



# PUTNAM HEIGHTS PANTHER PRESS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/27 Hearing Screenings for K & 1st
- 10/4 Vision Screenings for K, 1st, and 2nd
- 10/8 RCU training
- 10/10 PTO Bingo Night
- 10/11 All School Meeting
- 10/14-18 Book Fair

### Partnership Coordinator's message

Hi Putnam Heights Families

For those of you who don't know me, I am the Partnership Coordinator for Putnam Heights. My main role is to be the link between the school, home, and community. You will get lots of Skyward emails from me throughout the year sharing information about Putnam Heights including things such as newsletters, PTO info, family events, picture days, and general updates. Feel free to respond to me by email or phone call anytime if you have any questions. I am always happy to help!



I am also the contact for volunteers. All our volunteers at Putnam Heights do need an ECASD background check and a School Volunteer Agreement, so if you are ever interested in volunteering, please reach out to me. This would be for all types of volunteers: field trips, classroom parties, PTO and Family events and more! I am also available to help families who need assistance with food, clothing, and personal items from our Putnam Pantry. Please reach out if you need assistance. My office is directly across from the main office. Feel free to stop by and say hi if you see me. I am so excited for this new school year.

Thanks! Erin Anderson [eanderson@ecasd.us](mailto:eanderson@ecasd.us) 715-852-4207

## NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS:

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# SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REMINDERS

Our Hearing Screenings for all Kindergarten and First Grade students is on Friday September 27.

Our Vision Screenings for all Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade Students is on Friday October 4.

**Our Virtual Store for Putnam Heights Apparel is officially open!**

<https://putnamheights.secure-decoration.com/>

You can click this link to shop around and see all of the shirts, sweatshirts, and other apparel and accessories available.

Ordering will be open until September 30th, so get your order in soon!

## ABC Food Program

At the end of the 2023-24 school year, the Weekend Kids Meal program, as it was known, came to an end. The Eau Claire School District, in partnership with Feed My People Food Bank, is offering a new program for the 2024-25 school year called A Brighter Childhood food program (ABC food program). This program will continue to provide nutritional support to our families who are challenged with having enough food in their cupboards for everyone in their family to thrive. Just like the former Weekend Kids Meal program, if your family is facing this challenge, the ABC food program is for you!

The new program provides vouchers for families each week to use over the weekend for items such as milk, eggs, and fruit/vegetables. Students will be given an envelope to take home in their folder on Thursdays or Fridays containing the vouchers. If you are experiencing greater food insecurity, please feel free to use our Putnam Heights Food Pantry.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Erin Anderson, Partnership Coordinator at [eanderson@ecasd.us](mailto:eanderson@ecasd.us) or 715-852-4207.

We want to start introducing you to our wonderful Putnam Heights Staff.

Kind Kindergarten teachers - Mrs. Goettl, Mrs. Morgan, and Ms. Borchardt



Fantastic First Grade team - Mrs. Rueber, Miss Braaten, and Ms. Razim.



Sensational Second Grade team - Mrs. Higdon, Mrs. Nord, and Mrs. Aubart.



Terrific Third Grade team - Ms. Rada, Mrs. Wainwright, Mr. Haeny, and Mr. Modjeski!



# Putnam

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## Social Emotional Learning at Putnam Heights

## September

Putnam Heights uses CARES as a process for creating a positive school climate which maximizes academic achievement for all students. All staff work to teach CARES the first 6 weeks of school.

CARES stands for:

- Cooperation
- Appropriate Assertion
- Responsibility
- Empathy
- Self Control

We will be sharing information with families about CARES and our other Social Emotional Learning.



# Putnam PTO News



## Upcoming Events

You should have received information in your child's blue folder about the Read-a-thon Fundraiser. It starts on September 30th! This is a great way to keep your child reading while also helping to raise money for the school. Children will also have chances to win exciting prizes at school!

Don't forget that Spirit Wear orders are due September 30th- you can click this [link](#) to access the online store!

