



Putnam Elementary School of Science

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February/March 2020

Principal
**Steve
Apodaca**

Message from the Principal

Happy Spring Putnam!

On March 2, we will be entering our 3rd trimester! Thank you for your continued involvement and support with student learning over this school year! Our students shared their incredible learning at our **Student-Led Conferences** in February! Thank you for your wonderful parent support! Thank you for becoming involved and celebrating your child's learning!

At the end of March, our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students we will begin taking state standardized testing. Our kids will take the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) to measure their growth on reading and math standards. The CMAS is an important measure of our student growth and will be used to determine the overall school performance. Based on last year's CMAS growth, we were awarded the **2019 Colorado Centers for Excellence Award**. Thank you for your support during this time! Please use the following CMAS testing tips during testing weeks:

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Message from the Principal *continued*

- Make sure your child receives a good night's rest and eats a healthy breakfast every morning!
- Unless your child is ill, please make sure your child arrives to school on time.
- This time frame is an opportunity for your child to show what they have learned - Praise your child for their efforts and hard work.

Sincerely,
Steve

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Teacher Workday

Day Care Options:

BASE Camp

- Putnam Elementary, 1400 Maple Street, Fort Collins, 80521
- Riffenburgh Elementary, 1320 E. Stuart Street, Fort Collins, 80525
- Rice Elementary, 7000 3rd Street, Wellington, 80549
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READ WITH A LOVED ONE

March 6, 2020

9:00 to 9:20 am

Come a little early and enjoy some **Coffee & breakfast burritos** before you head to your student's classroom to read. If you have more than one student, pick a classroom and you can all read together. It's a great way to start your Friday.



SCIENCE FAIR

March 10, 2020

5:00pm to 6:00pm

If your student is participating in this year's Science Fair, all projects will be up for view in the Media Center on March 10th. Please come see all the hard work our students and volunteers have done over the last several weeks. Starting at 5:30 the Award Ceremony will begin.

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PTO INFORMATION

PTO Meeting

March 6, 2020 @ 9:25am

Chocolate Fundraiser—February 26th – March 11th

This is our biggest fundraiser! Let's see if we can make it the best one yet!! Order forms will be coming home with the kids on 2/26. Order forms & money will be due on 3/11. There will be some incredible incentive prizes. We hope all will participate!!

Have a great idea? Volunteering gives you opportunities to get your ideas out there!



PSD AFTER 3

January 21st – March 12th

If you signed your student up for classes (back in December) for PSD After 3 and were accepted, classes start on January 21st. Classes are every Tuesday & Thursday. Classes run from 3:38pm to 5:00pm. March 12th is the LAST day of PSD After 3!

SPRING BREAK

March 16 – 20

No School



Get **FREE** **ADMISSION** to local attractions with your Library card!

CURIOSITY PASS

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CMAS TESTING

March 25th – April 12th

3rd – 5th Grades

Our 3rd, 4th & 5th Graders will start their State Testing – CMAS! Please try your best to schedule appointments outside these dates. Most testing will be done in the morning, starting promptly at **9:00am**, please don't be late. Please encourage your student to do their best! We want that 4th year Centers of Excellence Award from CDE!

Here are some good testing tips:

- Good night's rest
- A breakfast full of protein – School breakfasts will be available
- Fresh air & exercise
- Be on time to school
- Bring your glasses



GIRLS WHO CODE

Mondays

Girls who are in the GWC Club will meet each Monday from 3:38 to 5:00. Please contact Mrs. Bustos if you have any questions or concerns regarding club information at lbustos@psdschools.org or 970-412-9372.



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Bus Loading Zone: Please do not cross the street between buses. Bus drivers have a hard time seeing in front of their buses and it is not a safe place to be. **ALWAYS use the CROSSWALK.**

Drop off & Pick up: Please drop your kids off and pick up in the East Parking Lot. There is adult supervision and parents do not need to get out of their cars. Please obey all school zone rules.

Fire Drills: Starting in March, all schools will host monthly fire drills, as required by the International Fire Code. Each drill serves as an opportunity to educate students and staff about safely evacuating our building in the event of a fire.

