



The Dino Bytes

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Winter Break



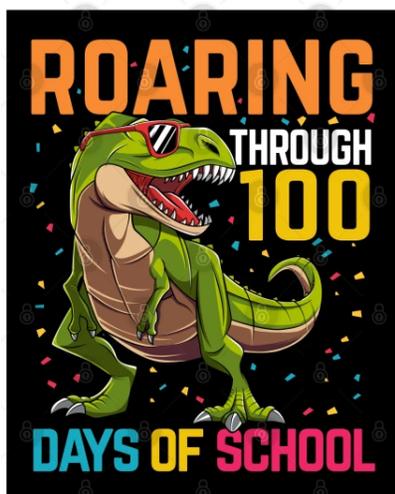
WINTER BREAK
NO SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 20TH - 24TH

SCHOOL NEWS



SNACK CART & VALENTINE GRAMS

- *NEW SNACK CART TIMES: Mondays and Fridays (during lunch).
- Parents! If you'd like to send your kiddo a Valentine Gram, please pick up an order form at the front desk and return the envelope with with the cash.



February 7th
100 days of the
2022-2023 School Year

Pictures of the celebrations will be in the next Dino Bytes. Our teachers, parents and students ROCK!!!!



2023-2024 Lottery is Now Open.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)



A few of you have not filled out the
“**Intent to Return**” form.

Please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you. We look forward to another successful year!

NEW INFORMATION ALERT!

JOIN AN AFTERSCHOOL STEAM CLASS!

Mondays 3:30-4:30PM @ PI STEM Academy

Robotics: Engineering & Coding
Open to all students | 8 week module | \$189
Mondays, 2/6 - 4/10 | PI STEM Academy

An iCode Instructor will bring the learning lab to Project Impact STEM Academy, guiding students through the foundations of robotic engineering by working together to build VEX IQ and GO robots for a variety of challenges. Students will get a short course in coding, applying that knowledge to programming their builds.

Scan QR to enroll or visit <https://secure-portal.icodeschool.com/Base/EmbeddedUrl/7C32CD24D8>
Email cconstantino@pistem.org for more information



PTA Meeting: February 6th 6pm-NEW DATE
 Ridleys - Kuna- Deer Flat and Meridian Road-**NEW MEETING PLACE**

NO SCHOOL: February 20th-24th - Winter Break-NO SCHOOL

Board Meeting: February 7th - 6:30pm
 Board Room at the school-1422 Tech Lane, Meridian-you are welcome to attend the board meeting.

Domino's Pizza Dough Night -
 Every Third Thursday - Domino's will donate 5% of sales to Project Impact STEM Academy.
 What a great night for PIZZA!!!!

Pi STEM 2022/23 School Calendar

July 2022						
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Teachers PBL Institute Inservice 7/18-7/22						

August 2022						
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Back to School Teacher PD 8/15-8/17						
First Day of School 8/22						

September 2022						
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Labor Day 9/5 - no school						

October 2022						
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Fall Break - 10/10 - 10/14						
End of First Quarter 10/21						

November 2022						
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Thanksgiving Break - 11/21 - 11/25						

December 2022						
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Christmas Break 12/22- 1/3						

January 2023						
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End of First Semester 1/13						
Civil Rights Day 1/16 - no school						

February 2023						
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Winter Break - 2/20 - 2/24						

March 2023						
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Spring Break - 3/27-31						
End of 3rd Quarter - 3/17						

April 2023						
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May 2023						
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Last Day of School 5/26						

June 2023						
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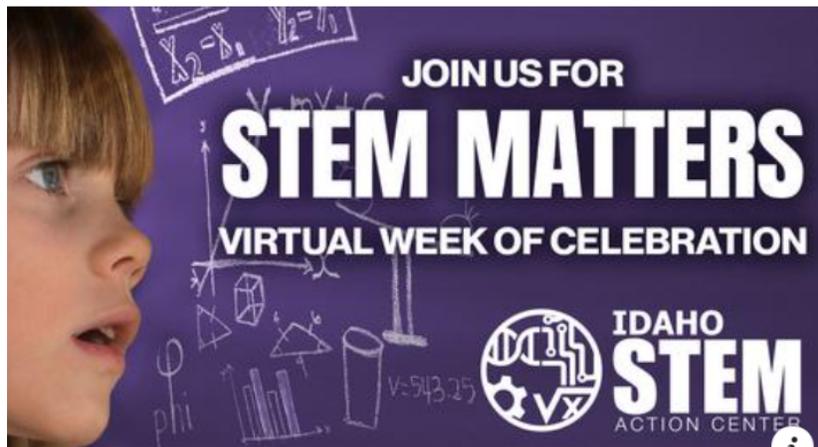
Pi STEM Spirit Wear

can be purchased from Educational Outfitters in Boise OR off their website:

<https://boise.educationaloutfitters.com/categories/find-my-school/project-impact-stem-academy.html>

Note: You can order online and then pick-up in the store to avoid shipping costs.

