



## Cowboy Courier

March 17, 2017



*CMS empowers lives through **Challenges**, **Motivation**, and **Support**.*

Our first week back from Spring Break has been awesome. The students came back ready to go! I want to remind you that we will be STAAR testing soon.

March 28th: 7th Grade Writing and 8th Grade Math

March 29th: 8th Grade Reading

Please make sure your child is on time to school so they can start the test with other students. If students are too late, they will take the test on a make-up day. I encourage students to bring a healthy snack that is not messy. No Cheetos on the answer documents please. :) We take up cell phones, apple watches, and any smart device that allows access to the internet. Items are returned to students when testing is completed on campus. Remind students to bring a light jacket and be comfy. We try to make this day as comfortable for them as possible, but they will be sitting a while. Remind them to bring a good book to read in case they finish early. Lots of positive reinforcement and plenty of rest the night before is all they need right now. They are ready to be successful!

Kim Hutchens is our new front office receptionist. Mrs. Hart took advantage of a great opportunity on another campus, and we were excited for her. Mrs. Hutchens is doing a wonderful job and I am so pleased she has joined our team. Stop in and say hello if you haven't met her.

Our Student Council is hosting open gym (6th grade) and a school dance (7th and 8th grade) next Friday. Details are below. This is a favorite event for many students. We ask that students remain in dress code for the dance, and we appreciate your support in arriving on time to pick up students after open gym and the dance.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
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 @cmslc1

[www.facebook.com/cockrillms](http://www.facebook.com/cockrillms)

You can always provide feedback for CMS using this QR code:





### **March 18**

Orchestra Honors UIL Prep Clinic – 9:00 – 12:00 PM – CMS Stage  
Sinfonietta UIL Prep Clinic – 1:00 – 4:00 PM – CMS Stage

### **March 20**

Drama Rehearsal 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
Philharmonic UIL Prep Clinic 4:00 – 7:00 PM

### **March 21**

Drama Rehearsal 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical Performance 6:30 PM  
Tickets on sale during lunches for Open Gym - \$3.00 and Dance - \$5.00

### **March 22**

Drama Rehearsal 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
Tickets on sale during lunches for Open Gym - \$3.00 and Dance - \$5.00

### **March 23**

Drama Rehearsal 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
Orchestra Movie Party 3:45 – 5:45 PM  
Tickets on sale during lunches for Open Gym - \$3.00 and Dance - \$5.00

### **March 24**

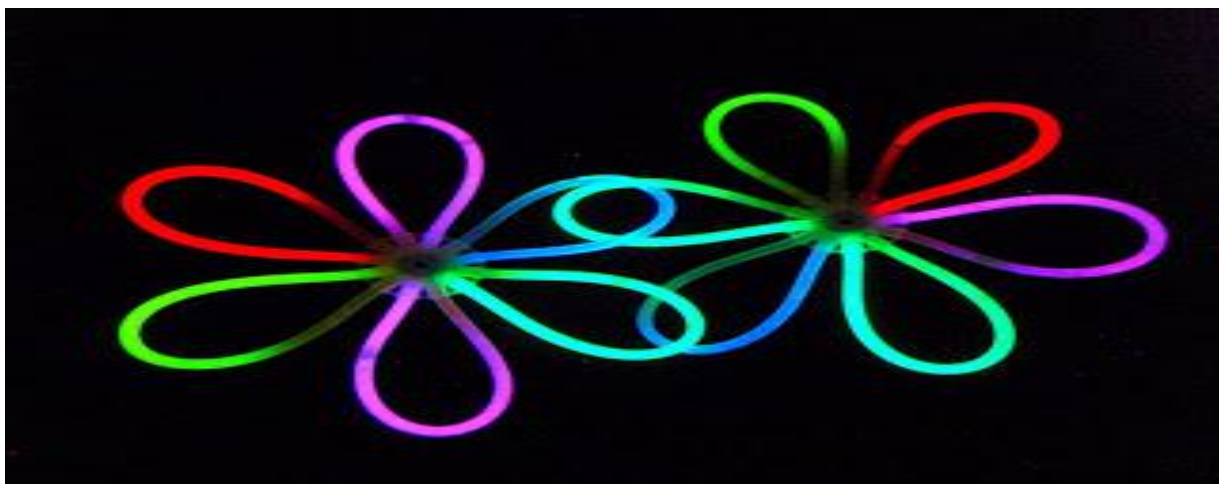
Drama Rehearsal 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Open Gym – 3:45 – 5:00 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade StuCo Spring Dance 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
Tickets on sale during lunches for Open Gym - \$3.00 and Dance - \$5.00

