

Putnam Elementary School

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November / December 2021

Principal
**Steve
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Positive attitude
Respect
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Message from the Principal

December 1, 2021

Greetings Putnam Students, Parents, and Families!

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable Fall Break! We are looking forward to continued student growth during the upcoming months. Our staff has done a tremendous job keeping our kids safe while maintaining high quality instruction. We will continue to follow all PSD safety protocols to ensure our kids maintain uninterrupted learning.



Our staff and district continue our focus on Belonging and Acceleration. PSD is supporting Acceleration through improvement of practices in Reading. At Putnam, our staff meetings have provided time for teachers and teams to learn more about evidence-based practices in Reading. At our Collaboration Day in November, we discussed the relationship of a student's ability to read and write with oral language development. Last month, in our newsletter we began this conversation with learning about one of the main components for reading called Phonological Awareness (PA). Phonological Awareness is the ability to hear, recognize and manipulate spoken parts of sentences and words. This month we'll talk about Oral Language development. Oral Language development influences a student's ability to speak and write. We can increase reading and writing skills through our development of oral

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language and vocabulary. For example, activities that can increase oral language and vocabulary include hearing a variety of words, being active in everyday conversations, sharing oral stories, reading books with your child, singing and playing rhyming games, and having varied experiences. Each of these activities builds oral language development, vocabulary, and phonological awareness. For more information on PA and Oral Language development, check out the website readingrockets.org. As we move through the year, I'll continue to provide instructional updates like this one to keep families up to date on learning in the classroom.

A big thank you to Don Butler and the North Fort Collins Business Association, and Jax Outdoor Gear for their generous contribution of coats, boots, and hats for many of our students. Thank you to the numerous volunteers who supported and raised funds for the Coats & Boots program. With a cold winter ahead, we are fortunate to have this partnership!

Thank you for your continued support of our community. I hope you and your families have a safe & enjoyable winter break!

Warmest Regards,

Steve

NO SCHOOL

- Winter Break: 12/20 thru 1/3/22. **First day back, 1/4/22**
- MLK Day: January 17, 2022

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PSD AFTER 3

PSD After 3 starts 10/25/21 for students that registered & were contacted by PSD After 3 staff.



- Mondays & Wednesdays
- 3:38pm to 4:55pm
- No classes week of Thanksgiving
- Ends 12/15/21
- Watch for applications for 2nd Session

One of our PSD After 3 clubs, **Girls Who Code**, will be heading to the PSD Future's Lab for a fun and exciting field trip December 2nd. They will get to program a drone and learn about future opportunities.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- December 14, 2021
- JSSC Building
- Starting at 5:30pm

Please consider coming to the Board Meeting to share positive stories happening in your student's school/classroom.

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YES CONCERT

January 20, 2022

This year the 5th graders will get to continue the annual tradition of visiting the symphony! The YES (Youth Education Series) Symphony concert will be limited to fifth graders and will be held in person at Timberline Church. (The church is only used as the venue, there are no religious themes in the concert) Students will be safely distanced between other classes and schools and will be wearing masks. Also, this year there will be no fee for the concert! The Fort Collins Symphony will put on a unique concert especially for our wonderful students! Look for a field trip permission slip before Winter Break.

AT HOME COVID-19 SYMPTOM SCREENING TOOL FOR PARENTS AND STAFF

Parents and guardians can use these symptom checklists to determine when to keep their child at home. School staff can also use this tool to determine if they need to stay at home. Any student or staff diagnosed with COVID-19 or who is a close contact of a COVID-19 case should not go to school and should isolate or quarantine according to public health recommendations regardless of current symptoms.

This symptom screen refers only to new symptoms or a change in usual symptoms. A student/staff should not be kept home for usual symptoms they experience due to a chronic condition unless they are worse than usual. These guidelines are in addition to your regular school guidance (for example, a child with vomiting should also not attend school based on usual school guidance). Please refer to the Return to Learn guidance to determine when it is appropriate to return to school. *If your child is/you are experiencing any potentially life-threatening symptoms, please call 911.*

Symptom Screen: If any of the following symptoms are present, keep the child at home/stay at home, inform the school of symptoms, and reach out to a health care provider about COVID-19 testing and next steps for treatment. Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4°F or higher. New or unexplained persistent cough. Shortness of breath. Difficulty breathing. Loss of taste or smell. Fatigue. Muscle aches. Headache. Sore throat. Nausea or vomiting. Diarrhea. Runny nose or congestion.

