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April / May 2022

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Message from the Principal

May 1, 2022

Dear Putnam Families and Students,

Thank you for your continued support as we close out the 2021-2022 School Year. It was great to see families at our **Read with a Loved One** on Friday, April 29! I look forward to seeing many more of you at our PRIDE Assembly and Graduations. Throughout the past two years, we have been challenged by different protocols and procedures and our staff is thankful for your tremendous support. As we look forward to next school year, we are excited about having many more opportunities for family participation in the building.



PSD and Putnam are 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 the following Reading Components:

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Message from the Principal *continued*

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.
5. This past month our staff learned about **Reading Comprehension**. Reading Comprehension is the ability of students to understand what they are reading. Our staff has learned that students can learn specific skills for reading and building their knowledge. The more students read about stories (literature or narrative text) and informational (fact-based text) the more they build their knowledge. From the Reading Rockets website, families can support their students with the following strategies:
 1. Hold a conversation and discuss what your child has read. Ask your child probing questions about the book and connect the events to his or her own life. For example, say "I wonder why that girl did that?" or "How do you think he felt? Why?" and "So, what lesson can we learn here?".

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Message from the Principal *continued*

- Discuss what your child has learned from reading informational text such as a science or social studies book or internet site.

As we move into next year, we'll continue to share literacy practices in each newsletter. Find more information on Comprehension at <https://www.readingrockets.org>.

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

Warm regards,

Steve

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

- Summer break starts at 12:08pm on 5/25/22



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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for student summer programs. Check out fcgov.com/reducedfee website for more information. The before and after school program, AlphaBest, also gives a 15% discount. Apply on-line at www.myschoolapps.com.



Please note that **August 1, 2022** is the first day you can apply on-line for the 2022-2023 school year. Families do have to apply each school year unless they receive a letter stating otherwise.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2022/2023



Register for kindergarten for the 2022-23 school year today. Registering for kindergarten at your neighborhood school allows schools to determine classroom sizes, staffing needs, and the number of School of Choice seats they can offer. It is very important to register new kindergarten students at their neighborhood school.

To register on-line: <https://www.psdschools.org/schools/school-registration>

Or come by the school to complete paperwork.

Give us a call if you would like a tour of the school. 970-488-7700!

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POUDRE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REQUEST 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

All families must apply for transportation

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

- The **Deadline** for parents to request transportation for the 2022-2023 school year is **July 15, 2022**.
- All students need to register for transportation even if they were assigned to transportation in the 2021-22 school year.
- Parents can apply through their ParentVUE accounts.
- This is the link parents can register for transportation: https://iweb.psdschools.org/Stage/Transportation_BussingRequest/
- Submitting a request does not guarantee that students will receive transportation.
- Transportation will be provided automatically to students in the McKinney program, foster program, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. (THESE FAMILIES DO NOT NEED TO APPLY FOR TRANSPORTATION)
- Bussing is NOT provided for School of Choice.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FOR THE SUMMER

SUMMER AT THE CLUB! Registration has begun at the Boys and Girls Club for the Summer!

The Summer Program will begin June 6th at the locations stated below.



The Club will be closed from July 1-4 for the 4th of July holiday

July 29th is the last day for Summer Programs at Putnam Elementary and Traut Core Knowledge school locations

August 5th is the last day for programs at the Boys and Girls Club.

Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks will be provided each day for all programs.

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 1-3 THIS FALL can attend the Summer program at Putnam Elementary. The program will run from June 6th through July 29th from 7:30-5:30 pm Monday through Friday. Academic support in the morning and fun and games in the afternoon. Guest speakers every week. TO REGISTER PLEASE GO TO begreatlarimer.org or call the Club at 970-484-5198 or stop by the Club at 1608 Lancer Drive.

STUDENTS ENTERING 4TH AND 5TH GRADE can attend the Fort Collins Club at 1608 Lancer Drive. The program will run from June 6th through August 5th Monday through Friday 7:30 - 5:30. There will be academic support in the morning and fun and games in the afternoon. There will be field trips and guest speakers throughout the weeks. Please go to begreatlarimer.org, call 970-484-5198 or go by the Club to register

STUDENTS ENTERING 6TH GRADE AND UP will attend the Club at 1608 Lancer Drive for Summer of Discovery. This program will include enrichment programs, sports, fun and games along with opportunities to explore and learn through academic programs. There will be field trips every week. Program will run from June 6th - August 5th, Monday through Friday, 7:30-5:30 each day.