### **March 25**

Drama Rehearsal 10:00 – 2:00 PM

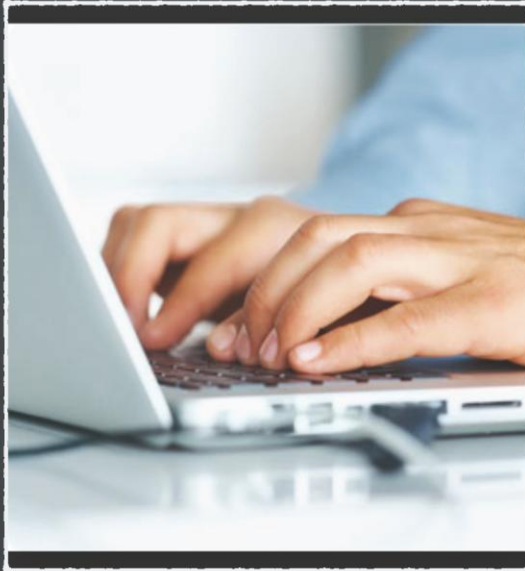


Student Council will host Glow Open Gym and the Glow Dance Party Friday, March 24th! Tickets for both events will go on sale Tuesday, March 21st during all lunches and will be available for purchase through Friday. Glow Open Gym tickets for 6th grade students are \$3 and the Glow Dance Party tickets for 7th and 8th Grade students are \$5. Glow Open Gym is 3:45-5:00 and Glow Dance Party is 6:30-8:30. Make sure you wear clothes that will glow under the black lights, and we will see you there!!





## Freshman Laptop Initiative Parent Informational Meetings 6:00-7:00 PM



- February 13- MHS (Library)
- February 27- MNHS (Library)
- March 13- MBHS ( Cafeteria)
- March 27- MHS (Library)
- April 10- MNHS (Library)
- April 24- MBHS (Cafeteria)
- May 8- MHS (Library)

Parents and students are welcome at any campus regardless of your future home campus.

## Online Registration for Returning Students for the 2017-18 will be on the **HOME ACCESS CENTER.**

In order to update information or register online for the 2017/2018 school year you must have a HOME ACCESS ACCOUNT established. Please contact Cockrill Middle School if you do NOT know your username/password. You may also email Mrs. Dominguez at [mdominguez@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:mdominguez@mckinneyisd.net) to request your login information.

# PTO News

Welcome back from Spring Break (yes, that was just last week!) Amazingly, we've made it into 4th quarter and there are still several things we'll be accomplishing before the school year is over. Looking ahead, we have our next, and last, General PTO meeting of the year coming up on April 20th at 9am. This will be followed by a principal coffee. At that meeting we will be looking to vote in our new PTO Board for next year, as well as amending the PTO contribution to the 8th grade celebration from \$3000 to \$2500. Additionally, we'll be voting to amend PTO Bylaws to include a 1st VP Aide to the President. We hope you'll join us and find out more about these and other goings on in PTO.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### Developing Self- Esteem in Teens

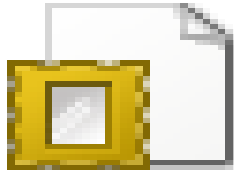
**We all know that the development of a positive self-concept or healthy self-esteem is extremely important to the happiness and success of children and teenagers. Some suggestions in building a positive self-esteem in your child:**

- 1. Practice giving your child words of encouragement throughout the day.**
- 2. Be generous with praise. Use “descriptive praise” and be specific.**
- 3. Teach your child to practice making positive self-statements.**
- 4. Avoid criticism that takes the form of ridicule or shame. Use “I” statements rather than “You” statements when giving criticism.**
- 5. Teach your child about decision-making and to recognize when he/she has made a good decision.**
- 6. Teach self-discipline.**

Students A – L - Lori Mitchell [lmitchell@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:lmitchell@mckinneyisd.net) 469-302-7963

Students M – Z - Elisa Swartz [eswartz@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:eswartz@mckinneyisd.net) 469-302-7962

# March Parent Plugin



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## **SUBSTITUTE OPPORTUNITIES**

**SUBSTITUTE APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY BEING  
ACCEPTED FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

**[WWW.MCKINNEYISD.NET/SUBSTITUTE/](http://WWW.MCKINNEYISD.NET/SUBSTITUTE/)**

**As the saying goes, “it takes a village” and substitutes are an essential part of the McKinney ISD family. Substitutes assist the district by ensuring students do not miss a day of learning when their regular classroom teacher must be out of the classroom. We encourage you to consider substituting for the students of McKinney ISD and become a part of our family!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: [SUBSTITUTE@MCKINNEYISD.NET](mailto:SUBSTITUTE@MCKINNEYISD.NET)**



*The athletic booster club for parents of students who are in athletics has a few openings for the upcoming school year. If you are interested please contact Ann Ahlborn at [aahlborn@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:aahlborn@mckinneyisd.net).*

**Membership Chair**

- Promote and encourage membership in the Athletic Booster club
- Collect forms and record membership information in the booster club roster
- Maintain the online booster club website
- Coordinate volunteers to work membership table at sporting events/parent meetings
- Attend all Board meetings

**Spirit Wear Chair**

- Oversee all areas pertaining to spirit wear
- Coordinate the purchase of all spirit wear with the vendor
- Establish plan to sell spirit wear
- Provide invoices to Treasurer for payment
- Coordinate volunteers to work spirit wear table at sporting events to promote and sell spirit wear
- Attend all Board meetings