More information can be found on the Poudre School District's website: <https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/COVID19schoolstatus>



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PUTNAM'S BELL SCHEDULE

8:55 AM Start of the day

3:38 PM End of the day

LUNCH/RECESS SCHEDULE:

11:00 am to 11:40 am Kinder

11:10 am to 11:50 am 1st Grade

11:30 am to 12:10 pm 2nd Grade

11:40 am to 12:20 pm 3rd Grade

11:55 am to 12:35 pm 4th Grade

12:05 pm to 12:45 pm 5th Grade



Free Breakfast & Lunch for all students @ Putnam.
Parents, please continue to fill out Free & Reduce Lunch
forms as our school receives other benefits based on this
information! Forms can be filled online at [https://
www.psdschools.org/programs-services/school-meals/
free-and-reduced-meals](https://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/school-meals/free-and-reduced-meals)

If you do not want to fill out online, please come to school to get a paper
copy. Thank you!

PUTNAM'S EXPECTATIONS

THE BIG 3

1. Follow Directions
2. Keep your hands and feet to yourself
3. Keep each other and the school safe

Putnam T-Shirts

Every Friday!!



Show your school spirit and wear your Putnam shirts!!



December 2021

Putnam Elementary

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Patty Sandwich Chef Salad with Goldfish Crackers Pb&J Sandwich Salad with dressing Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Strawberries, or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef & Bean Burrito Turkey or Ham & Cheese Sandwich Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Watermelon or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Pizza Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Pear Milk Variety Assorted Condiments
6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Drumstick with Goldfish Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish Fresh Celery Sticks, or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Blueberries, or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Calzone & Marinara Ham or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish Bell Peppers, or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Orange Wedges Milk Variety Assorted Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asian Meatballs & Rice Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Kiwi, or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Burrito Ham or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish Salad with dressing Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Cantaloupe, or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pepperoni Pizza Hummus & Veggie Box PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Cuties, or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments
13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Nuggets Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Snap Peas, or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Grapes, or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Lasagna Rollup Turkey or Ham & Cheese Sandwich Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Carrots Whole Fruit, or Substitute Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Patty Sandwich Chicken Caesar Wrap Pb&J Sandwich Salad with dressing Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Raspberries or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef & Bean Burrito Turkey or Ham & Cheese Sandwich Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Watermelon or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Pizza Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Pear Milk Variety Assorted Condiments
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STOP, WALK, TALK

Students are learning and participating in our Positive Behavior Interventions & Support campaign; Stop, Walk, Talk. Posters are posted around the school as a reminder to use Stop, Walk, Talk if students are having a conflict with another student.

Stop, Walk, Talk

	<p>Ask them to:</p> <p>STOP</p> <p>Tell them you don't like the problem behavior and ask them to STOP.</p>
	<p>Next</p> <p>WALK</p> <p>Walk away from the problem behavior.</p>
	<p>If the problem behavior doesn't stop:</p> <p>TALK</p> <p>Talk to an adult.</p>

PARENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Parents dropping kids off in the morning can drop off as early as 8:40 am. Use the east parking lot for both drop-off & pick-up. We have several staff members out there to make sure kids get where they need to be.

Early Childhood parents will park in front of the school. Then they will walk their child to & from the exterior classroom door. Parents will use an iPad to sign students in and out.



For the safety of all, please obey all traffic laws and use the crosswalk in front of the school.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is not automatic; you must register with transportation for all services.

Here is a link for registering:

https://eweb2.psdschools.org/Transportation_BussingRequest/



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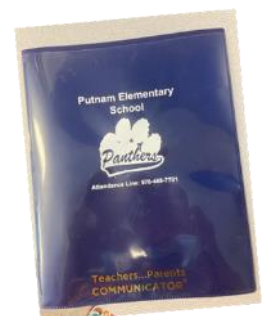
Here is the link to login to Here Comes the Bus:

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Any questions regarding transportation, please call transportation directly at 970-490-3232

MONDAY FOLDERS

We use Monday folders to keep everyone informed. Please look for the Monday Folder in your student's backpack.





5th Grade Students Blevins Middle School Welcomes You!

Principal

Melissa Wagner

Assistant Principal

Rick Overton

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6th Grade Transition Website

[https://sites.google.com/
psdschools.org/](https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/)

5th Grade Student & Family Information Night December 2, 2021 6:00 - 8:00 PM

This event is for all incoming 5th grade families and students in the Blevins neighborhood and those who are considering school of choice. Parents will attend sessions giving an overview of our school. Students will partake in activities with 6th grade teachers during that time.

School of Choice First Consideration Deadline January 21, 2022 by 12:00pm Noon

Middle School Counselors Visit Elementary Schools Week of January 31st - February 4th

Blevins Counselors will visit the four Feeder Elementary Schools (Bauder, Beattie, Bennett & Olander). If your students does not attend one of these, you can visit the Blevins Website for the Virtual Presentation.

Instrument Try Out Night Spring 2022 (Exact Date TBD)

This night is for students who have signed up for Band or Orchestra for 6th grade. Students will try different instruments and Parents will get more information.

5th Grade Students Visit Blevins May 13, 2022 9:30-11:30 AM

All 5th grade students will be visiting their future middle schools.

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