**Putnam Heights PTO General Meeting Minutes** Thursday, September 12, 2024, 6:00pm In-person at Putnam Heights Library and optional Virtual via Zoom 1. Welcome and Introductions 2. Who We Are a. What is the PTO? The PTO is organized for the purpose of supporting and enhancing the educational experiences of the Putnam Heights Elementary School's (School) students by providing an organization through which the parents, school, and teachers work cooperatively; and providing financial support for programs funded outside of the annual school budget. All parents and guardians of Putnam students, as well as all Putnam staff are members of the PTO. Our goal is to build a sense of community with students, parents and staff at Putnam. b. What We Do - Last year we contributed \$5,800 towards field trips, provided birthday books for all students, hosted three book fairs, applied for and implemented grants to improve the courtyard, funded popcorn Tuesdays, hosted Pastries with Panthers twice, provided meals for teacher conference days, recognized teachers, staff, bus drivers and crossing guards during appreciation weeks, and provided funds for teacher's classroom supplies. 3. Principal Report - Tim Mulrian, Assistant Principal provided updates on school activities (kindergarten orientation, welcome back day, ice cream social and picture day). Over 600 people attend the ice cream social. A big thanks to Culver's for donating the custard! Several drills will be held in the upcoming weeks (shelter, evacuation, hold, secure building, and lockdown). Testing will begin soon (Star testing for fall benchmarking, COGAT to identify gifted students 4th grade). 2nd Grade will be taking a field trip to Beaver Creek on October 2nd or 3rd. School Sense will kick off in October. Family conferences will be October 17th and 18th. 4. Committees a. Safe Routes to School (Erin Anderson) - she works with the SRTS coordinator and would welcome any parents willing to work on this effort. Walk to School Day will be promoted in early October. b. Yearbook (Katie Furlano & Erin Anderson) - ordering information will be sent out in the next week. Treering will be the vendor and cost will be \$13.75. A 10% discount will be available for all orders placed prior to October 31st. Once again, two pages can be customized in each book for no additional cost. c. Impressions Fair (Bridget Balts) - Planning to hold on February 6, 2025 (backup weather date of February 13). More information will be sent out before winter break. d. Grounds i. Courtyard (Bridget Balts) ii. Surrounding Area (Amanda Obenhoffer). United Way Day of Caring assists with maintaining the landscaping. Boy Scouts assists with mulch. e. Family Events (Erin Anderson). f. Book Fair (Katie Furlano) - Bingo Night on October 10th. The bookfair will be held the same week as fall and spring family conferences. Looking for 1-2 more volunteers to plan for setup and Bingo Night. A volunteer coordinator would also be appreciated. Need volunteers to staff the fair on M-W 3:30 - 5:30, Th 3:30 - 8, and F 8 - 12. g. Pastries with Panthers (Kayce Kreyer) - November 8th and March 7th. Event for students to bring one adult for breakfast before school. Dunkin Donuts is once again donating all the donuts. Kwik Trip donates milk, juice, and fruit. Will need volunteers to help setup the night before and servers the day of the event. 