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An Exemplary & TBEC Honor Roll School

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Lunch Times

5th: 11:50—12:20 p.m.
6th: 12:20—12:50 p.m.

Front Office Times:

8:00 a.m.—4:10 p.m.

Bell Schedule:

8:30 a.m.—3:55 p.m.

Collins Calendar Highlights

9/28/16—Grub
Burger Spirit
Night

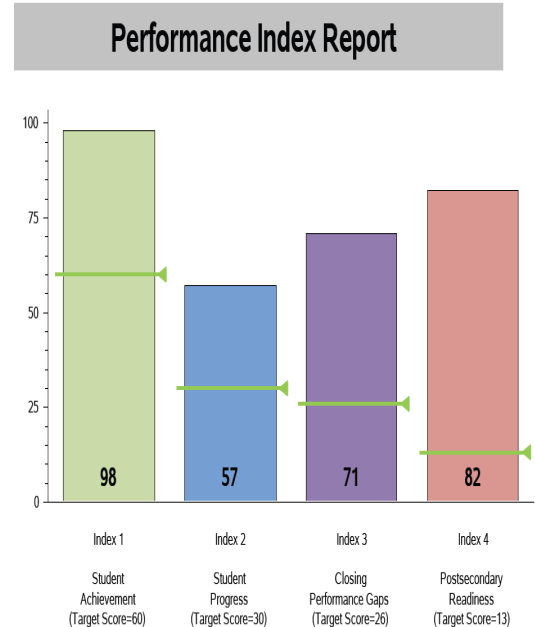
Coming in Octo-
ber: First school
spirit day—T-
shirt contest.
Homeroom with
most students
wearing school t-
shirt will win ex-
tra recess!!
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From The Principal

Last month, TEA released the 2016 state accountability ratings for more than 1,200 school districts and charters as well as more than 8,600 campuses statewide. TEA additionally announced that more than 400 campuses that achieved a *Met Standard* rating in the 2016 state accountability ratings also earned all distinction designations applicable to their individual school.

"Earning one or more campus distinctions is noteworthy and should be a source of pride in a community," said Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. "Earning all possible distinctions is a significant accomplishment and should signal to parents that there is an extraordinary work taking place on that campus."

Collins Intermediate School is one of the four Conroe ISD schools that earned all possible distinctions



UTILIZE ONLINE PARENT ACCESS

Please visit Parent Access as often as possible to keep up to date on all current grades and missing assignments.

<http://www.conroeisd.net/student-parent/pac.asp>

Bus Dismissal At The End Of School

Students will remain in their classrooms until they hear their bus called over the loud speaker. It is very important that students listen closely for their called bus – as not to miss it.

Rainy Day Dismissal

A “Rainy Day Dismissal” occurs when we have severe weather as determined by Administration. If a “Rainy Day Dismissal” occurs, biking and walking are not allowed. Please be aware that if your child is not eligible for bus transportation as noted above, you will need to make prior arrangements for rainy day dismissal transportation.

Attendance

As we continue the school year, please continue to remember the importance of school attendance and arriving to school on time. In addition, children who arrive late to school miss the important groundwork that is laid by teachers at the beginning of the day. The instruction and learning that occur on a daily basis in the classroom is our central mission. Parents who make regular school attendance and punctuality a high priority are helping their children learn to accept responsibility, which is an important lesson for a successful life. As we work to increase Collins Intermediate’s daily attendance – please continue to support your child’s educational process by limiting the amount of school missed except for illness. Collins Intermediate daily goal is 98.5%.

8/22/2016	8/23/2016	8/24/2016	8/25/2016	8/26/2016
n/a	99.6%	99.6%	98.9%	98.6%
8/29/2016	8/30/2016	8/31/2016	9/1/2016	9/2/2016
97.6%	98.2%	98.4%	98.0%	97.0%
9/5/2016	9/6/2016	9/7/2016	9/8/2016	9/9/2016
Holiday	97.0%	97.6%	98.9%	98.0%
9/12/2016	9/13/2016	9/14/2016	9/15/2016	9/16/2016
96.9%	97.3%	98.6%	98.4%	98.7%
9/19/2016				
97.8%				

N.E.A.T. Kids—Never Ever Absent or Tardy

Awarded to students each nine weeks who reported to each day of school and all classes on time. More detailed information soon to come.

