

POLTON COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY

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Greetings Panther Nation!

We are off to a fantastic start this school year, and are loving every minute of having our panther cubs back in the den with us! We are proud panthers, and we continue to work hard in developing and maintaining systems and structures to keep our students safe while in their classrooms and our building. Please read through this letter in its entirety, we hope you find the information useful and supportive.

As you know, masks are required for all students, staff and community members while inside Polton. Please know we have PLENTY of extra masks if/when your student forgets or loses theirs. Just touch base with the classroom teacher or our front office if you need extras.

You may have noticed some of the changes we've implemented for our "hug and go" lane. We want to give a HUGE shout out to our community for your flexibility in following and adhering to this new system. It is our goal to keep our traffic flowing in a safe and organized manner. Please keep in mind the following when you drop your cubs off in the morning:

- Please pull all the way up and drop your cubs off on the RIGHT side of the car to the sidewalk. Our teachers/staff will be there to open the doors and help your child out safely.
- Please have your child ready to exit the car. Have backpacks, water bottles, etc. ready so your student can quickly and safely exit the car. If you feel you need more time, we ask that you park on the side streets and walk your child to the building.
- Please wait in line for your turn to leave. This is so important. We are trying hard to keep the "first in line" car going first, followed by the rest. We risk having an accident when we have multiple cars leaving at the same time.

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School Hours

7:45 am - 1st Bell

Students may go to class.

8:00 am —2:45 pm
for grades K-5 .

Breakfast is served in the classroom.

See additional important information inside newsletter



**POLTON COMMUNITY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

ADDRESS:

**2985 S. Oakland St.
Aurora, Colorado 80014**

Important Phone Numbers

Main Line: 720-747-2600

Fax: 720-747-2688

Attendance Line

720-747-2695

Nurse

720-747-2603

Storm Delay/Closure Hotline

720-554-4701

Inclement Weather Procedure

Please check the

**District website, watch your
local television channels, listen
to the radio, or call the storm/
delay closure hot-line
(720-554-4701) to learn this
information.**

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE
SCHOOL.**

**If Polton is on a delayed start,
school will begin one hour late
at 9:00 a.m.**

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Next, we have two good news announcements to share! First, the USDA announced on 9/1/2020 that all school meals (breakfast and lunch) will be free to all students through December 2020! We know the value of our cubs enjoying a healthy breakfast and lunch, and we are thrilled that all students can now access nutritious meals, free of charge! Thank you all for your support of our meal program and ensuring our students have the fuel they need to learn and to grow!

Second, our AMAZING PTCO has created a Polton Spirit Wear fundraiser! All you need to do is follow this link [https://
poltonelementaryfall2020.itemorder.com/sale](https://poltonelementaryfall2020.itemorder.com/sale) to buy some awesome spirit wear, complete with our NEW panther logo! This fundraiser is live until September 22nd. This is a great opportunity to support the school and show your PANTHER PRIDE! As always, if you're interested in joining or supporting our PTCO, contact them at poltonptco@gmail.com.

As I close up this letter, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing students, staff and community members. I feel incredibly lucky to work at Polton. Our teachers are some of the hardest working professionals, who work tirelessly to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for our cubs. We are also very proud of our students. They have done such a wonderful job transitioning into this new year. From masks, to social distancing, to new ways of learning....they haven't skipped a beat! And last but not least, thank you to our parents. Without your care and support, Polton would not be where we are today. We appreciate your willingness to lean in and "protect our den". A strong parent community promotes a strong school culture. Again, thank you for your partnership.

Please enjoy the long weekend with your family. We look forward to welcoming you all back into the Den on Tuesday, September 8th. If you have any questions, feedback or concerns, don't hesitate to email me (alore@cherrycreekschools.org) or call the school. (720-747-2600). We truly are better together. Panther pride!

Take care,

Angie Lore, LMHP, PLADC
Interim Principal
Polton Elementary



REMINDERS:

Please call the attendance line at

****720-747-2695**** if your child is going to be absent or late. This is a 24-hour service. You **DO NOT** need to call the main office, just leave your student's first and last name and the reason for their absence. If your child is not feeling well, please describe in detail the symptoms they are

experiencing. For example, do they have a fever? Do they have shortness of breath, cough, runny nose, upset stomach, vomiting? Thank you for your partnership as we work to keep our students and staff healthy. If we cannot account for a student, automatic phone calls and emails will go out at 8:45 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. **PLEASE** call in your child's absence **SO WE KNOW HE/SHE IS SAFE!**

SCHOOL HOURS - ADDITIONAL INFO

School Hours

Your child must be picked up by 2:45pm, ride the bus home, or be registered for our before an after school child care program, Polton Place. ***Supervision is not provided after 3:00 pm by office staff or teachers.***

For more information about registering for Polton Place email schoolcareworks@cherrycreekschools.org and provide the following information:

- Student's name, Date of Birth and School ID
- School name, names of other siblings at CCSD

ONLINE PARENT FORMS

For the safety and security of your student, please make sure your contact information is current (phone numbers, emergency contacts, names and contact information of individuals authorized to pick up your student, health and medical information, etc.). To double check all of these important details, please go to my.cherrycreekschools.org and click on Parent Forms.

Need to change your dismissal plans with your child??

Dismissal plans need to be directly communicated to your student's teacher in advance. It is **VERY** difficult for the office to communicate so many dismissal changes with the teachers, buses and Polton Place after 2:15

Polton Parent Teacher Community Organization

PTCO MISSION:

Our mission is to align resources with the vision and direction of the school to enrich the learning environment while empowering parents, teachers and students to succeed. Our desire as a PTCO is to exemplify teamwork and community while fostering productive, healthy partnerships with teachers and administration staff. We strive to operate our organization with integrity and passion. We encourage parents and teachers to build great relationships with each other and with our children to ensure a better environment for our families and community as a whole. We will help create a safe, secure and exciting atmosphere which is conducive to learning, growing, success and fun!

EMAIL US:

poltonptco@gmail.com - Check Polton website for additional PTCO details.

2020/21 Virtual Meetings

(6:00 pm—8:00 pm)

September 10 | November 12 | January 14 | March 25 | May 13

Socially Distance Based PTCO Events

Spirit Wear On-line Campaign—See Below

Read-A-Thon—September 21—October 2

Parade Trunk or Treat— October 30

Online Holiday Shop—Starts week of November 30

Spell-A-Thon—April 19

Chalk Art Contest—May 10

BREAKING NEWS:

POLTON SPIRIT STORE FUNDRAISER

Our amazing PTCO has organized our very own Polton Spirit Store as a fundraiser this year! Take a look....lots of great items to order. So exciting!!! Store closes 9/22, so get those orders in!

Lots of spirit days in our future!!

<https://poltonelementaryfall2020.itemorder.com/sale>

NURSE INFO

Welcome Polton Panthers to the 20-21 School Year! We are excited to be back at school providing health services to our students, staff, & community! Additional health measures are being implemented to maintain health & wellness for everyone at Polton. Please review the important information below:

- Parents, please bring medication for school use to the clinic with appropriate documentation from your child's health provider
- Complete CCSD's COVID-19 Symptom Checker at home every morning for each child & follow guidelines provided
- Call clinic with any questions
- Please update phone numbers & add emergency contact numbers into online parent forms
- If your child is absent due to illness, please call Polton's attendance line
- Ensure your child's mask covers their nose & mouth completely
- Keep an extra, full set of clothing in your child's backpack at all times
- Consider your child receiving an Flu Vaccine this year



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