23 h. Popcorn (Carla Augustin) - First Tuesday of every month a group pops popcorn for all students and delivers it to the classroom. i. Spirit Wear (Elissa Fromm & Melissa Greer) - A flier went out this week with a link to the virtual store. Orders are due September 30th. The design was chosen in the spring by the Putnam students. j. Teacher/Bus Driver/Crossing Guard Appreciation (Bridget Balts) - Additional volunteers would be welcome to assist with planning for food during family conferences and to assist with setup and cleanup on the day of the conferences. k. Family Advisory Council (Jamie Kampf & Rebecca Riek) - The FAC meets once per month during the school year. The FAC presents the concerns, opinions, questions, and perspectives of families to the superintendent and school administrators. Feel free to contact Jamie or Rebecca with any concerns you would like addressed. The first meeting of the year will be in October and focus on the upcoming operating referendum. The district will have informational sessions 9/30 at North, 10/3 virtual, 10/10 at Memorial and 10/15 at Delong. 5. Business a. Treasurer Report (Becky Shannon) i. Approve Budget ii. For the 23/24 school year we had \$32,900 in revenue and \$22,600 expenses. The \$10,323 surplus replenishes the fund balance that was utilized during COVID. iii. For the 24/25 school year we are budgeting revenue of \$27,025 and \$28,099 expenses. iv. We received a \$2,000 grant from the Pablo Foundation for courtyard enhancements. The funding was a result of a project started by Erin Jagow and a group of 2nd graders last year. They will implement their plan with these funds. v. Kaitlin Christ made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and 24/25 budget as proposed. Rebecca Riek seconded. Passed unanimously. vi. Bank balance as of 9/1/24 was \$40,824.74. vii. Jess requested information be sent out to staff on the flexible grant process. Flexible grants can be requested for special events and/or items outside of the normal PTO budget. PTO has \$1,000 budgeted for flexible grants in 24/25. b. Fundraising (Keisha Rust and Stacy Axness) i. Read-a-thon - Will be held September 30 through October 11th. Fliers will be sent home for students to set up their online read-a-thon accounts. Students should log minutes and can request donations from family and friends to help fund the PTO activities this year. All students will receive a participation prize and each day there will be a random drawing of prizes for students in each grade. Our goal is to earn \$7,000 to fund Putnam activities for this year and log 100,000 minutes collectively. ii. Restaurant Nights - Dairy Queen nights will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month through May at the Golf Road location (5-10 pm). Culver's will hold a fall fundraising night on October 22nd (4-7 pm) at the Brackett Ave location. Working on setting up events at the A&W location and Crumbl Cookie in the spring; both locations would need a few adults to staff the event. iii. Butter Braid - Sales will be held November 11th through December 2nd. The product will arrive frozen on December 12th and parents need to pick up after school. c. Directory/Newsletter - PTO has an online directory of families willing to sign up. Please add your contact information at: <https://forms.gle/96YGV8uiBdBdZMz7A>. Only 25% of families have signed up. To reach more families PTO will try a paper newsletter. Ms. Wainwright suggested an electronic version be sent to the BEAs to translate for families. d. PTO Events i. Bingo Night - October 10th, 6-7 pm ii. Pastries with Panthers - November 8th and March 7th, 7:30 - 8:30 am iii. Movie Night - January 30th (Jess Gliniecki will explore whether subtitles would be available) iv. End of the Year Family Event - May 29th 6. Ways to be Involved a. Volunteer opportunities - Sign ups will come out throughout the year for specific events. If you'd be willing to help with any committees please reach out to putnampto@gmail.com. b. Committee members are still needed for the 24-25 school year. 7. Other Business - Jess Gliniecki praised the PTO for all it does. 8. Closing - Kaitlin Christ made a motion to adjourn. Jess seconded

# DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

As many of you are aware, the Eau Claire Area School District has an operational referendum question on the ballot on November 5, 2024. Please visit our [Referendum 2024](#) website to learn more about the referendum. In addition, the district is offering several information sessions this fall to share details and answer any questions you may have. See Information Sessions for dates and times of the sessions, including a link to a virtual Teams session for those who are unable to attend in person. If you have questions now, don't hesitate to email [referendum2024@ecasd.us](mailto:referendum2024@ecasd.us) anytime. Thank you, as always, for all you do for our schools!



**Please join  
us for an  
information  
session!**



**Monday, September 30**  
7:00 pm  
North High IMC

**Thursday, October 3**  
7:00 pm  
Virtual *Teams* Session

**Thursday, October 10**  
7:00 pm  
Memorial High  
Little Theater  
(enter by the eagle)

**Tuesday, October 15**  
7:00 pm  
DeLong Middle IMC

**Eau Claire Area  
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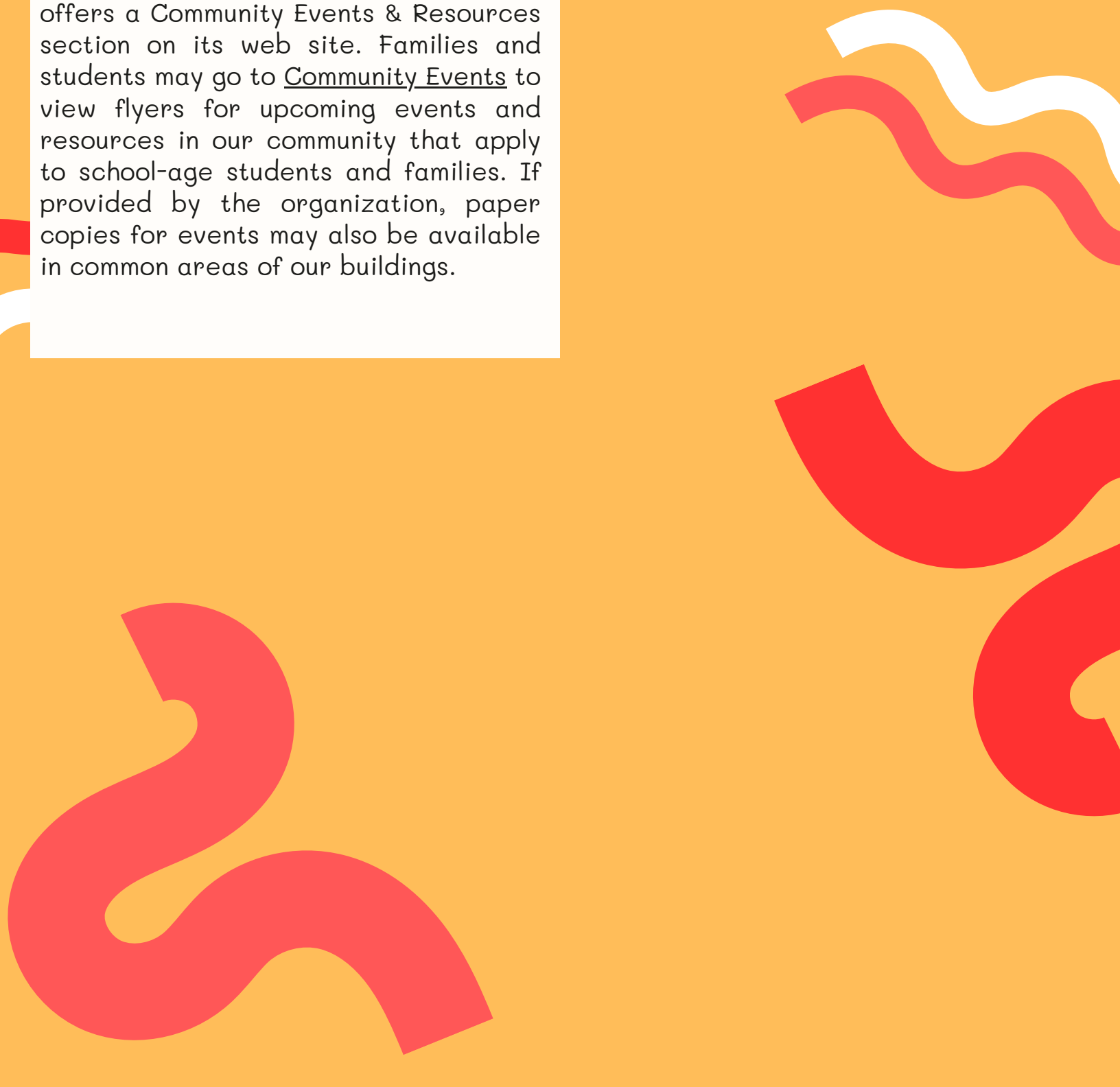


# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Community Events & Resources Page for Families

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.



# Panther Pics



First Grade Rocks!