Tardy

A student is tardy if they are not in the classroom by the 8:50 bell.

A student tardy to class will:

- Have a tardy marked in the computer
- A note placed in the student planner by the teacher
- After the 3rd, 4th and 5th tardy a warning email will be sent home
- On the 6th tardy the student will be assigned a before school detention
- The tardy counts starts new each nine weeks

Some things to remember:

- **Dropping students off by 8:30 a.m. is the best way to ensure a student has time to:**
 - Put instruments away
 - Visit Locker
 - Participate in KCOL Broadcast, Pledges, and Moment of Silence
 - Be in their classroom prior to the 8:50 bell

FALL FRENZY - GREAT SUCCESS

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR HELP!



Thanks again to the businesses who contributed to our event and its success!

College Park Athletic Department

Dr. Mardaga - The Woodlands Orthodontic Group

Dr. Wheeler - Wheeler Pediatric Dentistry

HEB - Market Street, Indian Springs, FM 1488, Creekside locations

Kendra Scott @ Market Street

Kroger - Cochran's Crossing

Main Event Shenandoah

Mike Powell Insurance

Randalls Pather Creek and 242

State Farm - James Pearson

Vera Bradley @ Woodlands Mall

Collins Spirit Night!



Skip the cooking and come to

Grub Burger Bar

2417 Research Forest Dr.

281-907-9001

(to expedite orders, please review menu prior to your visit at

www.grubburgerbar.com)

Wednesday, September 28

Anytime 10am-9pm

Dine in or take-out

*****Mention or bring this flyer*****

A portion of sales will be donated back to Collins! Hope to see you there.

Collins Intermediate 6th Grade Memo

Volunteers Needed for Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement uses hands-on experiences to help young people understand the business of life.



People who say Junior Achievement has changed their lives often credit their JA Volunteer. Sometimes it take that one caring adult to recognize the potential in a young person that might have been missed by others.

That person could be YOU!

Collins Intermediate 6th grade students have the opportunity to participate in Junior Achievement this semester. For those of you not familiar with JA, it is the largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to town their economic success, plan for their futures, and make smart academic and economic choices.

This curriculum is interactive and fun. The secret ingredient is YOU, AN INVOLVED ADULT VOLUNTEER SHARING YOUR LIFE EXPERIENCE. (The adult volunteer can be the mom, dad, guardian, aunt, grandparent, friend, community leader, etc.)

Adult volunteers teach the JA Classes during the regular school day of **Friday, October 21st**.

We are seeking adults who will be willing to teach ONE JA lesson multiple times throughout the day. You will be trained and supported throughout the experience. All materials, lesson plans and activities are provided.

Training for volunteers will be available on **Tuesday, October 11th at 9:00 a.m.** and **Wednesday, October 12th at 2:30 p.m.** at Collins Intermediate. If you have volunteered in the past, you are welcomed to attend the training but it is not mandatory.

If you want more information, please visit 222.jahouston.org or call the Conroe ISD JA office at 832-515-9430. If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it to Jennifer Jahnke at JenniferAJahnke@gmail.com.

Junior Achievement has a relationship with most local businesses that allow time off for volunteering. Confirm with your employer the availability to volunteer during work hours.

Thank you for your enthusiastic support.

YOU MAY BE THE DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S FUTURE.

(Please fill out if you are interested ----- this is not a commitment)

Volunteer's Name:

Student's Name:

Email Address:

Will attend training on:

Teacher's Name:

Phone #:



Important Reminders

Students should not be dropped off before 8:00 a.m.

Children should be in the building by 8:30. Instruction time starts at 8:50. They have to be in their seats and ready to work.

Change of transportation requests must be made by 3:15 p.m., except in the event of an emergency.

Students leaving early for appointments at the end of the day must be signed out by 3:35 p.m.; we cannot call for students during dismissal.

