

Patterson Elementary

News for Puma Parents and Families

January 15, 2021



In this Newsletter, you will find information, links, and contact information. Newsletters are sent every month or more over email.

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From the Principal- Ms Miller

Happy New year!

This is the first newsletter of 2021 . So far we have endured return to school, virtual learners returning to face to face instruction and then an inclement weather day. Our teachers are busy doing mid year proficiency and benchmark testing. We have a lot going on. And, yet, through all that, we are still maneuvering through a pandemic.

With rising numbers of positive cases across the county, the Montgomery County Health District acknowledges the vital role that school plays in mitigating health measures. Our campus is a safe place for children where they are reminded to wear masks, wash their hands, and watch their social distance. With that in place, and less state to state, city to city, and house to house travel, we are hopeful our county numbers will decrease.

Welcome back virtual learners. We are glad to have our classes active with participation. Patterson currently has 93% of its students in Face to Face learning. The other 7% are being served by a virtual teacher, and quite possibly a virtual teacher from another CISD campus.

As you plan for a long weekend, please remember to stay safe. We are doing all we can to keep COVID out of our school. If you are staying home, consider activities like family game night, Reading Rendezvous' (20 minutes in the Living Room, 20 minutes under kitchen table, 20 minutes in a fort, 20 minutes outside, etc.) and Math-letics (math and athletic games: do 2+2 jumping jacks, run for 1x2 minutes, stretch and say your alphabet, etc.)

Once again, we appreciate everything that your families are doing to support Patterson.

Julie Miller, Principal

2nd Quarter Report Cards

Report Cards went out last Friday. It could be that you see an error in attendance. Those errors have been corrected and you will see that with our first progress reports for the 3rd nine weeks.



Picture Retake Day

Face to Face Learners:

Our picture retake day is Wednesday January 20. Please bring back the pictures you are not purchasing when you come for retakes. Only students with payments or who missed the first picture day will be sent for retakes.

Virtual Learners:

We want your pictures, too. If you missed the first picture day, here is another opportunity.

Sign up on the link provided. [VIRTUAL LEARNER RETAKE DAY](#)

Absences not related to Covid-19

One of the advantages to having an Asynchronous Attendance Policy with the District is that a child may be out for a short time period for an illness unrelated to Covid. Let's say, for example, your child was diagnosed with strep throat. While recovering from that illness, he/she can become a remote learner. Just communicate the illness to your classroom teacher and they will provide you with LIVE Zoom links so they don't miss instruction. They can also provide you with paper packets so that your child does not get behind and MORE importantly, so the attendance does not count against them.



Important Car Rider Information

Here are a few suggestions to make our line run smoothly.

For AM Drop Off:

- Use the second entrance to the big parking lot.
- Be patient, be courteous
- Have your student's belonging ready for easy exit
- Have your student seated on the right side of car, for fast exit

- Do not get out of your car, it is dangerous if someone is passing you
- All students exit on curbside
- Student can unbuckle belt on last curve into line
- Enter line by 7:50 or you will be tardy
- Stay off cell phones in a school zone

For PM Pick up

- All students are to be picked up at the cafeteria entrance
- Have your orange scan bar code ready
- Students will enter, right side (curb side) of the car
- Clear doorway of debris/belongings for fast entrance
- Any student picked up after 3:30 will receive a documentation only referral
- Pick up replacement bar code at the front office with proper identification
- Stay off cell phones in a school zone

Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

Each year the campus's TAPR report is posted on our school's profile page. You can use the following steps to access our campus report. If you want a paper copy, please contact the front office.

From the school's website:

- Go to "Our School/Campus"
- Click "View School Profile"
- Select "Accountability Reports"
- Click "2019-2020"
- Select "Texas Academic Performance Report "

Important Dates

January 18

Student Holiday - No School

February 12

Inclement Weather Day -No School

February 15

Student Holiday - No School

Lone Star College Offer

Lone Star College will be offering ESL and GED classes to CISD families again next semester. The classes are online so we can extend invites to any of our surrounding campuses as well.

Pre-registration to complete orientation and testing is required. Contact info is on the flyer.

Want to Learn English?
Want to help your student with homework?

Lone Star College is offering
FREE CLASSES
to help you **LEARN ENGLISH!**
Classes will be offered **ONLINE** 2 days a week from
9AM-12PM OR 6PM-9PM starting
JANUARY 2021! Face-to-face classes may be
available at select Lone Star College Campus
locations.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Complete Orientation and Testing
- Valid, Government-Issued Photo ID
- Minimum age: 19

Attend **FREE ONLINE ENGLISH CLASSES** in 2 Easy Steps!

1. Use the following link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/y6svjz8>
2. You will receive an email (check your SPAM!) with the steps for you to complete an ONLINE orientation and testing session with an Adult Education Advisor.

