



POMONA ELEMENTARY
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Season's Greetings, to everyone in our Pomona School family!

Welcome to December! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with food, family and friends! As the bustling holiday season is upon us, we are keeping our brains on task as much as possible as the minds of young children tend to wander to all that the holiday season has to offer.

It is hard to believe that the first half of the school year is almost over! What a great first half! November was quick and busy here at Pomona. With the sickness bug hitting the school district and having us close our doors early wasn't ideal for anyone. As you know, we had to cancel Grandparent's Day, BOO! However, we rescheduled Grandparent's Day. YEAH!! December 12th is the day that we hope to see everyone enjoying a delicious lunch with Pomona family.

The cold weather is here and the snow is too. Please be sure that your children come to school prepared to go outside for their recess. Students WILL be going outside as often as possible. Please have coats, hats, mittens, snow pants and boots ready!! Also, please check the "Lost & Found" table across from the music room for any missing items. The inventory is growing!!

We would like to give a big THANK YOU to our PTO. They have been so amazing this year with support. We can't be an amazing school without amazing support. Join the Pomona PTO Facebook page, or better yet come to a meeting and see what all the action is about.

Sincerely,

Bil Pfaffendorf
Pomona's Principal





Meet Pomona's New -(Presented by 5th Grade)
Pomona's Administrative Assistant: Sandra Padgett

Hello Pomona Families, I am sure that whenever you have called our front office or you have visited for one reason or another, one of those amazing voices you have heard and smiles you have received belongs to no other than that of our amazing administrative assistant: Mrs. Sandra Padgett.

Mrs. Padgett became our administrative assistant when our long standing Secretary decided to retreat into the wonderful world of retirement to spend time with her wonderful grandchildren. Mrs. Padgett has many years of experience with her job as an administrative assistant at both the Elementary and Middle school level. She comes to us with a wealth of experience.

Mrs. Padgett began her time at Pomona almost one year ago; after Christmas break during the 2018-2019 school year. From day one, we knew that we had hit the jackpot! Mrs. Padgett is that perfect individual to continue our legacy of amazing and outstanding front office staff at our school.

She was born in California, however, Mrs. Padgett spent half of her childhood in California and half in Greeley; Colorado. So we can say that she is half native Coloradan. Mrs. Padgett has lived in many places in Colorado over the years. She has lived in Otis, Holyoke, Dolores, and now Grand Junction.

As a long time administrative assistant, one of her greatest joys is to watch kids grow up. She particularly likes working at Pomona, keeping the office organized, and helping teachers get what they need. She believes that everyone is super nice and that makes it a fun place to work.

Mrs. Padgett loves her work, but when she is not working she enjoys exercising and working out at the gym, she likes to read, and also enjoys spending time hanging out with her husband of 27 years, who is an assistant principal at one of our middle schools and her three kids Alex, Wesley, and Jordan. She loves her family and enjoys spending time with them.

We are so lucky to have this super kind, and warm individual welcoming parents, families and visitors everyday. We love Mrs. Padgett!





ANNUAL POMONA



FAMILY CAROLING NIGHT

December 5th, 5:30-7:30pm

Join us for our annual Pomona Family Caroling Night! This is a tradition that helps raise money for the Pomona music program. The event will be on **Thursday, December 5th from 5:30-7:30pm at Pomona**. It will feature all Pomona students- kindergarten through 5th grade, but this year we will be making a change. Each class will be performing with their "buddy" class. Here is what you can expect...

Schedule of performances:

6:00pm- Kindergarten and 3rd grade

6:30pm- Greenlee, Brown, Robbins and 4th grade

7:00pm- Mixon, Guddat, Platt, and 5th grade

We will have hot cocoa and cookies available in the cafeteria, and a silent auction in the music room.

Please join us for this fun filled evening! The more the merrier!



Pomona Choir Concert



Thursday, December 12th at 6:00pm in the gym

This is a performance by the Pomona Caroling Choir featuring all of their amazing Christmas songs they have been working on.

What's Happening

December 2nd	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS-Teacher Planning Day
December 5th	Family Caroling Night 5:00-7:00 p.m.
December 12th	Grandparents Day
December 13th	Chuck E. Cheese Night—PTO
December 23rd -January 3rd	Winter Break- Students Return 1/8/20
January 6th	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS-Teacher Work Day
January 7th	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS-Teacher Planning Day
January 20th	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS-MLK, Jr. Day
February 17th	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS-Presidents Day
March 12th	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS-Teacher Work Day
March 13th	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS-Teacher Planning Day
March 16th -20th	SPRING BREAK

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to Remember

Pre-Arranged Absence

A Pre-Arranged Absence form must be filled out if your student is going to miss 3 or more days, and needs to be approved by the Principal.

School policy permits each student the privilege, within limits, to make arrangements **in advance** to be absent from school. However, certain criteria must exist prior to approval from the principal. Students must be in good academic standing and have good attendance including tardies. Students who are not meeting this criteria, may be denied a prearranged absence or absences because their grades may suffer from missing important academic studies.

Pomona Elementary School is committed to serving our students and ensuring they are receiving a quality education. We appreciate your support in understanding the purposes of these procedures.