Idaho STEM Matters! Month - Governor Little recognizes and STEM Action center to provide an month of activities, kicking it all of on February 1st.



STEM.IDAHO.GOV

STEM Matters! Virtual Week of Celebration - Idaho STEM Action Center

Opportunity for high school students currently in 10th or 11th grades! This NASA summer high school internship is a nationally competitive STEM program providing selected students with exposure to Earth and space research. Interns will learn how to interpret NASA satellite data while working with scientists and engineers in their chosen area of work! The internship involves both a remote and on-site component, with the in-person portion hosted at the University of Texas! Housing, meals, and local transportation will be provided for those selected, with a limited number of travel scholarships to Texas also available. Application deadline is Feb. 20. Learn more and apply here: <https://www.csr.utexas.edu/sees-internship/>

Idaho Science Teaching Association

Idaho STEM Action Center

SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP



OPEN TO
10th & 11th Grade
STUDENTS

June 25-July 7, 2023 | remote | &
July 8-22, 2023 | on-site |
(if COVID permits)
The University of Texas at Austin

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 20, 2023

Are you a 10th and/or 11th grade student with an interest in STEM and would like to ...

- Intern with a NASA engineer?
- Conduct authentic NASA research?
- Learn more about NASA Earth and Space Science?
- Explore FRESH careers?



REQUIREMENTS

- Current Sophomore or Junior in High School
- Letter of Recommendation
- Answer essay questions
- Provide an introductory video
- Must be U.S. citizen

As an intern you will...

- Work with NASA Subject Matter Experts
- Conduct authentic research
- Analyze data from NASA satellites
- Tour NASA Johnson Space Center

If selected, you will...

- Conduct 80 hours of remote work
- Spend 2 weeks on The University of Texas at Austin campus

APPLY ONLINE

<https://www.csr.utexas.edu/sees-internship>

EXPENSES PAID FOR THESE SELECTED LIMITED TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS & VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

CONNECT WITH US

Expenses Paid for these selected Limited Travel Scholarships & Virtual Internships Available







We are looking for a new board member.

If you are interested in joining our board, please visit our

website: <https://www.pistem.org/board-member-application.html>

As a board member you will be required to attend the monthly board meeting held on the first Tuesday of each month. There may also be additional meetings based on your membership in different board committees. A board member should be willing to spend 5-10 hours a week outside of meetings for any needed duties. Having experience in the business world is preferable in either law, finance, real estate or other business related markets.

"If you are interested in volunteering to help, please use the link below to sign up! If not please use this opportunity to have a quiet night to yourselves knowing your students are having a fun, supervised, safe night out too!! You can't find a cheaper babysitter who will try to wear your kids out so they sleep well. Hurry and sign up, there are limited spaces available!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4EACAE2BA4FE3-parents>"



LET'S CELEBRATE
PARENTS NIGHT OUT

10TH FEB 2023 | 6 - 9 PM

The PTA is partnering with the Student Leadership to provide our PiSTEM Parents a night out and the students a fun filled night!!

- Movies and Popcorn
- Arts and Crafts
- Board Games
- 2 slices of pizza & lemonade/water
- Other fun activities

Cost - \$15 for the first student - \$10 per sibling

Location : PiSTEM 1422 S Tech Lane
Meridian ID 83642

Sign-Up- Please use the link or QR code below to sign up. If you wish to pay with cash/check/Venmo please choose the cash option at check out.



<https://parents-night-out-89804.cheddarup.com>



LIMITED SPACES SO SIGN UP NOW!!!



We need substitutes!

We have a PAID position open!

School Nurse

Please contact Amy Weber or DeAnna Pollnow
aweber@pistem.org or dpollnow@pistem.org

if you have any questions. Thank you

To apply click here: <https://sites.google.com/pistem.org/employment/home>

What is the dress code?