Orientation and Testing is required PRIOR to class registration.

Lone Star College * Adult Education and Literacy Program * 281-260-3576 or 936-273-7518

Adult education and literacy services are provided with support from the Gulf Coast Workforce Board to help individuals find a job, keep a job, or get a better job. Lone Star College supports, and the Board is committed to, providing a learning and working environment that promotes personal integrity, ability, and mutual respect free of discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity and gender expression, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Lone Star College is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. (Please request reasonable accommodations a minimum of two business days in advance.) Relay Texas Numbers: 1.800.735.2989 (TDD) 1.800.735.2988 (voice) or 711.

From the Counselor - Ms Taylor

Parent/Guardian Counseling Needs Assessment:

Mrs. Taylor would love some input regarding the counseling program at Patterson Elementary. Please click the link below to submit your input regarding the counseling services that your student has available on campus.

[Parent/Guardian Needs Assessment](#)

Respecting Differences:

This month during our classroom lessons we are talking about how we are all different/unique and how to show respect when we might think a different way or like different things. We are using the CARE approach during this month's lessons: collaborate, acceptance, respect, and empathy (in K-2 we are focusing on respect and empathy; 3-4 we are looking at all of the CARE components). Each one of us is special and unique, and what better way to show how much we appreciate our differences by showing we CARE.

Ideas that model/teach CARE:

Collaborate: discuss and model what listening looks like, teach respectful communication, explore different solutions to problems.

Acceptance: explore how to find a common ground, embrace variety, help your student discover their



Respect: talk about respectful words and behaviors, talk about how respect feels, show them what respect looks/sounds like.

Empathy: discuss feelings and body language of feelings, identifying with characters in books, role play what empathy looks like.

Links:

[Patterson Counseling Homepage](#)

[Patterson Counseling Resources](#)

[CISD Parent/Guardian Seminars](#)



Curbside Service

Patterson provides curbside, non-contact, service in the front bus loop from 9:00-2:00. This is for the safety of our staff and students. The district is still at a Level 3 Building Access, which means that we do not allow visitors, volunteers, conferences, or drop offs. So please use our front drive for the following needs:

- drop off medication
- drop off tardy students
- pick up students for appointments

You simply drive to the curb, scan the QR code or call for assistance. This process avoids us having to run a COVID questionnaire. If your student is tardy, please make sure you stay in your car, call the front office, and the door will be opened. If your student needs to leave early, stay in your car, call the office and we will send them (with an escort for the PK).

We can not accept forgotten materials if a student forgets their lunch or back pack. If there is an emergency item, we can only provide a drop off table to avoid contact.



From Ms Cobler - School Nurse

Contact Ms Cobler if your student will be out due to illness or have had a positive exposure to COVID 19. She will work with parents to provide a return to school date.

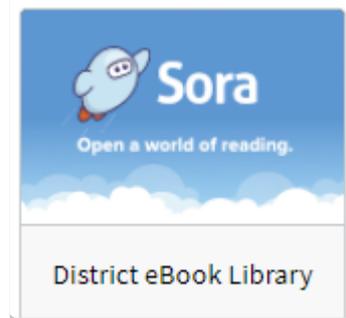
If you student has any symptom (sore throat, runny nose, fever, diarrhea, cough) they are not allowed at school. Stay home and contact the school nurse.

From the Librarian - Ms Haggard

The Patterson Library along with all CISD Libraries is proud to announce Sora!

We are excited to announce that your student now has access to eBooks and digital audiobooks through Sora! Sora is an app used districtwide, so all Conroe ISD students have access to read

electronically. The books in Sora are in addition to the physical books offered by the library. This is a great resource for both in person and remote learners! It is very convenient, as students do not need to wait for their next library visit to get a new book. Books can be checked out over the weekend, over school breaks, and even over the summer! In addition, the books check themselves back in after the lending period is over so no need to worry about late fees or lost books. Books in Spanish are also available for our students.



FAQ:

How does my child access Sora?

* Sora is accessed through your child's SSO. Once they have logged into their SSO account, they only need to select the Sora app tile and begin.

Can Sora be used outside of a laptop or computer?

* Yes! You can download the Sora app free on your phone or tablet no matter if it is an iPhone or Android. You would login using your district credentials and take reading with you everywhere you go. In the app choose "Add a Library" then type in Conroe ISD. It will then force you to log on to your child's SSO account the first time you log in. After this, you can simply click the app icon on your device.