Support PTO at no cost to you!

If you purchase through Amazon Smile, it doesn't change the price you pay, but Amazon donates 0.5% of what you spend to charity. Choosing Pomona PTO as your Amazon Smile charity is a free and easy way to support the Pomona Community!



Here are three ways to use Amazon Smile...

1) Using a browser:

Go to smile.amazon.com and search for and select Pomona PTO. **Remember to check out from smile.amazon.com *every time* you make a purchase.**

2) Android:

Permanently turn on Amazon Smile in your android Amazon App (so you don't have to remember to do anything!).

3 easy steps to turn on AmazonSmile:



- 1 Open the Amazon Shopping App
Make sure you have updated to the latest version (*instructions below*)



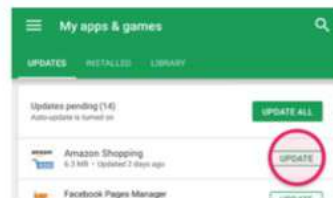
- 2 Go to your AmazonSmile Settings
 1. Tap the Main Menu in the Amazon App (*see left*)
 2. Tap Settings
 3. Tap AmazonSmile



- 3 Follow the instructions on the screen to turn on AmazonSmile

How to update the Amazon Shopping App

1. Open the Google Play Store
2. Tap the menu (☰) in the Google Play Store
3. Tap on My apps & games
4. Tap the Updates tab
5. Update the Amazon Shopping App



3) iOS:

Replace the Amazon app on your iphone with a home screen shortcut to smile.amazon.com

1. Open up Safari and load <https://smile.amazon.com/>
2. Tap the Share icon
3. You'll now have a few options. The one you want to tap is "Add to Home Screen".
4. You'll be asked to choose a name for the homescreen icon. Pick something you'll remember and save it. When you're done, it'll show up on your homescreen and you'll be able to move it around and put it wherever in your list of apps you'd like

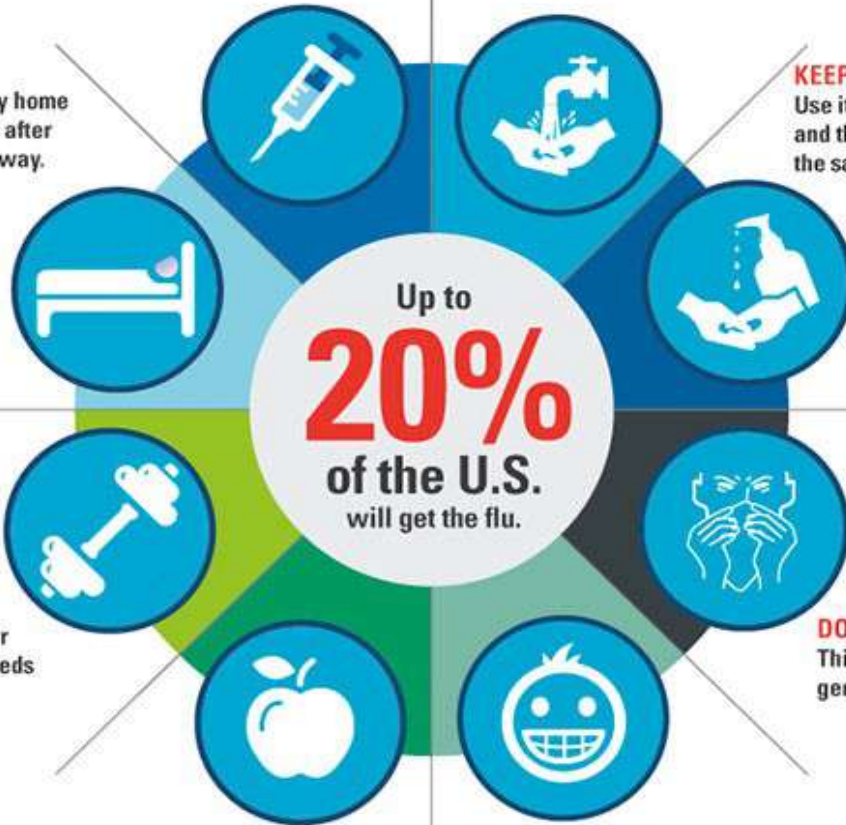
FLU PREVENTION TIPS

GET VACCINATED Influenza is the only respiratory virus preventable by vaccination.

WASH YOUR HANDS
Wash them often with soap and water.

STAY HOME Stay home for a full 24 hours after your fever goes away.

KEEP SANITIZER CLOSE
Use it often and tell children and those around you to do the same.



EXERCISE It boosts your immune system and speeds recovery from illness.

DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE
This is the easiest way for germs to get into your body.

EAT RIGHT Eating healthy, balanced meals can strengthen your immune system.

SMILE Studies show that smiling can help boost your immune system.

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TARDIES AND EARLY RELEASE INFORMATION

ALL Tardies and Early Releases are Unexcused

UNLESS accompanied with a Doctors/Dentist note of an appointment on that date, or there is "Good Cause" for the Tardy/Early Release.