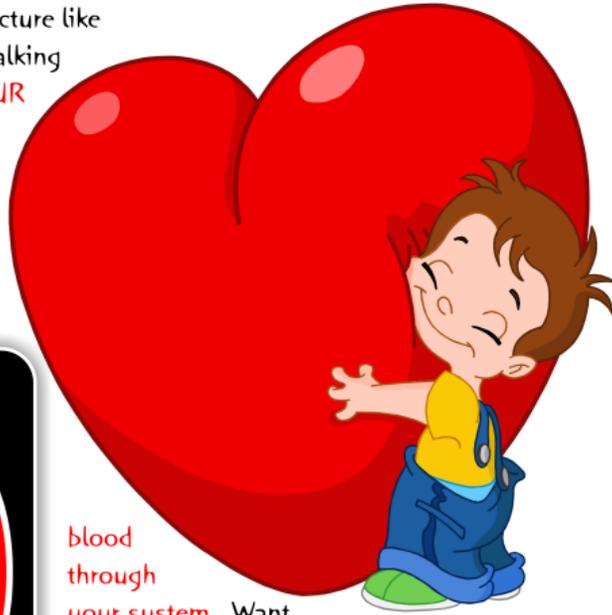
Pi STEM is committed to creating and maintaining an appropriate, academic, and respectful school culture. Our dress philosophy reinforces and supports a professional school environment. Most importantly, clothes should never get in the way of learning. Students should come to school prepared for the activities in their schedule for the day. This means wearing comfortable clothing appropriate for the school environment and culture.

Specifically:

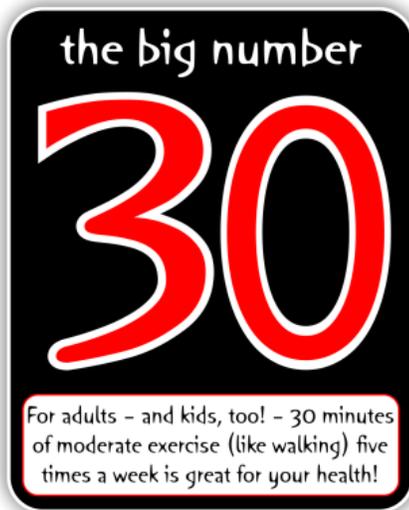
- The students' general appearance should be crisp, clean, and sharp. Attire should not be distracting to the educational process.
- At no time are pants to be worn below the waist or hanging from the hips nor should undergarments be visible.
- **Pajamas and slippers are not allowed.**
- Hats may be worn outside during fall and winter months, and with staff approval inside the building.
- All skirts and shorts must reach below the student's fingertips when their arms are fully extended and their hands are placed on their thighs.
- **Students should not show any midriff area, undergarments (including bra straps) and shall not wear clothing with spaghetti straps or any other apparel that shows cleavage.**
- Clothing that has offensive or distracting language or graphics is not permitted.
- Clothing may not advertise or promote any product or activity that is subject to age restrictions, i.e. alcohol products, guns/weapons, tobacco products, adult-only behaviors or products.

YOU'VE GOT TO LOVE IT!

Sure, you've got to love a cute picture like this, but that's **NOT** what we're talking about – you've got to **LOVE YOUR HEART!** And taking care of your heart is a job that lasts your whole lifetime, as your heart **beats billions of times and pumps millions of gallons of**



blood through your system. Want to make it easier for your heart to do all that work efficiently? **Eat more fruits, veggies, and whole grains and less salt and saturated fat.** **Educate yourself** about big risks to heart health, like smoking. And exercise regularly **like your healthy heart depends on it – because it does!**



WHEN IS LUNCH?

One of the most common questions asked by students at the start of the year is, "When is lunch?" Below you will find the start times for lunch for each grade level:

Kindergarten: 11:45 - 12:30

1st - 3rd Grade: 10:45 - 11:35

4th - 6th Grade: 11:45 - 12:30

7th - 12th Grade: 12:45 - 1:25

WEDNESDAYS: 7th-12th Grade: 12:30 - 1:00

PLAY HARDER

Moderate exercise like walking or easy biking is crucial for everyone's heart health, but more vigorous exercise, like soccer, basketball, hiking, jogging, or jumping rope takes kids to an even greater level of cardio fitness!





