

# **Putnam Elementary School**

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October / November 2021

## **Principal**

## **Steve Apodaca**











## Message from the Principal

November 1, 2021

Greetings Putnam Students and Families,

Welcome to Fall!

It was great to see families back in the building for Fall Conferences. We had a great turnout! Thank you for your support. We are excited to share your child's progress and look forward to more learning throughout the year. We are continuing to use the Remind app for much of our communication. Please download the app for the latest updates - If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Our focus this year is 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. One of the main components for Reading is understanding the skill of Phonological Awareness (PA). Phonological Awareness is the ability to recognize and manipulate spoken parts of sentences and words. PA plays an important role with reading success and students usually master this by the end of 2nd-3rd grade. Examples of PA are rhyming words, blending sounds together or identifying individual sounds. At school, teachers use direct instruction on how to move sounds and how to put sounds together to form words. This blending of sounds helps

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Click Here to Self-Schedule Your Child's Well Care Visit Today!



## Message from the Principal

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us to become readers as we blend the sounds of letters into words. As you talk with your own child, ask them about what they are doing with sounds of letters and words (grades k-3).

As we continue through the year, I'll continue to provide instructional updates similar to this one to keep families up to date on learning in the classroom.

Happy Thanksgiving! Warmest Regards,

Steve





## HALLOWEEN CLASS PARTIES

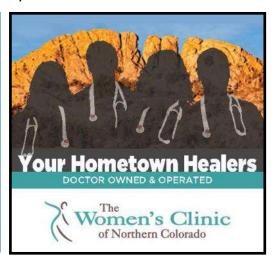
Friday, October 29, 2021

Halloween will look different this year.
Unfortunately, we will not hold our annual parade.
We will let students have a small classroom party
towards the end of the day with only their
classmates.

- Students will arrive at school in their costumes and wear all day.
   Make sure students will be comfortable to play outside.
- \* No gory, no drugs & alcohol, or violent costumes
- \* No masks or make-up
- No treats from home or store, school will provide snacks to each classroom
- \* No Parents or volunteers Sorry!









# School Accountability Committee October 27th

### 3:45pm

Our School Accountability Committee(SAC) met on October 27th. The SAC reviews student learning and connection data, gives input on the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP), or schoolwide plan, and gives input on the school budget. We'll meet quarterly for updates and discussions. At our meeting on 10/27, we discussed our Unified Improvement Plan, (UIP). A UIP is required by every school in the state and guides the staff and community with school improvement. Our UIP has three Major Improvement Strategies (MIS). MIS for Putnam target 1) Learning System 2) Intervention System and 3) Behavior System. We use these strategies and their actions steps to help guide instructional practices, staff development, staff meetings and monitor data. For more information, please feel free to contact the office. If you are interested in serving on the SAC, please call the front office at (970) 488-7700.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Session









## NO SCHOOL Monday, November 8th

Teacher Workday! Enjoy the long weekend.

# THANKSGIVING BREAK No School 11/24-26/21

Enjoy your time off with family & friends. **THANK YOU!!!** for sharing your students with us!



### **3rd Graders Go To The Farm**



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## Reach Parents in Larimer County through our mobile-ready newsletters

Market your business in both Poudre and Thompson school districts.

You gain visibility and targeted, increased awareness; schools gain funds from advertising revenue.

SCHOOL

Advertise with The School Newsletter Company
Joe Mivshek 970-420-7163 | SchoolNewsletterCompany@gmail.com

## **3rd Graders Go To The Farm**

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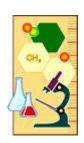






## LITTLE SHOP OF PHYSICS COMES TO PUTNAM











## LITTLE SHOP OF PHYSICS COMES TO PUTNAM continued









### **FAMILY SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR YOU!**

Information regarding THANKSGIVING and CHRISTMAS resources will be coming out very soon. Please check your MONDAY FOLDERS and watch for REMIND messages for more information. Many of these resources will be FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE so it's very important that you check your children's backpacks every MONDAY.