Students will be called for dismissal upon parent's arrival in the front office. We cannot call for students prior to your arrival.

Parents, make sure your child has money in his/her lunch account in case they forget their lunch.

Clinic

Blue Health Forms

Thank you to all parents and students, you have done a wonderful job returning the blue forms to the clinic!! I have sent home 1 round of additional paperwork for those who checked some of the condition boxes and a 2nd round will go home with your child on Friday, September 16, 2016. Please read over and fill out the paperwork as soon as possible and have your child return it to the clinic.

Health Screenings

5th grade hearing and vision screening is under way. If your child wears glasses or contacts, please remind your child to bring/wear them each day. If follow up is necessary, a referral form will be sent home with your child after all the screenings are complete.

What's going around?

Strep throat and the FLU have been reported. It's not too late to get the flu shot and protect yourself and your family. The flu has hit the area early this year, last year it was not in our area until February but there have already been confirmed cases of both Flu A and Flu B. Please encourage your children to wash hands frequently throughout the day and cover coughs and sneezes. If your child shows any of the following, please keep them home from school to help prevent the spread of illnesses:

* **Fever of 100 degrees or more**-must be fever free for 24hrs. without the use of medication to reduce the fever before returning to school

* **Vomiting or diarrhea**-must be free of symptoms for 24hrs. without the use of medication to prevent symptoms before returning to school

* **Severe stomachache, headache or earache**

* **Suspected contagious conditions or disease**

* **A child who is too ill to function in the classroom**

If a child comes to the clinic with any of the above symptoms, they will be sent home from school.

Medication at School Reminder

Any medications that a child may need during the school day, both prescription and over the counter, will be handled according to recommended Conroe ISD policy and procedure, TEA recommendations and FDA guidelines.

All medications must be stored and given in the school clinic.

All medications must be brought to the school by the parent. No medication will be accepted by students.

All medication must be in their original labeled container.

Dosage for both prescription and non-prescription medications will be administered according to labeled instructions. Over-the-counter medication dosage must not exceed the dose recommendation listed on the bottle. Exception: If your physician, dentist or orthodontist has directed a certain dosage to be given that is greater than that recommended on the bottle, a written order will need to be included with the written permission from the parent.

The Surgeon General, the FDA and the CDC have recommended that due to the increased risk of developing "Reye's Syndrome" (a serious and sometimes fatal disease), aspirin or products containing aspirin should not be given to children under 18 years. If your physician orders aspirin or products containing aspirin for your child, a written directive from your physician will be required along with written parent permission.

Head Lice

What are head lice?

-Head lice are parasitic insects that can be found on the head of people. Head lice feed on human blood several times a day, and live near the scalp. Head lice lay

Visitors/Volunteers

- Parents and family are welcome in our building but must check in and out through the front office with a current driver's license or other form of identification.
- A new security feature has been added to the front doors. After school begins visitors will use a call box to announce arrival then the front desk will buzz you in.
- Are you interested in volunteering at Collins? We would love your help! We are streamlining the process by using Google Docs for our "sign up." You can complete the form by visiting <https://google/forms/aFhZ63AaWhMdf6h2>. Volunteers must complete the Conroe ISD volunteer application which can be found at <https://apps.conroeisd.net/volunteer/>.

Clinic (continued)

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What are the symptoms of head lice?

- Tickling, feeling something moving in your hair
- Itching, caused by an allergic reaction to the louse bite
- Irritability and difficulty sleeping: lice are most active in the dark
- Sores on the head caused by scratching (which can lead to secondary bacterial infection)

How do you get rid of head lice?

-Examine everyone in the home for lice and nits. Look carefully through the hair and at the scalp, behind the ears, and the back of the neck. Nits are easier to see than live lice.

-Treat only the household members who have lice. Use products available over-the-counter (according to the package directions) or by prescription (according to physician directions).

-Comb the hair after treatment, using a special lice/nit comb. Separate the hair into sections and try to comb every nit and louse you can. Live nits that are not combed out will hatch within 7-10 days. **Combing is the most time-consuming step, but also the most important!**

-Clean around the house. Lice do not live long without a host to feed on. However, to pick up any stray hairs that may have a live nit attached, wash and dry clothes, sheets, pillow cases, and towels using hot water and high heat. Vacuum the floor and furniture to pick up loose hairs. Combs and brushes can be soaked in hot water for 5-10 minutes.

