

Cowboy Courier

October 14, 2016



CMS empowers lives through Challenges, Motivation, and Support.

It is hard to believe, but today marked the end of our first quarter of the school year. Teachers are entering final grades today and report cards will be available in HAC Friday, October 21st. This grade check is an opportunity for students to regain UIL eligibility as well. Our parent conference day is October 24th. Please contact your child's teacher if you need a parent conference. Teachers will contact you only if they feel a conference is needed at this time. We also try to coordinate on our end if multiple teachers want to meet with the same parents.

I am beginning to think Fall weather is actually coming, so I want to remind our young ladies that leggings are ok as long as front and back sides are covered. This means a tunic, dress or long t-shirt are needed. We will be giving gentle reminders at school, but students will need to think about this when dressing.

Join us in celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 24-28. See the celebration schedule for the week below!

Halloween at CMS!

We have a tradition of letting the students and teachers wear Halloween costumes to school on October 31st. We want to keep that tradition alive this year because we have so much fun on this day. As you plan your costume, please avoid spandex body suits, blood, guts, gore, anything that depicts hate or death, no fake weapons, and due to the recent clown issues in the media, we are not allowing clown costumes. We want to keep the "Happy" in Happy Halloween! We can't wait to see your fun, happy costumes.

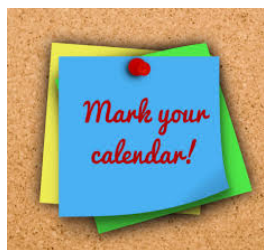
Dr. E

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 @cmsle1

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Oct. 15

All Region Orchestra Auditions

Oct. 17

7th Grade Football vs Evans @ MNHS

Fall Orchestra Concert – 7:00 PM @ MNHS Auditorium

Cross Country Meet @ CMS

Drama Rehearsal 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Oct. 18

8th Grade Football vs Evans @ MHS

Drama Rehearsal 4:00 -6:00 PM

Fall Choir Concert @ Faubion

Oct. 19

Drama Rehearsal 4:00 -6:00 PM

Oct. 20

Principal's Coffee in the Library @ 9:00 AM

PTO General Meeting @ 9:00 AM in the Library

Drama Rehearsal 4:00 -6:00 PM

Volleyball vs Evans @ CMS

Oct. 21

PINK out day at CMS (Wear Pink)

Drama Rehearsal 4:00 -6:00 PM

Choir Singing the National Anthem at the MNHS football game @ Roe Poe Stadium

Oct. 22

Fine Arts Six Flag Trip

8th Grade Volleyball Tournaments

Oct 24

No School for Students – Parent/Teacher Conference Day



PTO News

Wow! The first quarter ends today; next week we'll have our first General PTO Meeting of the year. We invite you to join us in the Learning Commons (Library) for a brief meeting at 9am on Thursday, October 20th. Immediately following our meeting there will be a parent/principal coffee. This is a great chance to come in and get to know the administration and other parents. We hope to see you there.

Also, big thanks to those who have been sending Box Tops in. Each one makes a difference for good. We encourage y'all to send your Box Tops stash into the office within the next two weeks so we can submit them for the fall deadline. If you'll send your Box Tops in a baggie or envelope with your Cowboy's name and grade on it we will enter them for a thank you drawing; they could win a \$5 gift card!

Lastly, just a reminder that if your Cowboy needs a planner to help them get organized planners are now only \$3 and can be purchased in the office.

Tardies

If students are late to any class period, including 1st period, they will go to Mrs. Teel in the office directly above the main staircase.

- 1st Warning
- 2nd Final Warning
- 3rd After School Detention 3:45-5:45
- 4th Friday School Detention 3:45-7:00
- 5th Discipline Referral



Red Ribbon Week October 24-28

The city of McKinney will be having another drug take-back event on Saturday, October 22. Parents, please clean out your medicine cabinets and do one easy thing to help prevent drug use in our community by starting in your own homes. For more info: <https://www.mckinneytexas.org/1088/Drug-Take-Back>. Also, Deidre Vetterick, McKinney North High School Impact Counselor, and Jennifer Akins, Director of Guidance and Counseling, will be doing a one-hour talk for parents, “Managing Stress Without Substances: Coping with Life’s Pressures,” on October 25 at 6:00 p.m. at Faubion MS, and they will have Spanish translators present.



October is National Dyslexia Awareness Month. This month, parents, students and educators across the nation are raising awareness about dyslexia, a language-based learning disability. Advocates have helped reveal that with proper teaching techniques, students with dyslexia can and do learn successfully.

According to The International Dyslexia Association, as many as 15–20% of the population experience symptoms of dyslexia. Warning signs of dyslexia may include difficulty learning letters and their sounds, difficulty reading fluently, difficulty spelling accurately, and difficulty memorizing number facts and completing math operations. Recognizing these symptoms is the first step towards gaining appropriate support. For more information about dyslexia, visit the The International Dyslexia Association (<https://dyslexiaida.org/>).

Also, in the spirit of National Dyslexia Awareness Month, Decoding Dyslexia Texas - McKinney, with support from McKinney ISD, will host a special screening of the film "Roadtrip Nation – Being You" on Wednesday, Oct. 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the MISD Greer Annex.

“Being You” is a documentary film produced by career exploration organization, Roadtrip Nation, in partnership with Understood.org, the leading online resource for parents of children with learning and attention issues.

This event is free and open to all people interested in learning more about dyslexia and learning differences.

You can learn more about the film here: <http://roadtripnation.com/roadtrip/being-you#show>



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Find us on Facebook: Decoding Dyslexia Texas - McKinney

When: October 26, 2016
Time: 6 PM

Where: MISD Greer Annex
510 W Heard Street
McKinney, TX 75069

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"No' is the word that slows us down and stops us. If you're saying yes, you're moving"
--Howie Mandel (Comedian / T.V. Host)

"I don't have a learning 'disability'; I am someone who learns differently. My LD story matters, other young people's stories matter, and telling our stories is how we're going to change these misconceptions."
--David Flink (Founder & CEO, Eye-to-Eye)

"Don't live somebody else's life—take your unique talents and go live your own life."
--John Rodrigues (Ice Sculptor, Author)



Invitation

2016 MISD Duke TIP Fall Prep Camp

Location:

Cockrill Middle School
1351 North Hardin Road
McKinney, TX 75071

Schedule

Session One	Tuesday, October 18 th	4:00-7:15	Students rotate 1 or 3 sessions
Session Two	Monday, October 24 th	4:00-7:15	Students rotate 1 or 3 sessions
Session Three	Monday, November 7 th	4:00-7:15	Students rotate 1 or 3 sessions
Session Four	Monday, November 14 th	4:00-7:45	Practice SAT administered
Session Five	Monday, November 28 th	4:00-7:15	Students grade & discuss practice test

Registration Information

Registration is limited and due upon receipt.

Please return all registration forms and check to MISD or to pay online please go to:

<http://misdduketip.weebly.com>

MISD GT/PreAP	Deadline October 7	Limited to 90 participants	\$225.00 per student
Student receives SAT or ACT Official Guide and Knowsys workbook with each registration. Payment is due upon registration.			

Registering for the MISD Duke TIP Camp does not register you for the Duke TIP Program.

For more information, please email Karen J. Green, M.Ed. at kjgreen@mckinneyisd.net.



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