

Cowboy Courier

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CMS empowers lives through Challenges, Motivation, and Support.

We Need PTO Memberships:

Our school has some extra needs and wants and we need to increase our PTO memberships to make them happen! I can't ask the PTO to continue giving when they don't have the memberships to support my requests, so this membership drive is very important. We need a large storage facility for PE equipment, we need to improve our classroom reading libraries, we want a motivational speaker for our students next semester, we want to hire an amazing professional development presenter for our school on January 2nd, we want projection equipment for our large school gym, and we want to choose a few conferences for teachers to attend this summer and share their learning! Remember that our PTO does NOT conduct a school-wide fundraiser. They operate with membership dues, spirit wear sales, and the school store selling items for around a dollar each week. We need your help!

- If we get 300 Parent/Family memberships by Nov. 18th, every child in the school wins a PJ Day on November 28th. Definitely a student favorite! This is less than 25% of our families! We can do it!
- The grade level with the most memberships on Nov. 18th will get to tape a teacher to the wall. Definitely a favorite for everyone!
- Right now, our staff memberships outnumber family memberships and I know our families who so generously support us will be committed to meeting this goal!
- You will not get bugged about volunteering. Your membership dues help our PTO do great things for our school!

Read the entire Courier for details about upcoming CMS and MISD events.

Have a wonderful weekend!

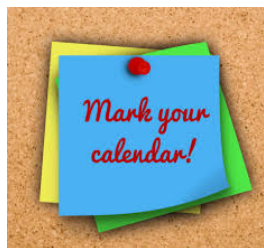
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Stay connected to CMS

We would love to have every family follow us on our Facebook page and Twitter. There are always great things happening at CMS you will want to know about.

<http://www.twitter.com/cockrillms> @CockrillMS @cmslc1

www.facebook.com/cockrillms



Nov. 5

Drama Rehearsal 9:00 – 3:30 PM

Nov. 7

Book Fair 8:15 – 4:15 PM
Drama Rehearsal 4:00 -6:00 PM
Soccer Club 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Nov. 8

Book Fair 8:15 – 4:15 PM
Drama Rehearsal 4:00 -6:00 PM

Nov. 9

Book Fair 8:15 – 4:15 PM
In n Out Fundraiser/School of Rock Preview 6:00 – 8:45 PM

Nov. 10

Book Fair 8:15 – 4:15 PM
School of Rock Performance 6:30 – 9:00 PM

Nov. 11

Book Fair 8:15 – 4:15 PM
Veterans' Day Parade 2:00 PM
School of Rock Performance 6:30 – 9:00 PM

Nov. 12

School of Rock Performance 6:30 – 9:00 PM

PTO News

Dr. Epperson threw down the gauntlet earlier this week and invited y'all to join PTO. I echo that invitation. By so doing you can join us in our mission to make a difference for good at Cockrill.

We're all aware that this is voting season, and that this is our chance to step up and let our voice be heard with our vote. Similarly, by joining PTO you have a vote in how we use PTO resources to benefit and support our Cowboys. At our recent General Meeting I shared that one of our newer board members asked what PTO money goes to. Great question! The bulk of it is used for student programs from 8th grade celebration, to 6th grade Round Up, to CREED recognition, as well as Honor Roll reception support. Additionally, each Friday Cowboy tickets are drawn to reward good character, and the \$5 gift cards (3 per week) are provided by PTO all year long. We also celebrate and thank Cockrill's amazing staff with a few lunches throughout the year as well as a few thank yous in their mailboxes throughout the year. We've partnered with administration to provide Breakfast Bashes twice a year (a chance for you and your Cowboy to enjoy some chat time in the Library/Learning Commons with other Cowboys and their parents), and we like to leave a bit of a legacy at Cockrill each year to leave a reminder that we care. This year we donated monies to help the administration acquire the equipment needed to televise announcements; that technology should be up and running any day now (fingers crossed). We feel we are doing good things that benefit every student at Cockrill and we invite you to join us by supporting PTO through your membership.

<https://cockrillpto.files.wordpress.com/2015/08/general-membership-form-20161.pdf>



8th Grade Parents!!!!

Our first step in the high school registration process is complete!!!! Our 8th graders completed two interest inventories in the College and Career Readiness program called Naviance. Students completed the Cluster Finder and the Strengths Explorer. They were able to research careers, colleges, and read about their strengths.