The MOBILE LAUNDRY is now available for all families every TUESDAY at Fullana Learning Center at 220 N. Grant Street from 9-3. Please have your laundry at this location by 11:00 and they will wash, dry and fold your laundry for pick up by 3:00. This is a FREE service, and no vouchers are needed this year.

Neighbor to Neighbor is a valuable resource for families who need rent assistance or are looking for affordable housing. Please see all the wonderful things this organization does at N2N.org. You may also contact them at 970-829-0296 for more information. Things you will need in order to apply are Photo ID, Proof of one month of income for all members of the household, current lease if applying for late rent or an unsigned lease when applying for move in assistance. Their website also includes rentals that are available.

We are here for you! Give us a call or email us if you need support or assistance!

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## 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.

<b>Symptom Screen</b> : 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. $\ \square$ New or unexplained persistent cough. $\ \square$ Shortness of breath. $\ \square$
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: <a href="https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/COVID19schoolstatus">https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/COVID19schoolstatus</a>

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

11:40 am to 12:20 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

11:55 am to 12:35 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

12:05 pm to 12:45 pm 5<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="https://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/school-meals/free-and-reduced-meals">https://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/school-meals/free-and-reduced-meals</a>

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!!



## November 2021

## Putnam Elementary

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hamburger & Cheeseburger     Cold Deli Yogurt with Granoli     Pb&J Sandwich     Fresh Snap Peas, or     Substitute     Whole Fruit, or Substitute     Grapes, or Substitute     Milk Variety     Assorted Condiments		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	Ocean Treasures Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Watermelon or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments	Cheese Pizza Cold Dell Yogurt with Granola Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Peaches, or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments
School	Cheese Calzone & Marinara Ham & Cheese Sandwich PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish Bell Peppers, or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Orange Wedges Milk Variety Assorted Condiments	Asian Meatballs & Rice     Cold Dell 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		Pepperoni Pizza Hummus & Veggle Box PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Plum or Substitute Mifk Variety Assorted Condiments
Chicken Nuggets     Cold Deli Yogurt with Granoli     Pb&J Sandwich     Fresh Snap Peas, or     Substitute     Whole Fruit, or Substitute     Grapes, or Substitute     Milk Variety     Assorted Condiments	Cheese Ravioli & Goldfish     Crackers     Turkey & Cheese Sandwich     Pb&J Sandwich     Fresh Carrots     Whole Fruit, or Substitute     Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute     Milk Variety     Assorted Condiments	Chicken Patty Sandwich     Chicken Caesar Wrap     Pb&J Sandwich     Salad with dressing     Whole Fruit, or Substitute     Fresh Raspberries or     Substitute     Milk Variety     Assorted Condiments	Ocean Treasures Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Watermelon or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments	Cheese Pizza     Cold Dell Yogurt with Granola     Pb&J Sandwich     Fresh Cucumber Slice or     Substitute     Whole Fruit, or Substitute     Fresh Peaches, or Substitute     Milk Variety     Assorted Condiments

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Whole Fruit, or Substitute Fresh Blackberries or

Substitute Milk Variety

Assorted Condiments

Hamburger & Cheeseburger
Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels
or Goldfish
Fresh Celery Sticks, or
Substitute
Whole Fruit, or Substitute
Other Substitute
Other Substitute

Cheese Calzone & Marinara
Yogurt Parfatt
PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels
or Goldfish
Bell Peppers, or Substitute
Whole Fruit, or Substitute

Orange Wedges
 Milk Variety

Assorted Condiments







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### **PARENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP**

Parents dropping kids off in the morning can drop off as early at 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/



Know where the bus is at all times, download the application <u>Here Comes the Bus</u> from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. **Putnam's code #75840** 

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

https://login.herecomesthebus.com/Authenticate.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f

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.