Who's In Our Building: We want to know who is in our building at all times. Please check in the office and receive a Visitor sticker. We ask that parents let their students walk to their classroom by themselves.



DO WE HAVE YOUR UPDATED INFORMATION?

It's very important to keep the school up-to-date on new phone numbers. If your student is sick or gets injured, we need to be able to get ahold of you right away. Please make a point to keep us updated!! Thank you!





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FIELD TRIPS

ILS Students:

3/6 – Walmart



3/13 – Library Park & Walrus Ice cream



3/27 – 1st Graders will be heading to the Library



HONOR CHOIR

Our Honor Choir Students, Owen C. and Leo N., both 5th Graders, performed with all the PSD Honor Choir students at The Lincoln Center on February 18th.



ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Students who are at or above grade level can be chosen by their teachers for Enrichment. Students get to attend extra art, music or technology. Playing rock and roll instruments, painting murals, and coding robots are just some of the fun activities these students experience!



SUPER ART STUDENT

Zariah D. in Mrs. Pucci's class was chosen for the SuperArt! District Art Show. Her artwork will be hanging in the Boardroom at the JSSC for a full year!



FRIDAY PRIDE SHIRT DAY

Show your Putnam Pride by wearing your Putnam t-shirt. Students & staff are encouraged to wear their Putnam gear every Friday.



MONDAY FOLDERS

The Monday Folder is how we communicate weekly with our families. Please make a point to look for your student's Monday Folder every week. Sometimes there is important information in there that needs your attention and needs to be returned the next day.

REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER

If you would like to participate or volunteer in the classrooms, you MUST be a registered volunteer through the District. To register, please follow the link below. Remember it takes a few weeks to be approved.

<https://www.psdschools.org/community/volunteers>

PUTNAM WEBSITE

Our Newsletter can be found on our Website. The pictures are better and you can take it with you wherever you go.

<https://put.psdschools.org/node/894>

FACEBOOK

Like us on Facebook. You can find us at Putnam Panthers. You'll be kept current of all the events happening at Putnam.

REMIND

We are also using REMIND an app to keep families up-to-date via text messages. If you are not on REMIND and would like to be, please contact your student's teacher.

SCHOOL MESSENGER/ROBO CALLS

New for the 2019-20 school year, all automated PSD and school phone calls will come from one main number: 970-490-3050. In the past, the number displayed as 1-866-316-3462. We made this change with our families and staff in mind. Some shared feedback that they didn't always answer the 866 number thinking it was spam. Parents, guardians and staff members who may have previously saved the 866 number in their phone as a contact will need to re-save the new number. If you miss a phone call or voice message from the district, you may call the number above and listen to the last 10 voice messages sent to your phone (most recent will play first).



AMERICAN FURNITURE

Fundraiser

School ID: PTNM50

Great News! Any purchase at ANYTIME at American Furniture Warehouse supports Putnam Elementary. Just mention our school or our ID: **PTNM50** at check-out and we get back 2-4% of your purchase (2% is matched on anything Beautyrest or Serta). Phone and online orders count too. Spread the word!

They grow up so fast.

Now's your chance to shape their future.

Student
Take-Home
Flyer



A kindergartener counted in the 2020 Census this spring will be starting high school when the next census comes around in 2030: That's 10 years of school supplies, teachers, school lunches, and so much more. This is your opportunity to help ensure they have a bright future.

Right now, students across the country are getting an introduction to the 2020 Census through the Statistics in Schools program. This program offers free activities and resources to schools to help prepare their students for an increasingly data-driven world.

Students are learning that the 2020 Census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. Responding to the census helps your community get its fair share of funding. Census data guides how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year for schools, health care facilities, roads, transportation, recreation centers, social services, and more.

On Census Day, April 1, 2020, start shaping your future and the future of all children by counting everyone in your home.

Learn more about how you can shape your future at 2020CENSUS.GOV.

Get more information about the Statistics in Schools program at CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS.

Students are also learning these key things about the 2020 Census—and we want you to know them too:

- Starting in March 2020, everyone living in your home needs to be counted. That includes children and newborn babies, citizens and noncitizens, relatives and nonrelatives, and even those staying with you temporarily.
- It's easier than ever to respond to the census. You can respond in 13 different languages, and you can complete it online, by phone, or by mail.
- Your responses to the census are safe and secure. The law requires the U.S. Census Bureau to keep your information confidential, and your responses cannot be used against you in any way.