COST FOR ALL PROGRAMS IS \$100.00 PER STUDENT FOR THE ENTIRE SUMMER. **SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!!!** PLEASE SEE THE CLUB'S WEBSITE OR CALL THEM FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS

FIELD TRIPS

5/13 - 5th grade visits Lincoln Middle School 9:30-11:30

5/17 - 5th grade field trip to the Gardens on Spring Creek from 9:30-12:30

5/23 - 5th grade Picnic and Trolley ride at City Park

**5th GRADERS HELPING SERVE LUNCH!!**

**READ WITH A LOVED ONE!****Friday, April 29th****8:50 – 9:15**

Read with your child in their classroom. THEN – Join us in the media center or courtyard for Coffee and Donuts with Mr. Apodaca.

PRIDE ASSEMBLY!**Friday, May 13th****2:45-3:30**

Join us to celebrate our students in the area of attendance, academics and other exciting accomplishments!

FIELD DAY!!**Friday, May 20th****Grades 3-5 – 9:00 – 11:00****Grades K-2 12:30-2:30**

One of the best days of the year! Come watch your children play games and having fun with their classmates.

PROMOTION PARTIES!**Monday, May 23rd****2:45 – 3:30****Students only!**

An exciting day where your students will visit the classroom they will attend next year to learn about expectations and exciting events they can look forward to.

5th GRADE GRADUATION and LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

5th grade graduation will be at 9:00 for 5th graders and their families only.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – DISMISSAL WILL BE AT 12:08. BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL NOT BE SERVED THIS DAY.

HAPPY SUMMER!



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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

LINK TO PSD HEALTH & SAFETY FLIER FOR SPRING 2022

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

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>

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!!



May 2022

Putnam Elementary
Lunch

MONDAY

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- Hamburger & Cheeseburger
- Cold Delt Yogurt with Granola
- PB&J Sandwich
- Fresh Snap Peas, or Substitute
- Corn
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Grapes, or Substitute
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

TUESDAY

3

- Mac & Cheese
- Turkey or Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- PB&J Sandwich
- Fresh Carrots
- Green Beans
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

WEDNESDAY

4

- Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Chef Salad with Goldfish Crackers
- PB&J Sandwich
- Salad with dressing
- Steamed Broccoli
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Fresh Strawberries, or Substitute
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

THURSDAY

5

- Beef & Bean Burrito
- Turkey or Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- PB&J Sandwich
- Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute
- Refried Beans
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Watermelon or Substitute
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

FRIDAY

6

- Cheese Pizza
- Cold Delt Yogurt with Granola
- PB&J Sandwich
- Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute
- Steamed Carrots
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Fresh Pear
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

9

- Chicken Drumstick with Goldfish
- Cold Delt Yogurt with Granola
- PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish
- Fresh Celery Sticks, or Substitute
- Corn
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Fresh Blueberries, or Substitute
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

10

- Cheese Calzone & Marinara
- Ham or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
- PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish
- Bell Peppers, or Substitute
- Green Beans
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Orange Wedges
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

11

- Fish Sticks
- Cold Delt Yogurt with Granola
- PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish
- Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute
- Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Fresh Kiwi, or Substitute
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

12

- Chicken Burrito
- Ham or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
- PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish
- Salad with dressing
- Refried Beans
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Fresh Cantaloupe, or Substitute
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

13

- Pepperoni Pizza
- Hummus & Veggie Box
- PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish
- Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute
- Steamed Broccoli
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Cutlets, or Substitute
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

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- Cheese Lasagna Rollup
- Turkey or Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- PB&J Sandwich
- Fresh Carrots
- Green Beans
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

18

- Pork Chop Sandwich
- Chicken Caesar Wrap
- PB&J Sandwich
- Salad with dressing
- Steamed Broccoli
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Fresh Raspberries or Substitute
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

19

- Beef & Bean Burrito
- Turkey or Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- PB&J Sandwich
- Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute
- Refried Beans
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Watermelon or Substitute
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

20

- Cheese Pizza
- Cold Delt Yogurt with Granola
- PB&J Sandwich
- Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute
- Steamed Carrots
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Fresh Pear
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

23

- Hamburger & Cheeseburger
- Cold Delt Yogurt with Granola
- PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish
- Fresh Celery Sticks, or Substitute
- Black Beans
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Fresh Blackberries or Substitute
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

24

- Pizza Bites
- Cold Delt Yogurt with Granola
- PB&J Sandwich with Pretzels or Goldfish
- Bell Peppers, or Substitute
- Green Beans
- Whole Fruit, or Substitute
- Orange Wedges
- Milk Variety
- Assorted Condiments

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Last Day of
School!

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enjoy your
SUMMER

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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 *Here Comes the Bus* from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. **Putnam's code #75840**

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

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[Authenticate.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f](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.

