



Brent Smith
Principal
Tony Mikhael
Vice-Principal
Angela Thompson
Office Administrator
Greg Simpson
Chief Custodian
Cathy Nevins,
Superintendent
Pam Fitzgerald
Trustee

Upcoming Dates

Nov 2nd – 6A field trip

Nov. 5th – 7 p.m. School Council Meeting

Nov 6th – Photo Retake Day

Nov 13th – PD Day – no classes for students

Nov 16th – PD Day – no classes for students

Nov 20th – 7-8:30 p.m. - Woodroffe Ave. P.S. Used Ski, Skate & Sports Gear Sale. See Community News Binder for more details.

Nov 20th – 7 p.m. – Trinity United Church Guest Speaker “Canada’s Tar Sands” – free admission. See Community News Binder for more details.

Office Hours

7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Office is closed from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

2051 Bel Air Drive Ottawa, ON K2C 0X2
Phone: 613-225-4646 Fax: 613-727-8389
www.jhputmanps.ocdsb.ca

Healthy and Incredibly Active!

Greetings and welcome to the October edition of our monthly newsletter!

As we head past the midway point in Term 1, school life is really starting to pick up steam.

We are living up to our City of Ottawa designation as a Healthy and Active School. In the last few weeks I have had the privilege of visiting our students at soccer, touch football, and cross-country meets as well as in our own gym during our whole-school intramural program. Across all of these activities, our students are working hard and working together. The Putman community has reason to be proud!

If you come into the school during our morning announcements, there is a good chance that you will hear some new, fresh voices singing our national anthem.

Homeroom classes have been invited to arrange and perform their own version of Oh Canada. The results so far have been fantastic and incredibly diverse (running the spectrum from traditional to hip hop!) We hope to post some of these alternate versions on the school website in the near future!

At Putman, we recognize that students learn in many different ways. With this in mind, we are encouraging all students to take an online Multiple Intelligences Survey. The data gathered from these surveys will be taken into consideration as we discuss school improvement. For more information on the survey (and an opportunity for students to win a free cantina

item), please visit the school’s website.

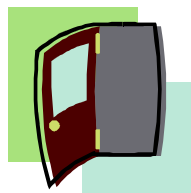
None of the activities that I have made mention of this month would be possible without the hard work and dedication of the fantastic staff here at Putman. Please take the next opportunity that you have to extend your appreciation to a staff member.

In our continuing efforts to safeguard against the H1N1 virus, we would ask that you continue to keep your children home if they are feeling at all under the weather. We appreciate your continued support in this area.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything pertaining to the Putman school community, please do not hesitate to give me a call or pop into the school.

Take care,
Brent Smith
Principal

Coming for a visit? Please stop by the office first..



Are you coming in for a scheduled appointment with a teacher? Maybe you are dropping off a lunch or an instrument? In either case, please ensure that you make the office your first stop on any visit to the school. We will make sure that you get a visitor’s pass and an opportunity to sign-in. Thank you for your co-operation!



J.H. Putman Newsletter Going Green

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, we will not be printing future monthly newsletters. We will post them at the end of the first week of each month for parents to view on the school website. Please be sure to check our school website often as information is updated regularly. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call the school and we will happily provide a paper copy

Pumas Make Their Mark at Cross Country!

The Putman Cross Country Team had a very successful season this year. They endured frosty mornings and torrential downpours all in the name of running! Our Pumas represented Putman at various meets, and we were lucky to have 16 representatives go on to participate in the Board Finals. Six of our teammates placed in the top 20 of their age category – an impressive feat! All 42 of our

athletes demonstrated leadership, determination, and dedication this season. They are all to be commended on their efforts! We would like to extend a special ‘thank you’ to all of the friends and family members who supported our team this year. We would especially like to thank those who took the time to drive/supervise our athletes, and to a parent who even ran

with the students one chilly morning: Janey and Helen, Mrs. Betteridge, Ms. Snarr, Mr. St. Pierre, Mrs. Livingston, Ms. Weiser, Mr. Ladd, Mr. Lai, Mr. Childs, Mrs. Velichka, Mrs. Wong, and lastly to Mr. Smith who always came out to cheer us on, and provide healthy snacks!! Keep running and smiling. Go Pumas, go!

FYI: Fifth's Disease



A child who has contracted Fifth's Disease will display a rash on his or her face which gives the appearance of a hand slap (a more wide spread rash will appear a few days later). However, like chicken pox, the contagious period for this disease occurs before the

rash appears. There are usually no adverse effects to a child with this viral disease and once the rash appears, the child is usually no longer contagious. Your child may feel unwell and should be kept home if that is the case. There is a small risk if a pregnant woman contracts fifth

disease. You may wish to discuss this with your doctor, if you are concerned. It is very important that you let the school know if your child has this virus, as we may have staff or volunteers who are pregnant.



Winter is just around the corner...

As the cold weather starts to creep in, I would like to remind everyone to dress appropriately. Fall brings everything from snow to rain to double-digit warmth so please be prepared.