Parents can log in to Naviance at any time using "s" plus their child's school ID. For example, s123456. The username and password are the same. We encourage you to get involved early because high school registration is around the corner.

The next step in this process is our CTE high school tours! It will be a blast and the kids will love it. We will visit all high schools on Nov. 16th. Be looking for permission slips!

Any questions, please contact the counselors!

Lori Mitchell – 469-302-7963

Elisa Swartz – 469-302-7962



Calling all Veterans! We would love to honor all Veterans on Friday, November 11 at 2:15 pm during our school-wide parade. If you, or anyone you know, have served in our U.S. military, please join us for this celebration. You'll be walking through the hallways, along with our cheerleaders, student groups, and mascot. This event will be over by 3:00.

Pirate Island Book Fair started today
Hours – 8:15 – 4:15
Last day Friday, November 11
Get Hooked on a Book!

If you'd like to sign up to work a shift during the Book Fair, please click the link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b48a5ad29a46-book1>



CMS Toy Drive Sponsored by S.P.L.A.T. (Student and Principal Leadership and Advisory Team)
SPLAT will sponsor a new toy drive **November 14th-18th** to benefit the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center. SPLAT members will deliver the toys when they volunteer for the Candy Canes for Kids event on November 19th. We want to show up with LOTS of toys. Every child who brings a donation will receive a treat from a SPLAT member. Donations may be dropped in collection boxes in the front hallway of CMS.



Do you want to share something great about MISD or Cockrill Middle School?
We are excited to use this hashtag to tell our story.
Help us out by using #myMISD

Attention 8th grade parents:

It's hard to believe that we will begin the registration process for high school very soon. McKinney ISD offers many wonderful programs that coincide with these clusters, through our College and Career Readiness and Career and Technical Education Programs. **On November 16, 2016**, all of our 8th graders will go on a field trip to all 3 McKinney high schools to see these programs in action. Each campus will highlight 6 classes that are part of the Career and Technical Education Programs. We will depart Cockrill around 9:00 and return around 2:00. **Please bring a sack lunch or order a lunch with your social studies teacher.** Permission slips are coming home today and are **due on Friday November 11th.** It is our hope that with exposure to these classes, students will be better prepared to construct their 4 year plan and will not lose out on opportunities available at the high schools. Naviance and McKinney ISD websites have a great deal of information about the programs. We encourage you to explore both websites. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Mitchell at 469-302-7963 or lmitchell@mckinneyisd.net

8th Grade Yearbook Dedication Order Form

Order a yearbook dedication for your 8th grader today! This is your child's last year in middle school and the 8th grade year is a *big deal* to both the student and to you as a parent, family member or friend. There can only be **ONE** dedication per student.

The final deadline for submitting this form, text, photos, and payment is Friday, November 11th.

The yearbook will be distributed in the spring before the end of school, so they will see your pride and love before they take that step to high school.

*Online-Submit text, photos & pay with credit/debit card. Go to www.jostensyearbooks.com, search for Cockrill Middle School, then click "yearbook recognition ads" and proceed to upload photos and text. (ALL DEDICATIONS WILL BE IN ONE OF THE FORMATS FEATURED ON THIS FORM)

*To Pay by cash or check (payable to CMS) return this form and payment into the front office, then email photos and text to Ms. Tarum at natum@mckinneyisd.net by November 11.

Please direct any questions to the CMS yearbook adviser, Nicole Tarum, by email to: ntarum@mckinneyisd.net

THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING DEDICATIONS IS NOVEMBER 11. EARLIER SUBMISSION IS ADVISED AS SPACE IS LIMITED AND FILLED ON A FIRST-DELIVERED FIRST-ASSIGNED BASIS.

Customer Contact Information:

Student name _____

Parent/Purchaser name(s) _____

Primary Phone number _____

Purchaser's E-mail address _____

****Does the student know about this dedication?** ___ Yes ___ No

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DEDICATION DESIGN OPTIONS. CHOOSE ONE BELOW:

Choice A is \$60

1/4 page with 3 photos;
2 vertical & 1 horizontal

Choice B is \$60

1/4 page with 2 photos;
1 vertical & 1 horizontal

Choice C is \$50

1/8 page with 2 photos;
1 vertical & 1 horizontal

Choice D is \$50

1/8 page with 1 vertical photo

Nov. 11 is the last day to turn in this form with payment & photos



McKinney North High School will host A "Not Me" documentary from 6:30-8:30 on November 17th. The event will take place in the high school's auditorium. WTF creator and members will be available following the video for a panel discussion and Q & A for parents.