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2020

MORNING FRESH

Save your delivered milk lids and turn in rinsed lids to Putnam. Morning Fresh Dairy will give \$.05 for every lid turned in.



FRONT OFFICE

- All students that are late (8:55 is the tardy bell) need to have a parent/guardian come sign them in.
- Accidents happen! Be sure to keep a change of clothes in your students backpack or classroom in case of a milk spill, bathroom accident, or playground mud puddle.
- Make sure to log into your ParentVUE account through the PSD website:
 - You can update your contact and emergency contact information here.
 - You can sign up to receive text message alerts from Putnam and PSD.
 - Go to: <https://svue.psdschools.org/>

Attendance:

- Please be sure to leave a detailed message if your student is absent, 970-488-7701.
- If your student has 10 sick days, PSD policy requires doctor's notes for additional illness-related absences.

PUTNAM HEALTH & WELLNESS

Health

- Please keep your student home if they have had a fever or were throwing up the last 24 hours
- If you are unsure, please call the office so we can figure out the best plan for your student's health
- Remember to wash hands often!!
- Cover coughs & sneezes in your elbow
- Visit the following link regarding flu symptoms:
- <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/family/flu-guide-for-parents-2017.pdf>



Lice Information:

- From the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding Lice
- In the United States, infestation with head lice is most common among preschool- and elementary school-aged children. Here is some information:
 - Head lice are not known to transmit disease
 - Getting head lice is not related to cleanliness of the person or his or her environment.
 - Head lice are mainly spread by direct contact with the hair, like head-to-head contact, of a person who already has lice
- PSD follows Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and CDC guidelines on how to monitor and check for lice:
 - Lice is a non-reportable condition, but we appreciate a phone call so we can track patterns and trends within classrooms
 - If your student has lice, they must be treated before returning to school
 - Based on class size, if 2-3 students have lice in one classroom, letters will be sent home notifying families
 - Please visit the site below for other information <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/>

Free Breakfast – All Year

Poudre School District is providing **FREE BREAKFAST** for **ALL STUDENTS** at **PUTNAM** this year. If you would like to join us for breakfast, please arrive by 8:30 am.



NEW THIS YEAR – FREE LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS!!!

Child Nutrition will be providing free lunch for all students. District is asking ALL families to complete paperwork for this incredible benefit.



LUNCH SCHEDULE:

GRADE	LUNCH	RECESS
Kinder	11:15 to 11:35	11:35 to 11:55
1st	11:25 to 11:45	11:45 to 12:05
2nd	11:35 to 11:55	11:55 to 12:15
3rd	11:45 to 12:05	12:05 to 12:25
4th	11:55 to 12:15	12:15 to 12:35
5th	12:05 to 12:25	12:25 to 12:45

BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENU:

<https://psdschools.nutrislice.com/menu/putnam?mode=browse>

Adult Prices:

Breakfast \$2.15

Lunch \$3.85

Putnam Elementary

March, 2020

970-488-7701 Attendance Line

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORKDAY	PSD After 3		PSD After 3	9:00 Read w/a Loved One 9:25 PTO Meeting Wear Your Putnam Shirt ILS Students - Walmart	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	GWC Club	5:00 Science Fair Presentation PSD After 3		PSD After 3 – LAST DAY	Wear Your Putnam Shirt ILS Students – Library Park & Walrus Ice Cream	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	GWC Club		CMAS Testing begins for 3rd, 4th & 5th Graders	CMAS Testing	CMAS Testing Wear Your Putnam Shirt 1st Graders Poudre River Library	
29	30					
	GWC Club CMAS Testing					

Upcoming Events:

4/1 – 4/12 CMAS Continues	4/3 PTO Meeting	4/22 2 nd Grade Music Concert
4/3 Read w/a Loved One	4/3 ILS Students/Mulberry Pool	4/24 ILS Students FOCO DOCO
	4/17 ILS Students Lee Martinez Park	4/29 4 th Grade Music Concert