Meet the Office Staff
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Middle School Schedule
Full Day - 7:35 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.
- Doors will open for students at 7:10 a.m. Students are expected to report to the cafeteria or gym.
- All students that are not participating in a school sponsored after school activity will be expected to leave the building by 2:45 p.m. There is no adult supervision after this time for these students.

Half Day - 7:35 a.m. - 10:50 p.m.

Important Dates
(You can find the full calendar at www.portlandk12.org)
Wednesday, February 12th - Student Count Day (It is important that students are in school on this day as attendance affects our funding)
Friday, February 14th - ½ Day of School, Early Release at 10:50 a.m.
Monday, February 17th - No School
Wednesday, February 19th - Progress Reports will be sent out
Thursday, March 5th - ½ Day of School, Early Release at 10:50 a.m.
Friday, March 6th - No School
Friday, March 20th - ½ Day of School, Early Release at 10:50 a.m.
Friday, March 20th - End of 3rd Quarter
Saturday, March 21st - Day of Music @ Portland High School
Friday, March 27th - Dowling Dance, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

8th Grade Mackinac Field Trip
Payment Due February 20th & 21st.
Payment Amount is $80.00.
Next Payment is Due April 16th & 17th.
Portland MS Parent Raider Pride Group

This year I would like to try something new. There are many times when we make decisions regarding students, or the school, where it would be helpful to have some parent input. This would be a group of 5-6 parents that meet on a monthly basis to discuss strengths, needs and happenings with Portland Middle School. Depending on availability, we would either meet for donuts and coffee at 7:00 a.m., or snacks and drinks at 4:00 p.m.. Meetings would be held at Portland Middle School. Please fill out this form if you are interested in participating in our first Raider Pride Parent Group! I will contact everyone that signs up, by email by Monday, February 17th.

Form -
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf95AtQegwMxEjAfbf35-ykHkVURiUC3UcgaiO2l4-tOmF4tdw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Flower and Candy Grams - Valentine’s Day

Student Council will be selling flower and candy grams on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. They will be $2 each and will be delivered to students during 7th hour on Valentine's Day.

All proceeds will go towards items to purchase for the Portland Assisted Living and Memory Center!

Dowling Dance

The annual Dowling Dance will be held on Friday, March 27, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the middle school. This is a semi-formal dance. Students are expected to wear dress slacks, dress shirt, or a dress. If a student is unable to afford clothes for the dance please let us know and we can provide an outfit for them. We will also have a formal clothes “shop” open for students towards the beginning of March. I will send out more details as the date gets closer.

The cost of the dance is $10 for admission. There will also be a concession stand with pizza, pop, and candy. The student council will also be hosting their own “photo booth”. The cost of pictures will
range from $1-$5 depending on the size. There will be more information to come regarding the “photo booth”.

Dowling Dance Donations

If you would like to donate used, good condition dresses or dress clothes please drop them off to the middle school office. They will be given to students in need for the Dowling Dance. Thank you!

3D Printers

Mrs. Porter’s 3rd hour Reading intervention class had the opportunity to create reading manipulatives to support them in their learning in class. Four 3D printers were purchased this fall for every building in the school district. Our Instructional Technology Coach, Justin Knull, helped support the use of the 3D printer and the student’s creations!
Supply Donations
We are in desperate need of Kleenex, 1” binders, and Clorox/Lysol wipes. These items are used on a daily basis in our classrooms and we are almost out of our supply from the beginning of the year. Any student that brings in one of these items will be put into a drawing for a free slushie from Westside! We will accept donations in the office at any time but will only keep track of students through Friday, February 21. Thank you for your help!!

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Thank a Portland Middle School employee!
Would you like an easy, quick way to thank a Portland Middle School employee? Follow the steps below to send a quick thank you to a staff member!

2. Click on Portland Middle School (red box under picture)
3. On the left side click on “Thank a Middle School employee” and fill out the form.

OR

Go to- Thank a Middle School Employee

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Did you know you can receive updates from Skyward on your student’s academics??

Read through the following document for instructions on how to receive updates through Skyward on your student’s academics -
[Skyward Grade Email Tutorial](#)
Portland District Library – Upcoming Programs

Teen Art Hour – Thursday, February 6th & 20th at 3:00 pm
Teen Art Hour gives teens the chance to hang out with friends, relax, and use up some creative energy. Meetings will take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 3:00 pm. Work on a project organized by the library or use a variety of art supplies to paint, sketch, doodle, or color. February’s project takes us into the art of cross stitch—learn the basics before stitching your own final project.

Teen Advisory Board – Tuesday, February 11th at 3:00 pm
The Teen Advisory Board’s next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11th from 3:00-4:00 pm. Teen members, ages 13-18, are invited to discuss what kinds of books they’d like to see at the library, brainstorm ideas for programs, and earn community service hours for volunteering. Attend this meeting to share your Summer Reading program ideas! Stop by the youth desk to sign up for meeting reminders and T.A.B. updates!

Puzzle It Out – Saturday, February 15th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
What could be better when winter blusters and blows than to be warm and cozy and working on a jigsaw puzzle? Join us for the Portland District Library’s fourth jigsaw puzzle contest on Saturday, February 15. Sign up as a group of 2-4 puzzlers, or as an individual to be placed in a group. Puzzle solving starts at 10:00 a.m. and goes until 2:00 p.m., with lunch provided. The team closest to completion when time runs out wins. Each member of the winning team gets a prize. Ages 10 and up, with at least one adult per team. Registration required.

Murder in The Stacks: A Murder Mystery – Saturday, February 22nd from 6:00-8:00 pm
On a dark, dreary February evening at the Portland District Library, things took a turn for the worse. Key witnesses. Multiple suspects. 1 murderer. In this classic case of whodunit, we welcome you to investigate a grisly murder that took place in the library stacks. Murder in The Stacks: A Murder Mystery is an all-ages program where you will search for clues and question suspects to help solve the case on Saturday, February 22nd from 6:00-8:00 pm. Registration is required, so please call the library to reserve your spot!

STEM Club: LEGO Challenge – Saturday, February 29th at 11:00 am
STEM Club: LEGO Challenge is back! Head out of this universe with space-themed challenges, including designing aliens and building rockets, on Saturday, February 29th at 11:00 am. STEM Club is recommended for ages 6-12 and registration is required.
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