Christmas. Needed: stocking stuffer ideas your kids would like. Email ideas to [ppp@pistem.org](mailto:ppp@pistem.org).

\*\* Other opportunities for involvement include the Spring STEM night and graduation committees. (We have both Kindergarten and High School graduations this year!)

The best way to get plugged into any of these areas is to sign up at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080944aaad2ca57-pistem1>

### PTA WEBSITE

Check out our new website for news and more helpful links. We're going to make a point of updating the blog for those of you who don't use Facebook. Subscribe at the bottom of the page if you'd rather get emails.

<https://ppp650.wixsite.com/pistempta/get-involved>

Take note of the PTA membership link - the first 10 people to sign up for a PTA membership will get a free PiSTEM keychain!

SPIRIT WEAR - order deadline fast approaching!

<https://fall-spirit-wear-order.cheddarup.com>

We are pleased to now offer the option to have the PiSTEM word logo embroidered on your favorite clothing items.

The cost is \$11 per item.

# School Lunches

Don't forget - Lunch orders for next week are **due the Friday before**.

MySchoolBucks has been updated so you can now purchase online. You place your order and pay through My School Bucks this year. You can pay by check at the office, the check needs to arrive by the Friday before in order for the lunch to be ordered and served. The upcoming week's meals will be featured on MySchoolBucks for easy access. We have the whole year already entered, so you can see which vendor will be featured, what the meal will be and when. In order to directly pay for your meals online and to see the specific products, you must go into the "store". If you have a balance on My School Bucks, this money is under the Cafeteria Plan and the only way to spend this money is to fill out a paper order and make a note that you would like it to be taken off of your remaining balance in My School Bucks. **So, in short there are three ways to order:**

- 1.) Go into the My School Bucks Store, select your items and put them into the cart and pay.
- 2.) Complete a paper order form and send a check for the total amount.
- 3.) If you have a balance on My School Bucks, expend this balance by submitting a paper order form with a note at the bottom of the page indicating that you would like the total deducted from your My School Bucks balance.

I will have paper forms in the office. If need be, I can email them to you. But you need to remember to email them back, and pay **before or on the Friday before lunch is needed**. Lunch must be pre-purchased, or they will not be ordered.

Also note: If your student is absent on the day that you have ordered lunch for them, the lunch will be placed in the fridge for 2 days, if it is not claimed it will be disposed of.



## Mondays

Week 1 - 2 cheeseburger sliders

Week 2 - 2 crispy chicken sliders

\$3.50



## TUESDAYS

Panda Express - The menu will alternate every other week with the following:

Week 1: Orange Chicken w/Chow Mein

Week 2: Beef & Broccoli w/Fried Rice

Two sizes available: Kids (sm), \$3.50 or Bowl(lg), \$5.00

## Thursdays



Subway - The menu will alternate every other week with the following:

Week 1: Turkey Sandwich with lettuce & tomato

Week 2: Ham Sandwich with lettuce & tomato

\$3.50 per sandwich

## Fridays



### Pizza Hut

Week 1: Pepperoni Pizza

Week 2: Cheese Pizza

\$3.50 personal pan

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at: [dpollnow@pistem.org](mailto:dpollnow@pistem.org) or call me at 208-576-4811. Thank you

**If you have students in quarantine, please follow the following steps:**

**Devise waiver**

**[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8JBt2ZRw1U9v3a93R72RS2Z9PxeHprdw7paUOQ1kF6d0s1Q/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8JBt2ZRw1U9v3a93R72RS2Z9PxeHprdw7paUOQ1kF6d0s1Q/viewform?usp=pp_url)**

**Volunteer packet**

**Volunteer Guidelines 2021-22 8 26 2021 (1)**

**Then, to access online learning 3-Step Guide for getting onto our platforms for online quarantine attendance:**

**1.) Make sure that the computer you are on is logged into Google with your students [pistem.org](http://pistem.org) email address.**

**2.) Go to [www.agilixbuzz.org](http://www.agilixbuzz.org) - Click on login - the login is automatic using the students Google Account. This platform students will be able to see what they are doing in each class and the will have access to the "course link" to virtually attend class with their peers and teacher. Teachers will also post all worksheets, etc. Here is a link to an overview of the platform:**

**<http://www.pistem.org/parents-guide.html>**

**3.) Students in grades 4-12 will also need to open up [www.summitlearning.org](http://www.summitlearning.org) - and login using their Google account. This website has all of their coursework for the entire year - notes in Buzz will direct them to what to do in Summit Learning for the day or week.**

**Here is a link to an overview of the platform: <http://www.pistem.org/parents-guide2.html>**

**Note1: All students in quarantine are able to collect their PiSTEM issues Chromebooks (this is encouraged - because it is easier to monitor them through GoGuardian). To do this, call the school and let them know that you will be coming to pick up the Chromebook(s). When you arrive - stay in your car and call the front office (208)576-4811 and let them know that you are in the parking lot and need to pick up the Chromebooks. The Chromebooks will then be brought out to your car.**

**Note2: Parents of K-3 students, if you do not know your child's login information please contact their House Teacher. Parents of 4-12 grade students who have forgotten their password please contact [aprilaman@pistem.org](mailto:aprilaman@pistem.org).**

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## Symptoms of Coronavirus

**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

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 DeAnna - [dpollnow@pistem.org](mailto:dpollnow@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.



We are  
**HIRING**

**We have some PAID positions open!**

- Teacher substitutes
- Para substitutes
- Paraprofessional

### **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**.