-Follow the lice treatment product directions for when to retreat. It is usually recommended to retreat 7-10 days after the initial treatment. Continue to check heads daily until 1 week after second treatment or 1 week after the last louse or nit is removed.

How are head lice spread?

-Head lice are spread by direct contact with the hair of an infested person. The highest risk involves head-to-head contact. Lice crawl; they do not jump, and they do not have wings. Spread by contact with clothing or other personal items is fairly uncommon. Personal hygiene and cleanliness have nothing to do with getting head lice.

How are head lice prevented?

-Teach children to avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play at home, school, and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, sleepovers, camp).

Avoid sharing clothing (hats, scarves, coats)

Avoid sharing brushes, combs, and hair accessories

Is there a season for head lice?

-September is National Head Lice Awareness Month. Head lice incidences peak shortly after school starts particularly among young children. This is most likely due in part to younger children playing closely together and having head-to-head contact. During the winter season, the sharing of coats and hats may contribute to head lice occurrences. As spring comes, outdoor playing and sports activities bring children close together. Summer-time often means summer camps and sleepovers which can lead to the spreading of head lice. So it seems as if there is not "one" season for head lice. Year round awareness and routine family inspection will help prevent head lice occurrences.

Resources:

Center for Disease Control & Prevention-<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/index.html>

Texas Department of State Health Services-<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/schoolhealth/lice.shtm#2>

PTO

The PTO invites all Collins families to become members. Please visit our website, www.cobrawebstore.com, where you can join the PTO, order Collins t-shirts and donate to the PTO.

Web Store/website

www.cobrawebstore.com

Friends of Collins

We rely on this simple (non)fundraiser for a large portion of our PTO budget. If you would like to donate, we accept credit card payment through www.cobrawebstore.com or if you prefer, please send in a check to COLLINS PTO (please note that it is for Friends of Collins and include driver's license number and D.O.B.). It is refreshing to note that 100% of donations stay at Collins!

T-shirts

T-shirt orders can still be placed but will not be available for fall delivery. After September 9th, only limited sizes will be available. Students will need to wear a Collins t-shirt for field trips and spirit events throughout the year. Orders can be placed online at www.cobrawebstore.com and will be delivered to the classroom. Thanks so much for considering!!

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Happy Back to School!! It's time to show the Collins staff how much we appreciate them! We are hosting a Back to School lunch for the staff on Thursday, Sept 22nd. We will need the food items donated/made and we will also need volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up. Please sign up if you can help out! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849abaa292-september>

Spirit Nights

Grub Burger Bar the first Collins Spirit Night scheduled for September 28th anytime 11am-11pm. (lunch or dinner!!!) 20% donation to Collins. Located at 2417 Research Forest Dr. (not too far from Collins...between New Trails Dr. & CBI)

Facebook

In addition to our web store, we have a Facebook page. Please "like" us on Facebook to stay up to date on PTO events! Search "Collins Intermediate PTO" on Facebook.

Counselor News

Lunch

Beginning on the first day of school, parents may send money (cash or check) for their child to set up a lunch account. My School Bucks in an online account that may continue to be used from year to year or a new account set up at

www.myschoolbucks.com

A Parent Access Account allows parents to see the amount of money available to the child. Please visit:

[http://](http://childnutrition.conroeisd.net/)

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[tion.conroeisd.net/](http://childnutrition.conroeisd.net/) for

menu options and more information. If a student's account runs out of funds he/she will only be allowed to charge one meal.

After the one charge a student will be provided an "alternate meal". Students are given a reminder to take home to parents when their account is low or out of funds.

Parents & Family visiting during lunch.

We are excited when family members can join their child for lunch at Collins! We have a dedicated table at the back of the cafeteria for our guests. When you come to lunch with your child please remember other friends may not join you. Thank you for your understanding.

Character Counts at Collins!

