

Panther Press 9/13/20

**Cohort A- Mondays and Tuesdays**

**Cohort B- Thursdays and Fridays**

**Cohort C- Virtual only**

**Cohort D - M, Tu, Th, Fri**

**Upcoming Events**

September 17 - PTO virtual meeting 6:30 pm

September 29 - Putnam Night at Chipotle 4-8 pm

October 12 - Picture Day - Cohort A (and possibly D)

October 15 - Picture Day - Cohort B (and possibly D) with Cohort C (virtual) from 4-6pm



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## Principal's Message

*Greetings Putnam Heights Families, Welcome to a new school year! It is great to see so many smiling faces! Thank you for your patience and support as we navigate our new "normal". Usually, I would take this opportunity to talk to you about volunteering, encourage you to visit our school and your child's classroom, and remind you of upcoming family events, but with our new guidelines in place, sadly this year will be different. However, there is one opportunity for you to share your ideas and support and that is through our PTO. The next PTO meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, September 17th at 6:30 pm. The link will be shared this week! You do not have to come to every PTO meeting to make a difference for our Putnam children. Every little bit helps!*

*Please remember we would love to hear your ideas and value your support here at Putnam Heights. Thank you for your continued support of our school! Enjoy the beautiful fall weather with friends and family.*

**Diana Lesneski** Principal

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## Celebrating our Partnerships

*Thank you so much to the We care Eau Claire event that took place at Carson Park before the beginning of the school year. There were many area churches and volunteers that participated this as a way to provide donated backpacks and school supplies to the students in our district. Thank you so much to everyone who participated in this event and donated supplies. Our ECASD families are very grateful.*

*Thank you so much to Sacred Heart Hospital for the donations of backpacks and school supplies for our students. We really appreciate your support and generosity!*

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## Partnership Coordinator

Hi Putnam Families, I wanted to introduce myself as you will all be hearing from me a lot this school year but I haven't been able to meet our new families in person yet this year. My name is Erin Anderson, and I am the Putnam Heights Partnership Coordinator. My role is to be the link between the school, home, and the community. One of my primary roles is to partner with families to help them enhance their child's experience at Putnam. You will get frequent communication from me throughout the year in Skyward emails, the newsletter, and sometimes flyers home. Due to the different schedules of the cohorts, I will do my best to include all forms that get sent home to [the Partnership Connection page](#) on the [Putnam website](#). I am also here to help support our Cohort C families whose children are completely virtual.

For the month of September, you will receive a weekly newsletter sent out on Sunday mornings. Starting in October you will receive a newsletter every other week. This comes out in an email from me with a link to electronic version of the newsletter and the link is also on Facebook. Please feel free to reach out to me with questions at [eanderson@ecasd.us](mailto:eanderson@ecasd.us) or at 715-852-4207.

## School Announcements

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Thank you so much to all our Putnam families for your patience and support as we start the new school year. Our staff appreciates your help with all our new routines and changes. Here is a refresher of the document that was sent out to all our families about [Putnam Updates for 2020-2021](#)

We are already noticing some backups with traffic in our parking lot at dismissal time. We would like to encourage families that live close by to walk to pick up their children. You can pick up your child directly at their assigned door which you can find [HERE](#).

If you need to pick up your child by vehicle, please do not park in the lot when dropping off or picking up your child. We need to avoid having families congregate at our doors. Please avoid parking on Mac Arthur Avenue as it makes visibility difficult. Please have all passengers stay in your vehicle and proceed around the parking lot to the drop off/pickup line. We understand that since pickup/walking students are being dismissed after bus riders, it makes sense that some families may choose to enter the parking lot to pick up their children at around 3:55pm instead of 3:45pm. We are watching this carefully so we can streamline our dismissal process, and we will keep you updated on any changes.

From the Kitchen: USDA is providing free breakfast and lunch to students until the funding runs out. This program does include the drive thru meals being offered at the secondary sites from 8:30-9:30 am, Monday through Friday. If your student chooses to bring a lunch from home but purchase a milk to go with their lunch, the charge for that is 50 cents. This is not included in the free meal program from USDA. If your student does not have money in their account, you will get a reminder from the kitchen to send money for their milk purchases. As always, any questions, please email me at [sgraveen@ecasd.us](mailto:sgraveen@ecasd.us) or call me at 715-852-4206. Thank you!

**We partner with Feed My People food bank to offer Weekend Kids Meals to all interested families.**

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- The purpose of the program is to provide extra food for your child on days your child is not in school
  - There are no income guidelines or requirements. Anyone is welcome to participate in this program. The food is at **NO COST** to you or your child.
  - If you choose to enroll your child, he/she will receive a plastic bag each **Friday** (Cohort B & D) or **Monday** (Cohort A) with food for breakfast and lunch for him/her. For families that are Cohort C – virtual, we will offer a pickup option for parents.
  - Please be aware that peanut products are often distributed; so, we apologize that we cannot provide Kid's Meals to those students who have peanut and other food allergies and they cannot be enrolled.
  - Forms went home, but if you did not receive one or if your child is in Cohort C, if you are interested in signing up for this program, please contact Mrs. Anderson at [anderson@ecasd.us](mailto:anderson@ecasd.us). You can sign up at any time during the year. Another copy of the form is [HERE](#).
  - We are scheduled to start on September 18.
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**Forms are going home for Operation Warm. Another copy is [HERE](#) and the [Sizing Chart](#).**

The Eau Claire Fire Fighters Local 487 has partnered with Operation Warm to provide new winter coats to **students in need** at Putnam Heights Elementary School. The coats provide warmth and durability, with styling that are “kid friendly” with deep pockets. New colors and styles are selected each season.

