



# Putnam Elementary School

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March / April 2022

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**Steve  
Apodaca**

**P**ositive attitude  
**R**espect  
**I**ntegrity  
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## *Message from the Principal*

April 1, 2022

Dear Putnam Families and Students,

Welcome to Spring! Our staff and district continue our focus on Belonging and Acceleration. PSD is supporting Learning Acceleration through improvement of instructional practices in Reading. At Putnam, we are learning about evidence-based practices in the **5 Components of Reading including Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension.**

During the last few months we have discussed following Reading Components:

1. **Phonological Awareness**, or learning about sounds
2. **Phonics**, or learning about letters and sounds.
3. **Fluency**, which is reading words accurately, quickly and with expression.
4. **Vocabulary** is a fourth area of reading that plays a crucial role with children understanding what they are reading. The more words a student knows, the more likely they'll comprehend what they read. Last month, we talked about learning new words through daily conversations. Families can support vocabulary growth with everyday talk and bringing more words into your discussions.

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Connections

## Message from the Principal *continued*

- In addition to daily conversations, families and teachers can foster *word consciousness*. Word consciousness is an awareness of and interest in words. You can practice word consciousness every day. For example, we use many words in a way that is different from their usual meaning.
- One way we use words differently is with idioms. Common idioms, such as *raining cats and dogs* or *time is flying by*. In these examples, we use common words differently from their usual meaning. Families can have fun with idioms. Whenever you use an idiom, 1) you can have fun explaining the literal meaning (example, *it is raining cats and dogs* and then 2) explaining the expression's meaning (that it is raining hard).

We'll continue to inform you about our literacy practices in each newsletter. Find more information on Vocabulary at <https://www.readingrockets.org>.

**CMAS Update.** In April, students in Grade 3-5 will be taking the statewide assessment for Reading and Math, or Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS). CMAS is the state's measure of growth for our students and school. It is important for families to support their child during this period with the following CMAS Tips:

- Ensure your child is well-rested and goes to bed early.
- Ensure your child eats their breakfast at home or here at school.
- Encourage your child to do their best and show how much they have learned.

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me at 488-7700 or [sapodaca@psdschools.org](mailto:sapodaca@psdschools.org) if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

Steve

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## NO SCHOOL

- Teacher Exchange Day: April 15, 2022
- Last Day of School: Summer break starts at 12:08 noon on 5/25/22



## CMAS Testing

### 3/29 thru 4/22

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## SPRING CONFERENCES

### April 11-22

Please make sure you communicate with your child's teachers to schedule a time to meet with them to discuss your child's academic and behavioral progress. Teacher's will be working early in the morning and late at night to meet with all our families. In return, teachers will have April 15<sup>th</sup> off and students will have a 3-day weekend.

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## COFFEE WITH MR. APODACA

April 29<sup>th</sup>

8:15am to 8:45am



Parents are welcome to come a little early to hang out with principal, Mr. Apodaca, have a cup coffee and ask questions. Stay a little longer for Read with a Loved One!

## READ WITH A LOVED ONE

April 29<sup>th</sup>

8:55am to 9:15am

Start your day off with a good book and your child! Please join your student in their classroom to read a book for the first 20 minutes of their day.

## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

5/2 – 5/6

Let's show our teachers how much we love & appreciate them. Teachers love to get notes from their students! Can you come up with a creative way to deliver your note?? Here's an idea....



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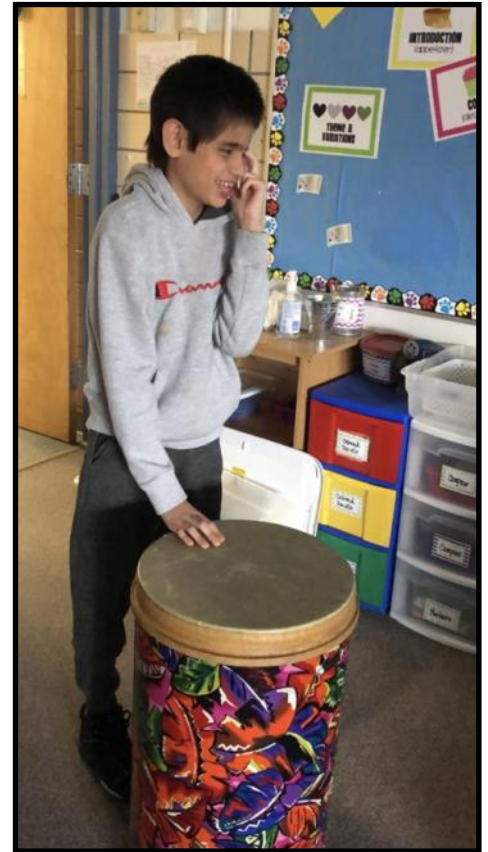
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**Students in Mrs. Weaver's Class**



## Bus Driver of the Year!!!

### Mickey Mouse Bus

**Congratulations to Lupe!** For being recognized as Employee of the Year with the PSD Transportation Department. We knew we were lucky to have you, now the community knows how fortunate we are! Lupe, thank you so much for taking such great care of our kiddos (while having fun!!)



