

What's Happening 11/15/20-11/28/20

Cohort A- Mondays and Tuesdays

Cohort B- Thursdays and Fridays

Cohort C- Virtual only

Cohort D - M, Tu, ThFri



Upcoming Events:

November 16- Family Teacher Conferences 4-8pm - virtual
November 20 - Cohort C virtual materials pickup 7:45-8:15am and 4:15-4:45pm
November 23- Family Teacher Conferences - virtual
November 23-27 - No School - Thanksgiving Break
November 30 - Butter Braid orders due
December 4 - Cohort C virtual materials pickup 7:45-8:15am and 4:15-4:45pm
December 10 - Butter Braid order pickup
December 18- Cohort C virtual materials pickup 7:45-8:15am and 4:15-4:45pm
December 23-January 1- No School – Winter Break

School Announcements:

- Next week we are planning on having an All School Bingo event that is open to all our Putnam students. This will be on Tuesday November 17 and Thursday November 19 at 2:45pm. Mrs. Lesneski will be calling the fun fall items for our Bingo game. Cohort A and B students will participate in class, while Cohort C students will be invited to join in one of their grade level classrooms at school through a Teams meeting. Cohort C students should have heard from a Putnam teacher with a Teams meeting invite, so if you have not, please let Mr. Brandenburg or Mrs. Anderson know. Bingo cards were included in the virtual materials pickup bags last week. We will include the prizes for our Cohort C bingo winners in the next bags.
- November 14 was the Indian holiday Diwali. It is often called the Festival of Lights, and around the world people celebrate the power of good over evil. It is a holiday with new clothes, special food, and candles. Mrs. Stovern and Mrs. Patel visited some of our classrooms to help celebrate Diwali this week by making a diya lamp and rangoli.
- We wanted to remind families that there is no school for students November 23-27 for our Thanksgiving break. There will be virtual Family Teacher conferences on Monday November 23 for families who have signed up.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Veterans Day Hero Wall. We missed seeing all our veterans and families in person, but we hope everyone enjoyed the video. In case you missed it, the link is on our Facebook page.
- We will not be doing a food drive at Putnam Heights this year. If you are still interested in supporting Feed My People Food Bank, they are accepting food donations or financial donations at their site at 2610 Alpine Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54703
- News from the Kitchen... Meals are FREE for all children through a USDA program for the 2020-2021 school year. Originally this was slated to end at the end of 2020, it has been extended to include the entire school year. However, if your child brings a lunch from home and would like a milk to go with their lunch, the charge is 50 cents. A milk being purchased separately is not included in the USDA program. But if your child eats a hot lunch at school, the milk is included with the meal and is included in the free meal program. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me! 715-852-4206 or sgraveen@ecasd.us. Thank you!
- Families – Please make sure you are sending your child to school with all their winter gear every day. This includes a coat, snow pants, mittens, hat, and boots.
- If you are in need of assistance providing winter gear for your child, please let Mrs. Anderson (anderson@ecasd.us or 715-852-4207) or your child's teacher know what you need. We do have some extra winter gear in our Putnam Family Closet. We want all our students to be warm and dry this winter.
- If you have any outgrown winter gear that is still in good condition, we would love to be able to use it in our Family Closet. Please contact Mrs. Anderson (anderson@ecasd.us or 715-852-4207) directly ahead of time before sending it to school to make sure it is an item that we need. Items will need to be bagged before being brought to the school, and we will wash it before handing anything out. We can't take anything with broken zippers, big rips, or boots with the liners that are worn out. While we are happy to accept winter gear in good condition, we are not able to take unsolicited donations to our family closet due to lack of storage space and the need to wash items. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Mrs. Anderson to see if there is a specific need for those items. Thank you all for your assistance with this!

- We want to make sure all families who are interested receive Weekend Kids meals for their child. We have an online form that families can use to sign up now as well. If your child is in Cohort C, we can make arrangements with your family to pick up those meals weekly, and Mrs. Anderson will be in contact. Please let the office know if you need a paper form.

PTO Announcements:

- PTO previously stated there would be no formal fundraising this year. It has been brought to our attention that some Putnam families have incorporated Butter Braids into their family holiday traditions. So, although we do NOT want students to sell door to door this year, we would like to make Butter Braids available to those families that would like to purchase. If you would like to order Butter Braids you can set up an online sales page for your family at <https://tinyurl.com/y68g2o2e>. If you need a paper form, please email a request to Erin Anderson, eanderson@ecasd.us. Orders are DUE November 30th. Pickup will be scheduled for Thursday, December 10th.
- Thanks to everyone who helped support our Buffalo Wild Wings Putnam PTO fundraiser.

District Announcements:

- The ECASD is excited to announce that the USDA has extended free breakfast and lunch for students 18 and under through the end of the school year! To-go meals at no cost can be picked up at our five secondary schools between 8:30-9:30 am Monday thru Friday based upon the school calendar. Meals are also being distributed through the School Meals on Yellow Wheels deliveries. In addition, students who eat school breakfast or lunch (not including a la carte when available) when at school in their cohorts will also be provided with those meals at no cost.
- You can find the Special Education Family Engagement November newsletter at <https://www.smores.com/c2gj5>
- ECASD Special Education PTA Meeting: Nov. 10th: 7-8:30 on Zoom Meeting Topic: **Coping Joyfully during a Pandemic!** We are excited to have Annelies White, LPC, present the topic that everyone needs right now! Annelies works in the Behavior Health Department at Prevea but has also been a music educator, case manager, and is a local musician. Join us for this fun and much needed presentation on how to get through this time!
Resource Fair: Last year we had our first Resource Fair at the YMCA Indoor Sports Center on Craig Road with over 40 Vendors from our area. How can we do this event again in a safe way? We need your input. Please e-mail us at septaec@gmail.com if you would like to help on the Resource Fair Committee or have an idea.
Advocacy Opportunity: Do you know about Family Voices? Make sure you check out their website for training and information! <https://www.familyvoiceswi.org/learn/> Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month from 7 - 8:30 pm (TIME CHANGE) in the media rooms at the following schools

Community Announcements:

The Eau Claire Area School District offers a Community Events & Resources section on its web site. Families and students may go to [Community Events](#) to view flyers for upcoming events and resources in our community that apply to school-age students and families. If provided by the organization, paper copies for events may also be available in common areas of our buildings.

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