The Eau Claire Fire Fighters Local 487 will be fundraising with the goal of raising enough money to buy the number of coats requested. If you are interested in more information about this amazing organization and/or donating money, please go to <https://give.operationwarm.org/campaign/eau-claire-firefighters-for-operation-warm-2020-21/c285739>.

These coats are intended for children in need for **this** winter. This program is not intended to provide coats for future years. Coats come in sizes: **4T, 5/6, 7/8, 10/12, 14/16** and we can also provide adult sizes if needed. Please use the sizing chart above if you are uncertain on sizing. We will be able to measure your child at school for the appropriate size if you would like. We cannot exchange coats for a different size once they are ordered, so order a size larger if you are uncertain.

If your family is experiencing financial hardship and your child at Putnam Heights is in need of a winter coat this year, please complete the requested information below and have your child return the paper form to **Mrs. Anderson, Partnership Coordinator by September 18th. You can also email a copy of this to me at [eanderson@ecasd.us](mailto:eanderson@ecasd.us)**

We do need to place the order as soon as possible to get coats before it is too cold. **Please contact Mrs. Anderson by September 18.**

Parent Name (First & Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

You will be notified at a later date when the coats are coming in.

I would like a coat for my child/children at Putnam Heights who is/are listed below:

Child's Name (First & Last)

Age

Teacher

Estimated Coat Size

### **School Nurse News**

#### *Sick Child Guidelines*

1. The ECASD will continue to follow our district sick child guidelines:

If a child exhibits any of the following symptoms at school, a parent/guardian/emergency contact will be notified to come and pick up the student:

Fever-Temperature of 100.4° or more

Diarrhea

Vomiting

Persistent coughing

Draining or spreading rash

Please keep your child home if he/she currently has or has had any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours.

2. In addition to our district sick child guidelines, the ECASD will also be following the COVID19 sick child guidelines as outlined by the Eau Claire City-County Health Department. If a child exhibits any of the following COVID-19 symptoms at school, a parent/guardian/emergency contact will be notified to come and pick up the student as well as any other household contacts such as siblings or any other students living within the same household.

Please see the attached; Symptom Based School Exclusion for COVID 19 and follow the guidelines for return to school.

One of these:

Cough

Shortness of breath

Difficulty breathing

New loss of taste or smell

Two or more of these:

Fever, chills, or shivering

Muscle aches

Headache

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

Please keep your child home if he/she currently has or has had any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours above what is normal for them.

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### **PTO Announcements**

Dear Putnam Heights PTO friends and family, Welcome to the Putnam heights school year! A special welcome to those families who are new to Putnam Heights Elementary School, and welcome back to returning families. along with all the activity of our children

starting school, the PTO Executive Board has been busy planning a calendar of events for the students, parents, and teachers. Due to the ever changing COVID guidelines, we will be sending this calendar out on a month to month basis.

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All parents and guardians of students, all teachers and staff members, and the principal are automatically PTO members. This year all our meetings will be held virtually, please keep an eye out for the links and times for those meetings and join us from the comfort of your home!

This year is going to be unlike any other school year we have experienced. The PTO has met with Mrs. Lesneski and other members of the school and have decided that **WE WILL NOT BE FORMALLY FUNDRAISING** this school year. We strive to find creative methods in order to give the Putnam Panther community a sense of togetherness, even though that may look very different this year. Please like us on Facebook at : [Putnam Heights Elementary - PTO](#)

Sincerely, your PTO Executive Board Elissa Fromm, President and Jess Arnold, Second President [putnampto@gmail.com](mailto:putnampto@gmail.com)

The first PTO meeting will be on Thursday September 17 at 6:30 pm. All our PTO General meetings this year will be virtual. We encourage all of you to join us.

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/435826805>

**You can also dial in using your phone.**

United States (Toll Free): [1 866 899 4679](tel:18668994679)

United States: [+1 \(571\) 317-3116](tel:+15713173116)

**Access Code:** 435-826-805

We are partnering with several restaurants this school year as an alternative to our traditional fundraising. Our first restaurant night will be with Chipotle on September 29 from 4-8 pm. Putnam Heights PTO will receive a portion of the proceeds. You can order online or in person for take out orders. Please make sure you show the flyer when you order or mention that this is for Putnam Heights Elementary. If you order online, you should use the code VL79G22



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Putnam Heights Elementary PTO. Come in to the Chipotle at **4738 Golf Rd** in Eau Claire on **Tuesday, September 29th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Putnam Heights Elementary PTO.

**NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP**

Use code VL79G22 before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.

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Putnam Heights gear order forms will be coming out soon!

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All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.