It gives us immense pleasure to announce that Mrs. Guadalupe Leon has been chosen as this year's recipient of the Transportation Employee of the Year Award.

Guadalupe works as a Bus Operator for the PSD Transportation Department; she currently drives for Lincoln Middle School and Putnam Elementary.

In recognition of her outstanding performance, dedication, and professionalism at work, she was nominated for this year's best employee award.

We are proud to have her as part of our team. Loyal hard-working employees like her are the foundation to any successful company. We hope that she keeps up the good work in the years to come.

### **Congratulations Lupe Leon!**

Let us take this as an inspiration for us all and work towards the common goals of PSD. Let's grow together and achieve new heights and successes.

**Upcoming Events**

5/13 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lincoln Middle School

5/13 – School wide PRIDE Assembly

5/17 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Gardens @ Spring Creek

5/23 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic @ City Park

5/25 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

**LINK TO PSD HEALTH & SAFETY FLIER FOR SPRING 2022**

<https://www.psdschools.org/2021-22-School-Year>



## AT HOME COVID-19 SYMPTOM SCREENING TOOLS FOR PARENTS AND STAFF

March 21, 2022

Dear PSD community,

This is an update about free COVID tests and the state's new illness guidelines.

**What to do when sick:** PSD will follow the [state health department's new "How Sick is Too Sick" protocols](#). Neither the state nor PSD will use Return to Learn guidelines anymore.

Have any of the symptoms below? You need a negative COVID test to return to school.

When not related to a documented chronic health condition, symptoms that require a negative test to return to school include fever, feeling feverish, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, sore throat, runny nose, congestion, muscle/body aches, headache, fatigue, new loss of sense of taste or smell.

If your student tests positive or chooses not to test, they must remain home for five days and wear a mask on days 6 to 10 when they return, per public health requirements.

- [More information >>](#)
- [Read CDPHE's "How Sick is Too Sick" >>](#)

**Free tests:** PSD is handing out roughly 1,500 free COVID test kits this week. There is a limit of four test kits per vehicle; each kit comes with two iHealth rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. PSD ordered these tests through a free, voluntary state program and is making them available as a public service.

Tests will be available in the parking lots of the following schools until supplies run out:

- 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, Rocky Mountain High School, 1300 W. Swallow Road in Fort Collins
- 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, Fort Collins High School, 3400 Lambkin Way in Fort Collins
- 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, Fossil Ridge High School, 5400 Ziegler Road in Fort Collins
- 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, Poudre High School, 201 S. Impala Drive in Fort Collins

## 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	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <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!!



April 2022

Putnam Elementary

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<b>1</b>
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pepperoni Pizza</li> <li>Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>PB&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute</li> <li>Steamed Carrots</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Cuties, or Substitute</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hamburger &amp; Cheeseburger</li> <li>Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>PB&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>Fresh Snap Peas, or Substitute</li> <li>Corn</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Grapes, or Substitute</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mac &amp; Cheese</li> <li>Turkey or Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>Fresh Carrots</li> <li>Green Beans</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken Patty Sandwich</li> <li>Chef Salad with Goldfish Crackers</li> <li>Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>Salad with dressing</li> <li>Steamed Broccoli</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Fresh Strawberries, or Substitute</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beef &amp; Bean Burrito</li> <li>Turkey or Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute</li> <li>Refried Beans</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Watermelon or Substitute</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheese Pizza</li> <li>Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute</li> <li>Steamed Carrots</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Fresh Pear</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken Drumstick with Goldfish</li> <li>Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>PB&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>Fresh Celery Sticks, or Substitute</li> <li>Corn</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Fresh Blueberries, or Substitute</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheese Calzone &amp; Marinara</li> <li>Ham or Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>PB&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>Bell Peppers, or Substitute</li> <li>Green Beans</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Orange Wedges</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fish Sticks</li> <li>Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>PB&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute</li> <li>Mashed Potatoes with Gravy</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Fresh Kiwi, or Substitute</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken Burrito</li> <li>Ham or Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>PB&amp;J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish</li> <li>Salad with dressing</li> <li>Refried Beans</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Fresh Cantaloupe, or Substitute</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken Nuggets</li> <li>Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>Fresh Snap Peas, or Substitute</li> <li>Mashed Potatoes with Gravy</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Grapes, or Substitute</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheese Lasagna Rollup</li> <li>Turkey or Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>Fresh Carrots</li> <li>Green Beans</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pork Chop Sandwich</li> <li>Chicken Caesar Wrap</li> <li>Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>Salad with dressing</li> <li>Steamed Broccoli</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Fresh Raspberries or Substitute</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beef &amp; Bean Burrito</li> <li>Turkey or Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute</li> <li>Refried Beans</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Watermelon or Substitute</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheese Pizza</li> <li>Cold Deli Yogurt with Granola</li> <li>Pb&amp;J Sandwich</li> <li>Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute</li> <li>Steamed Carrots</li> <li>Whole Fruit, or Substitute</li> <li>Fresh Pear</li> <li>Milk Variety</li> <li>Assorted Condiments</li> </ul>
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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/](https://eweb2.psdschools.org/Transportation_BussingRequest/)



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

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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.