Free Library Apps

Starfall App

- Email: patterson@conroeisd.net
- Password: pumas

My Capstone Library

- Username: patterson
- Password: read

Pebble Go

- Username: pattersones
- Password: read

Masks are a Must

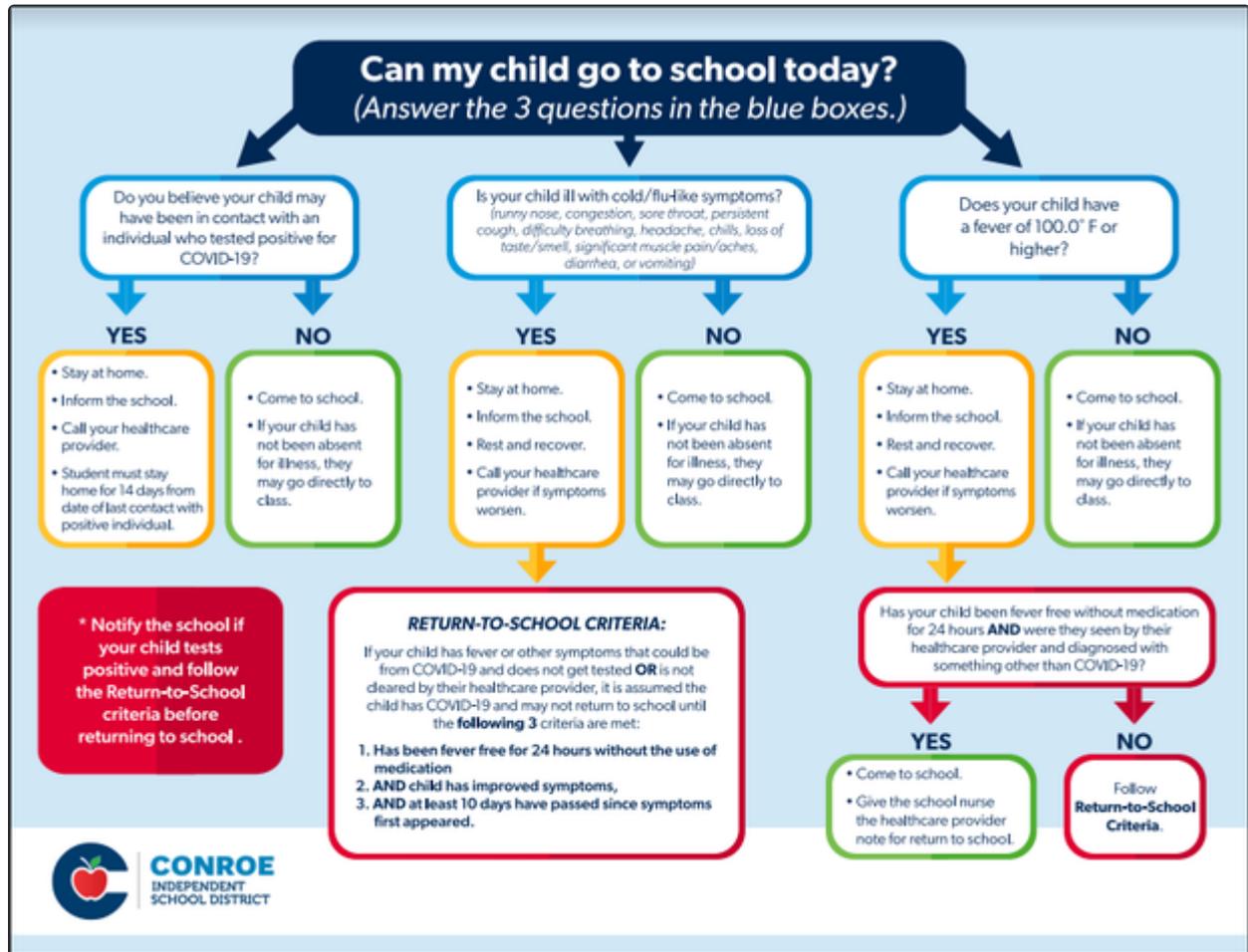
Just a friendly reminder that you student should have an extra mask in their back pack. A lot can happen in a day: gets wet from drinking, gets lost or left at lunch, or is simply forgotten.

We have a few that we can issue from school, but our supplies are running out.

Take time now to order your Patterson Mask (above). It comes with a lanyard which means it's less likely to get lost or forgotten.

FACE Covering Expectations

Can My Child Go to School?



Se puede ir a escuela mi estudiante?

Patterson Administration

Meet Your Administration



Julie Miller
Principal



Genesis Humphrey
Assistant Principal



Rian Stepp
Assistant Principal



Lindsey Taylor
Counselor



Puma PRIDE

Facebook @PattersonCisd

P - Prepared
R - Respectful
I - show Integrity
D - self Discipline
E - Engaged

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[School Supply List](#)

[2020-2021 Academic Calendar](#)

Volunteer Sign Up

sign up to volunteer <http://www.conroeisd.net/parents/get-involved/>

Apply for Lunch Program

link to lunch application

Emergency Notification Link

link to SMS

Patterson Webpage

link to School Website

Parent Calendar

link to Patterson events