



PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535

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PC #535 Families & Students:

Earlier this month, the Board of Education approved the District Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. This approval comes with two changes from previous years:

1. *Parent-Teacher Conferences* – Conferences will be held over two evenings (October 18th and 19th, 2023) rather than one evening and Friday morning. Parent attendance has been found to be best during evening hours. We want to connect with parents of every student in the District, so we made this change in hopes of it being more convenient for families' schedules.
2. *Early Dismissals* – The District will dismiss at 1:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month rather than 2:00 PM dismissals during the first and third Wednesday of each month. This change was made to provide teachers and staff with a longer length of time for professional development activities in one session and reduce the number of days in the year with early dismissals.

We are hopeful that these changes will lead to improvements in connecting with families and students' learning. A copy of the District Calendar for 2023-2024 is on the school website and linked here: [2023-2024](#)

I also want to share exciting news about teaching and learning resources. Many of the resources and textbooks throughout the District are dated and worn. Over the past year, teachers have collaborated to inventory all resources and share needs with a teacher-led curriculum committee. After processing the inventories and making recommendations, the Board of Education approved an instructional resources rotation that will ensure all grade-levels and subjects will have the opportunity to further review existing resources and recommend new materials for learning over the next five years. The rotation is already moving with the District thoroughly reviewing and purchasing new Social Studies resources for the first time in over 30 years.

We look forward to the continued improvements in our schools in the near future and years ahead!

Upcoming Dates & Events

Wednesday, April 5 th , 2023	2 PM Dismissal
Friday, April 7 th , 2023	No School (Spring Bring Begins)
Monday, April 17 th , 2023	School Resumes
Wednesday, April 19 th , 2023	2 PM Dismissal
Wednesday, May 1 st , 2023	2 PM Dismissal

Registration for 2023-2024

Online registration will open shortly after Spring Break in April. A notice with directions will be sent at that time. The District asks that all families register their children as soon as possible for the 2023-2024 school year.

COVID Prevention Strategies

The District continues to require any student or staff experiencing COVID symptoms to be excluded from school. An individual may return based on testing results or remaining excluded for a defined period of time. School nurses will directly contact parents/guardians of excluded students to advise on steps for the quickest and safest return to school.

Also, the District's COVID-19 Dashboard continues to track current exclusions and cases throughout the schools, which can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support of all students and their learning at PC #535, and have a great weekend!

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