Join the PiSTEM Parents Project PTA facebook site. You will find lots of information here. You will also be able to connect with other parents. Here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/567239017008223/>



Next meeting: February 6th

We would love to see you!

Come and join the group.

Ridleys - Kuna - upstairs

Volunteer at Pi STEM -

Sign-ups:

Primary (1st-3rd)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4eacae2ba4fe3-202223>

Elementary (4th-6th)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4eacae2ba4fe3-4th6th1>

Communication & Information

Our teachers do an excellent job of communicating information regarding our programs. Here is where you can stay informed proactively:

- Teacher, School and District Websites
- Class Dojo
- Newsletters, Information and Flyers

A phone call or an email is an efficient way to communicate with your child's teacher, staff, or Ms. DeAnna in the office.



Please remember that our teachers are with students throughout the day and will return the call/email as soon as they are able. At times, this may be the next school day.

Class Dojo: <https://www.classdojo.com/>



February is "Love my Bus" month

What are some fun ways we can let the bus company know how much we appreciate them? Email any ideas you may have: dpollnow@pistem.org

Thank you for your help in celebrating our wonderful bus company: **Brown Bus**

Busing:



Brown Bus, like a lot of companies, is short staffed and working hard to make sure that our school and its students are taken care of. Please reach out to Brown bus if you have route or time questions. You can find most of the information on their website.

Brown Bus is still in need of one more Pi STEM dedicated bus driver, if you know anyone that would be interested - reach out to Brown Bus.

The website is now updated with the new times.

Brown Bus email for parents:

Here is a email to help communicate to Brown Bus:

<http://www.brownbuscompany.com/mainPageCode/contactUs.php>



NATIONAL HEART MONTH

February focuses on the heart making it National Heart Month. Anyone can be at risk for heart disease. More and more, our sedentary lifestyles are putting us at risk at a younger age. Obesity, high blood pressure, and smoking all increase our risk factors.

Each one of those we can take action to lower our risk. Get moving. Remove stress. And quit smoking. Eat healthier.

Even small changes help make a difference. Reduce the amount of fast food. Eat more greens. Take the stairs. Walk the kids to school. Go outside and play with the kids or walk the dog.

Donations to Project Impact STEM Academy

As a free public charter school, Project Impact STEM Academy receives the majority of its funding from the State of Idaho. We receive a per-pupil allotment of funds, which supports our core operations. However, we do not receive any local funding from property taxes or levies, like the traditional school districts. **Project Impact STEM Academy receives approximately \$1,411 less per student than the Kuna School District**, because of the extra local tax funding that Kuna School District receives through local levies and bonds.

As a result Pi STEM experiences are supported by monetary support from other sources, including grants from businesses and foundations and we encourage monetary donations, donations of supplies and equipment, and donation of time from our families and community.

Although we do apply for grants, grants are very restrictive in how we can use the funding, things such as capital expenses (structures, building improvements, and playground equipment) and personnel costs are rarely approved uses of grant funding. So we rely on donations from our community to help with these types of expenses. **Donations can come in the form of time or treasure**, donating time in your children's classrooms and at our STEM events is highly encouraged. If you are unable to donate your time, treasure is another way to help Pi STEM bridge the gap in funding that we face every year as we provide a high quality education for your child.

A donation of \$1,411 per year, per student completely bridges that gap between charter school funding and our local school district funding per year, but all donations are graciously accepted. All financial donations will be kept in a "community donations account" and spending of this account will be tracked and reported in our annual DinoBytes Magazine beginning in the 2022-23 school year.

How to Donate

Donations can be made electronically through the Pi STEM website on the Idaho Pay Port or by check. For more information about making a contribution please contact the Office Manager, DeAnna Pollnow at dpollnow@PiSTEM.org Any and all support is greatly appreciated!

Let your friends and neighbors know,

The lottery is now open!

Hurry, get your ***Intent to return*** forms filled out as well.

Now Enrolling K-12 STEMologists



Project Impact STEM Academy

The Treasure Valley's Premier STEM Charter School

1422 S Tech Lane - Meridian, ID

www.pistem.org

(208)576-4811

Bear in mind that the United States, in particular, has based a cornerstone of its economy on the technology industry. **STEM careers power 69% of US GDP** as of January 2020, according to Eos science news. Skilled STEM careers represent one-third of the US job market. Simply put, our economy needs to keep up the supply of STEM graduates in order to flourish.

