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Fwd: Mud Season 2021 Newsletter

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Dear Putney Alumni and Friends,

While we have worked hard to make the most of this cold weather, from kicking off Dorm Olympics [with a skate](#) to once again turning the pasture behind Noyes into our [own private slopes](#), we couldn't be happier to have spring just on the horizon.

With limited opportunities to travel, the past year has challenged us all to think more creatively about ways to connect with our extended Putney family. We are excited to announce the launch of our [Weibo](#) and [Bili Bili](#) accounts which will allow us to further foster the relationships we have with our Chinese alumni and families.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

As we continue the critical work of making Putney a truly anti-racist school, a community where all students can equally learn and thrive, we want to provide an update that addresses key questions, explains the processes and thought behind this work, outlines actions we have already taken or are currently pursuing, and reflects on the school's ongoing commitments.

Our recent report includes information regarding:

- The work of the Board of Trustees
- Admitting and supporting BIPOC students
- Recruiting and retaining BIPOC faculty and staff
- Anti-racism efforts at Putney
- Collaboration with current and former students and others in the extended Putney community

We hope you will review the work we've done so far and share any thoughts, questions, hopes, and/or concerns. Your input and wisdom is crucial to the success of this ongoing effort.

[Review the Latest DEI Report](#)

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Reunion Update

Due to continued safety concerns, this year's reunion will take place online on Sunday, June 6. The event will include a handful of online gatherings throughout the day and we'd like your feedback to help us plan.



Take the Reunion Survey

Maple Syrup Giveaway

March means it's sugaring season at Putney and we are once again preparing for our annual "syrup draw." There are three ways to enter for a chance to win a sample of 2021's maple syrup crop:

- Return the postcard found in the Putney mailing you'll receive shortly.
- Email Carlotta at ccuerdon@putneyschool.org
- [Make a gift online](#) and add "syrup draw" to the comments section — donations are not required, but they are greatly appreciated.

Entry deadline for the "syrup draw" is **March 31**.



Emily Jones Stepping Down June 2022



In January, Emily Jones announced her plans to step down from her role at the end of the 2022 academic year. "I will have done 15 years as head of school at Putney, and I have loved almost every minute of my time here. It is time to let someone else run this unique and powerful place."

The Board of Trustees has begun its search for a new head, starting with identifying a search firm. The committee has selected [Nishant Mehta](#) and [Sherry Coleman](#) from [Storbeck](#)

[Search](#) as our partners for our head of school search.

[Learn More About the Search](#)

Alumni Arts Workshops

This winter we welcomed a wide range of alumni for our six-week Virtual Winter Workshop Series. It was a wonderful experience to create community in a new way as alumni engaged with different mediums, set goals, and shared projects in various stages. We're already planning for more workshop series in fall 2021 and winter 2022, and hope you'll consider joining us!



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