Our goal is to create a culture of kindness where students learn to be caring, respectful and responsible citizens. Positive character traits are fostered through our school rules and expectations as well as character lessons in our guidance curriculum.

We are looking for great character in all of our Cobras. Each month, we will focus on a new character trait, which includes a new principle each week. Students will be chosen from each LC to win our Colossal Cobra Award for this trait every month.

October 2016—RESPONSIBILITY

***Do what you are supposed to do**

***Think before you act**

***Be accountable for your actions**

***Always do your best**

BE A HERO!

Our Collins Cares Bully prevention program encourages our students to BE A HERO, one who Helps, Encourages and Respects Others. The following rules are emphasized throughout the year. 1) Never Tease or Bully others. 2) Help anyone who is being teased or bullied. 3) Be friendly to students who are being left out and 4) Report bullying. You can view CISD bullying information on the CISD website under the parent/student tab.

Lunch Bunch Groups

Throughout the year, small grade level guidance sessions are created to assist students with promoting positive friendships, self-esteem, and social skills. These sessions take place during the students' lunch time. If you would like for your child to attend one of these sessions you can find the permission form on my website or request a form from your child's teacher.

For additional Counseling information, please visit my website at

<http://collins.conroeisd.net/Teachers/aturco/>

[If your family is in need of assistance with supplies, clothing or holiday expenses, please contact Mrs. Turco for more information.](#)

Follow me on Twitter @turcotweets for great links to my favorite counseling and educational articles!

Cell Phones

Students are allowed to bring cell phones to school.

- Once a student enters the building in the morning the cell phone/electronic device must be turned off.
- A classroom teacher may allow a student to use a cell phone/electronic device as an instructional tool. Once the class is over the device should be turned off.
- Once a student has left the building the device may be turned back on.

Parent Access Center

Collins will send our newsletter and other communication home by e-mail and/or phone messages. In order to make sure that we have your e-mail address, please follow the directions below to either update or add your e-mail address.

Go to the CISD homepage at <http://www.conroeisd.net>.

Click the “Student/Parent” tab,

Click “Parent Access Center”

Click “Register”

You will see an application for parents to view their student’s information online. Read all of the instructions. Complete the top few lines of information, making sure you use the official name of the student. Continue reading the parent access registration. Just below this paragraph is “Parent/Guardian Information.” The first item is the e-mail address. If your e-mail information is different, you will be prompted to update your e-mail address. If you do not have an account, fill in that information at this time. The student identification number is their CISD number which also happens to be their lunch number. If you are not sure of this number, please look at a previous report card or call the front office. Don’t forget to click the “I Agree” button.

Dress Code

- The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that are any of the following: lewd, violent, suggestive, offensive, vulgar or obscene, or advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF(LEGAL).
- **Halter-tops, muscle shirts, and spaghetti-straps tops are not permitted unless covered by another shirt.**
- Midriff shirts, or shirts exposing the midsection of the body, are not permitted.
- Blue jean cutoffs or unhemmed shorts are not appropriate dress for elementary/intermediate school classes.
- Make-up/cosmetics may not be worn or applied at school.
- Hats are not to be worn inside a school.
- Hair and hairstyle should not be distracting.
- **Spandex clothing, yoga pants and leggings are to be worn under other outerwear that are at least fingertip in length.**
- Pants/shorts may not be worn lower than undergarments.
- **Students who choose to wear shorts to school must wear them at fingertip length when the student rests his/her arms at his/her side.**
- Flip flops may not be worn during P.E. classes.
- Girls may wish to wear shorts under their dresses.
Dresses and skirts should be of appropriate length (fingertip) and tights should accompany shorter dresses, skirts or shorts.

Transportation

Bus Transportation

Students who were registered for bus service last year are automatically renewed each year, so only students who are new or have never registered for service will need to register for bus service. <http://bus.conroeisd.net/RegisterTrans.aspx>

In the coming days, CISD transportation will open the website to confirm and check all students bus information (pick up / drop off times and locations). As soon as the website is available Collins will send more detailed information.

Bus Dismissal At The End Of School

Students will be dismissed from class to report to their assigned bus line in the gym. From there student's bus tags will be scanned and they will load the bus to travel home.