Watch a trailer & get more information here:
<http://wtf-winningthefight.org/not-me-documentary/>

More About WTF: Kathy and Ben O'Keefe of Flower Mound created WTF after losing their son, Ben Morgan O'Keefe, to an accidental drug overdose. The 501c3 organization provides drug education, support groups, and resources to youth and families that suffer from addiction.

www.wtf-winningthefight.org

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

WHEN
November 17, 2016
6:30-8:30

WHERE
McKinney North
High School

2550 Wilmeth Rd.
McKinney, TX 75070

SPONSORS
McKinney ISD
IMPACT Counselors

BENEFITING
Anyone who is a parent
of a teenager

The Samaritan Inn HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK

November 7 - 13, 2016



MON 11/7 - WED 11/9

KLAK's Johnny B Live on air at Super 1 Foods ALL DAY for 3 days!
Donation drive for food, hygiene items, blankets, gently used clothing, & financial contributions. Meet Johnny B & enter to win prizes & gift cards!

MON - WED DONATION DRIVE



(Hwy 380 location)

FREE Chicken Sandwich

Bring in two of these items for the Inn & receive a free sandwich!

- ◆ Kleenex
- ◆ Pine-Sol
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Scrubbing Bubbles
- ◆ Toilet paper
- ◆ All purpose cleaner

RAISE AWARENESS AT HOME OR SCHOOL

MOVIES

- Homeless to Harvard (NR)
- The Pursuit Of Happyness (PG-13)
- Curly Sue (PG)
- The Soloist (PG-13)

BOOKS

(Grades K-5) *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate
(Grades 1-4) *The Lunch Thief* by Anne C. Bromley
(Grades 2-5) *The Can Man* by Laura E. Williams

DOCUMENTARIES

The Homestretch - an insightful and moving documentary that examines the issue of youth homelessness.

RESTAURANT SUPPORT!

- Mon 11/7 McKinney - One & Only Burgers, University @ Hwy 5, all day
McKinney - Mellow Mushroom, on the Square, all day
- Tues 11/8 Allen- BJ's Brewhouse @ 190 E Stacy Rd, all day (must show flyer)
Plano- BJ's Brewhouse @ 1101 N Central Expy, all day (must show flyer)
- Wed 11/9 Eclair Bistro - Downtown Square, 5pm - 9pm

Tell them you're supporting The Samaritan Inn when you order and we'll receive a portion of sales!

SAT 11/12

Shelter Tours

2pm - 4pm at the Shelter!

Eager to see our facility and learn more about our innovative program?
We hope you can make it to this open house--seeing really is believing.

Texas Recycles Day in Plano 9 am -noon.

Donate your gently used blankets and sheets at Chase Oaks Church on Legacy.

TUE 11/8

#PurpleChallenge

Purple is the color for homelessness and hunger awareness.

Snap a selfie or group photo of your coworkers and send it in!

THURS 11/10

HUTCHINS BBQ Day!

100% of sales for lunch & dinner at McKinney location (University @ Tennessee) & lunch at Frisco location (Main @ Tollway) will be donated to the Inn! Enjoy the best BBQ in Texas while you help the homeless!

FRI 11/11

Veteran's Day

At 11:11 am/pm share this status on your social media page:
Veterans fought for our home. Now we fight for theirs. Ask those facing homelessness in our community, "Are you a Veteran?"
www.va.gov/homelessness

SUN 11/13

Help Promote Awareness with **Street Advocacy!**
Sign up for a 2 hour shift to hold cardboard signs that promote awareness of local homelessness! Great for families, groups & teens! Service hours awarded for students.

NEXT WEEK!

The Collin County Homeless Coalition has additional Homeless Awareness activities planned. Check their Facebook page for details!

Learn more and RSVP at www.thesamaritaninn.org

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Connect With Us! connect@thesamaritaninn.org