STEM support for the economy has been a consistent agenda that shapes US policy on education, immigration, defense, and commerce. STEM promotion even extends into popular media; the Discovery Channel and long-running TV shows like **Mythbusters** bring popular science to the “edu-tainment” world.

So now that we know why STEM education is such a hot commodity, what kind of student chooses a STEM career? Everyone!! Or they should. If you know of a student that would benefit from a STEM education, please share this information with them.

Project Impact STEM Academy website link: <https://www.pistem.org/>



The library is a great place to take the kids and let them explore and learn. Here is a list of the programs the Kuna Library has to offer this fall. If you have young children that are not in school yet, there are programs available for them and you. Our library is a great resource for relaxing and learning for both child and parent.

Library cards are available and free to Kuna residents

Friends of the Kuna Library

The purpose of the Friends of the Kuna Library is to promote the library and to provide financial support for library collections and programs through the management of the Library's twice-annual book sales held in the spring and the fall.

Become a Friend of the Kuna Library

By becoming a member of the Friends of the Kuna Library you are invited to attend our semi-annual Friends Preview Book Sale Night which is held the Tuesday before our spring and fall book sales.

How to become a Friend of Kuna Library

Annual membership is only \$5 for an individual or \$10 for a family!

Complete your application today and get in on the sale! We offer [online registration](#) or you can [print a copy](#) and return the application to the library circulation desk.

Kuna Library presents
Extreme Book Nerd Challenge
2023

50 BOOKS. 50 WEEKS. 50 CATEGORIES!
PLUS NEW ADVANCED CATEGORIES!

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?!



Orders due: **Fridays** before 3pm

No orders will be processed after 3pm.

If you place an order *after 3pm*, **it will not be processed**

You can place an order anytime.

Payport- Updated ordering options are available

You will find a button on our website (pistem.org - Parent Payment Portal) to be able to purchase meals. You also have the option to pay in the office with a Credit/Debit card or send a check, please do not send cash.

Monday: Subway- week1: Ham/cheese 6" sub

week 2: Turkey/cheese 6" sub

6" Sub \$4.00 (Lettuce/tomatoes/cucumbers on wheat)

Meal \$5.00 (Sub/1 bag potato chips/1 cookie)

Tuesday: Panda Express- week1: Orange Chicken/Chow Mein

week 2: Beef/Broccoli/Fried Rice

Kids \$4.25 Bowl \$5.25

Thursday: Yokozuna Teriyaki- same meal every week-

Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies rice bowl

Bowl \$6.10

Friday: Cafe Rio- week1: Beef quesadilla, rice/beans/chips

week 2: Chicken quesadilla, rice/beans/chips

Single \$4.50 Double \$6.00

Lunch: Students will have to bring their lunches from home if they choose not to purchase from the vendors. They will have access to microwaves, but we do ask that you,

Please send the necessary utensils (spoons, forks, bowls, plates).

We have chocolate milk available for .50.

PISTEM LUNCH ORDER FORM

2023 January 9th - March 3rd 2023

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Monday	Subway - WK1: Ham/Cheese , WK2: Turkey/Cheese - Meal-sub/chips/cookie
Tuesday	Panda Express - WK1: orange chicken/chow mein, WK2: beef broccoli/fried rice - Kids or Bowl
Thursday	Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - one size
Friday	Cafe Rio - WK1: shredded beef quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice, WK2: chicken quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular or Double
Milk	chocolate

All orders are due
the **FRIDAY BEFORE THE LUNCH WEEK - BEFORE 3PM**
- NO EXCEPTIONS!

It is too hard to try to accommodate any late orders. Sorry.

This is a list of the week and meal availability. Please place orders online (pistem.org - Parent Payment Portal on the home page)		Regular	Meal, Bowl or Double	Milk \$ 0.50	Total
Monday 1/9/23	Subway - turkey sub / lettuce tomato - 6" Sub \$4.00 Meal \$5.00				
Tuesday 1/10/23	Panda- Beef Broccoli/Fried Rice - Small \$4.25 Large \$5.25				
Thursday 1/12/23	Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10				
Friday 1/13/23	Cafe Rio- Chicken Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00				