Changing Buses

Students may **NOT** ride another bus except in emergencies and only with the permission of Collins Administration. Parents must submit a written request at least 24 hours in advance of the change. Administration must have time to verify the change with both sets of parents. Riding home with a friend on Friday to spend the night is not a change that will be approved. Once approved the school will notify transportation and the bus driver.

Transportation Changes

Changes in transportation must be made in writing by the parent and sent to the teacher. No changes will be made without a written correspondence from the parent. We understand that an occasion may arise when it is necessary to make a last minute transportation change. These last minute changes should be reserved for emergency situations only. For the safety of our children, these changes should be made before 3:15 p.m.

Checking Out Early

Students leaving early for appointments at the end of the day must be signed out by 3:35 p.m.; we cannot call for students during dismissal.

Students will be called for dismissal upon parent's arrival in the front office. We cannot call for students prior to your arrival.

Morning Drop Off

Please remember students should not be dropped off before 8 a.m.

No adult supervision is present before 8 a.m.

Only honor performance groups with scheduled practice are permitted early arrival.

Transportation

Car-Line Rules and Procedures

- Cars are required to stop behind the stop sign and not proceed forward until the stop sign is moved approximately 3:45 p.m..
- Parents may not park in the small visitors parking lot and wait for your child.
- Be courteous to those waiting in the car line and not pull around those waiting and “cut” in line before we call for car riders.
- We do not want cars moving in the parking lot when we dismiss walkers and bikers for all students’ safety.
- Students leaving early due to appointments **MUST** be picked up by 3:40 p.m. to not interrupt the dismissal process.
- Walkers and bikers are dismissed at 3:55 p.m.
- Car riders are dismissed at 3:58 p.m.
- **For afternoon pickup process, please approach the driveway from Woodlands Parkway to Shadowbend turning right into driveway. NO LEFT Hand Turn in the PM. This will avoid traffic congestion from the Research direction.**
- **Parents may not park within the school zone on the sides of Shadowbend to pick up students. This disrupts traffic flow and it is unsafe for children and adults to be on the busy road.**

Afternoon—Students Walkers

We have a large number of students that have become walkers in the afternoon. We do not promote the practice of students meeting their parents in the Kroger shopping center, YMCA or community neighborhoods. Student safety is of up-most importance— **it is imperative that students NEVER cross Showdowbend in the middle of the street.** A cross walk should always be used when crossing the heavy traffic that exists on our main road.

Library

The Collins library is up and running. Students are going through orientation and getting their first books of the year. If you would like to review library policies and procedures, please visit the library homepage at the link located on the Collins Homepage.

There is a lot of fun planned for this year: author visits, book clubs, interactive lessons, etc,etc. If you would like to be a weekly library volunteer, please email Marie Willingham at mwillingham@conroeisd.net. The schedule is being created and we'd love to have you volunteer in your school.

Here at Collins we know that readers become leaders, and we can't wait to share the power of libraries with your student!

Fine Arts

Orchestra

We are off to a great start and looking forward to a wonderful year in orchestra! Please check to be sure your student has a separate black binder for orchestra class with paper, pencil, and plastic page protectors. Having all books, supplies, and equipment in class is part of the orchestra participation grade.

Cello and bass players need to return the \$75 maintenance fee for the instrument that they use at school as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this or about your student's tuning day, please email [<mailto:haellis@conroeisd.net>] Mrs. Ellis or [<mailto:egibbs@conroeisd.net>] Mrs. Gibbs.

Our first concert will be December 14, 6:30 p.m. at College Park HS Auditorium. Please mark your calendars. Additional dates and information are on the orchestra web page and in your student's orchestra binder.

Order forms for the fine arts tee shirt for the orchestra informal uniform were due Friday, September 16.

Please check the [<http://collins.conroeisd.net/teachers/haellis/>] orchestra web page for more news and information.

Choir

Our first concert is October 6th, at 7:00p.m. at The Woodlands United Methodist Church! Come out and support us as we sing with the Knox Jr. High and College Park High School Choirs.