Civil Rights Day - January 16th NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 1/17/23	Panda- Orange Chicken/Chow Mein - Small \$4.25 Large \$5.25				
Thursday 1/19/23	Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10				
Friday 1/20/23	Cafe Rio- Shredded Beef Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00				
Monday 1/23/23	Subway - turkey sub / lettuce tomato - 6" Sub \$4.00 Meal \$5.00				
Tuesday 1/24/23	Panda- Beef Broccoli/Fried Rice - Small \$4.25 Large \$5.25				
Thursday 1/26/23	Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10				
Friday 1/27/23	Cafe Rio- Chicken Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00				
Monday 1/30/23	Subway - Ham sub / lettuce tomato - 6" Sub \$4.00 Meal \$5.00				
Tuesday 1/31/23	Panda- Orange Chicken/Chow Mein - Small \$4.25 Large \$5.25				
Thursday 2/2/23	Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10				
Friday 2/3/23	Cafe Rio- Shredded Beef Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00				
Monday 2/6/23	Subway - turkey sub / lettuce tomato - 6" Sub \$4.00 Meal \$5.00				
Tuesday 2/7/23	Panda- Beef Broccoli/Fried Rice - Small \$4.25 Large \$5.25				
Thursday 2/9/23	Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10				
Friday 2/10/23	Cafe Rio- Chicken Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00				
Monday 2/13/23	Subway - Ham sub / lettuce tomato - 6" Sub \$4.00 Meal \$5.00				
Tuesday 2/14/23	Panda- Orange Chicken/Chow Mein - Small \$4.25 Large \$5.25				
Thursday 2/16/23	Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10				
Friday 2/17/23	Cafe Rio- Shredded Beef Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00				

Winter Break - February 20nd - February 24th

Monday 2/27/23	Subway - turkey sub / lettuce tomato - 6" Sub \$4.00 Meal \$5.00				
Tuesday 2/28/23	Panda- Beef Broccoli/Fried Rice - Small \$4.25 Large \$5.25				
Thursday 3/2/23	Yokozuna Teriyaki - Teriyaki Chicken/Steamed Veggies/rice bowl - Bowl \$6.10				
Friday 3/3/23	Cafe Rio- Shredded Beef Quesadilla/chips/black beans/rice- Regular \$4.50 Double \$6.00				

Procedures for placing orders are below.

Procedures for Placing Orders:

This is what you will see:

Choose: Transaction Item - choose your option

Name of student(s) - enter name or names of students

Quantity - If ordering the same item for more than one student, make sure your quantity is correct.

Date for Lunch - enter the date of the chosen lunch

Note/Comment - enter any other information that is needed

Add another - if you are ordering more than one lunch- enter another

Next - click NEXT to continue and final will be submit payment

IDAHOHelp

1 Select Item(s) 2 Information 3 Payment 4 Submit Payment

Select Transaction Item(s)

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* Date For Lunch <input type="text"/>				
Note/Comment <input type="text"/>				
Add Another Item		TOTAL ▶	\$ 0.00 !	

[Next ▶](#)

Transaction Summary

Lunch	\$0.00
Total including Convenience Fee ?	
	\$0.00

Customer Information

Payment Information

[Submit Payment](#)

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PARENT INFORMATION:

This is our website: <https://www.pistem.org/>

Here under the tab: **PARENTS**, you will find the following:

Calendar: this shows our breaks, holidays, semesters, & other important dates.

Parent portal guides: ***Powerschool & School Messenger:***

<https://sites.google.com/pistem.org/powerschool>

email: aprillaman@pistem.org for code & password

Schoology: <https://sites.google.com/pistem.org/schoology>

email: aprillaman@pistem.org for code & password

Summit Learning: <https://sites.google.com/pistem.org/summitlearning>

email: aprillaman@pistem.org for code & password

Learning Schedules: this will show you what class your student will be in and when, <https://www.pistem.org/learning-schedules.html> .

Student Programs: Look and see if you qualify for any of these programs. We will also be participating in the "Operation School Bell" program that helps students and families in need. We will be sending out information soon. (pistem.org > parents > student programs)

Student Handbook: We are currently in the process of updating the student handbook and will be sending a new link out the week of 9/6/2022. Until then, here is some important information:

Mobile Computing Device agreement: Please review the following agreement. This was part of the registration form that has been acknowledged that you agree to the policies and will abide by the rules set forth. NOTE: Please review the section on what happens if there is damage to the device.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms of the Charter School's policies regarding School-provided mobile computing devices (Policy No. 3275). Should any violation or misuse of the device occur while it is in my custody, I understand and agree that I may lose access to the device, or may lose the privilege of taking it home, and will forfeit any fees paid for use of the device, regardless of whether the misuse was committed by me or another person.

I accept full responsibility for the safe and secure handling of the device for this school year. I accept full responsibility for the proper use and safeguarding of the device under all applicable policies. I understand that it is my responsibility to immediately report any damage, theft, or problems with the device to a teacher or administrator.

I have read the Project Impact STEM Academy Mobile Computing Device Agreement , and my child(ren) attending Project Impact STEM Academy and I understand the the lost, stolen, or otherwise damaged such as the device cannot be restored to normal working order, the student/parents may be responsible for the prorated cost of the laptop (**first year:100%, second year:75%, third year:50%, fourth year:25%**) regardless of whether the misuse was committed by him or her or by another person.

DRESS CODE:

To provide a learning environment that is safe, healthy and has limited distractions we have implemented a dress code that will provide respect and modesty. If ones' dress or behavior is offensive, inappropriate, distracting to the learning/school environment, and/or poses a safety hazard as determined by the administration, it will not be acceptable on campus.

- Students should have a neat, clean and well-groomed appearance.
- All pants, shorts, skirts, etc. must be worn at the waist to cover one's undergarments.
- Shorts and skirts must be worn at the waist and reach no more than 3" above the knee.
- Holes are not allowed that are 3" above the top of the knee or higher.
- No brief or revealing tops. Garments such as halter tops, tube tops, crop tops, tank top garments narrower than a 3-finger width, spaghetti strap garments, and garments that are see-through may not be worn. Midriffs must be covered.
- Underwear or undergarments are not to be visible.
- Leggings, yoga pants, and bicycle shorts must be worn with a dress or a long shirt that extends to fingertip length (all the way around) when arms are flat at the side. Legging style pants that have rear pockets are not considered leggings.
- Hair should never be a distraction to the learning environment.
- Jewelry should be worn in moderation and not pose a safety concern or distraction to the learning environment.
- Clothing must not be overly tight, bagging, or revealing in any way.
- No hoods, scarves, or other head covering that creates a distraction or impedes engagement in the learning process will be allowed while inside the classroom. However, hoods, hats, visors, or other acceptable head coverings will be allowed outside.
- No trench coat style jackets allowed.
- Clothing, tattoos, body markings, or any item brought to school, such as outerwear, backpacks, lunch boxes, facemasks, notebooks, jewelry, and hair pieces, that have any insignias, patterns, graphics, writing or messages that are obscene, relating to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gangs, sexual innuendos, or any illegal activity are strictly prohibited.
- Any attire, grooming practice, makeup, or possession that disrupts the educational atmosphere will not be allowed.
- Appropriate foot attire must be worn at all times; no roller shoes will be allowed.
- Facemask must not contain any letters, words, or phrases that could be viewed as inappropriate or slandering. Facemasks must not contain any large graphic images larger than the size of a quarter.

Special days that would not adhere to certain portions of this dress code may be allowed with the permission of the school administrator and announced in advance.

The Executive Director holds the right to determine if any apparel, jewelry, grooming practice, or other item is not appropriate for Pi STEM based on a distraction to the learning environment or a safety concern. Students are expected to resolve any dress code violation prior to returning to class.

Drop-off and Pick-up:

You will also find information on our staff, board and so much more.



School drop off is 7:45a-8:00a

School starts at 8:15a Please have your student(s) here **BEFORE** the start of school.

Pick up line information:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday- school is **out at 3:15p**. Pick up line starts **no earlier than 3:05p** - if you arrive earlier we ask you to park in the spots opposite the buses (section 1) so that you have a protected walkway to the school building.

On **Wednesdays** school is **out at 1:45p**, pick up line starts **no earlier than 1:35p** - if you arrive earlier we ask you to park in the spots opposite the buses (section 1) so that you have a protected walkway to the school building.

Brown Bus Company: <http://www.brownbuscompany.com/>

On this website you will find all your bussing information. Note we have made some small changes to even out the two buses, families affected have been contacted.

Go to: **Charter Schools: *Project Impact STEM Academy***

Brown Bus handles all scheduling and routes, so you will need to communicate with them for most information, however, all forms (new bus riders or bus changes) will need to go through PiSTEM. You can email: dpollnow@pistem.org for additional information.

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