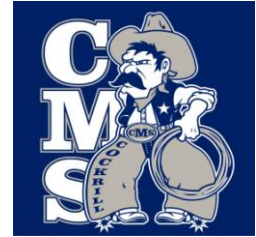




Cowboy Courier

March 24, 2017



CMS empowers lives through Challenges, Motivation, and Support.

Happy Friday, CMS Families!

Our 7th and 8th grade students will begin STAAR testing next week. Our 6th grade students will be on a modified schedule Tuesday and Wednesday. Our 7th grade students will be on a modified schedule Wednesday. The students will rotate through 4 core classes during those days. Teachers will make sure students are informed and know the plan.

TESTING SCHEDULE

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

March 29th: 8th Grade Reading

LUNCH SCHEDULE REVISIONS

March 28: 6th grade 11:00 OR 11:30, 7th grade at 1:15, 8th grade at 1:45

March 29: 6th grade 11:00 OR 11:30, 7th grade at 12:18 OR 12:52, normal 8th grade schedule

We do not allow any visitors on campus on testing days, including lunch times. On Monday, Thursday, and Friday our schedule will be normal, and visitors are welcome.

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 and a water bottle. No Cheetos on the answer documents please. :) We take up cell phones, apple watches, and any smart devices that allow access to the internet or photos. Items are returned to students when testing is completed on campus. Remind students to bring a light jacket and be comfy. Blankets and pillows are not allowed. 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!

There will be no tutoring bus on Tuesday, March 28th. Tutoring will resume Thursday, March 30th.

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

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





March 25

Drama Rehearsal 10:00 – 2:00 PM

March 27

“A” Honor Roll & CREED Program – 8:45 AM

Drama Rehearsal 4:00 – 6:00 PM

March 28

7th Grade STAAR Reading

8th Grade STAAR Math

No visitors on campus

March 29

8th Grade STAAR Reading

No visitors on campus

March 30

Track Meet – Princeton High School

March 31

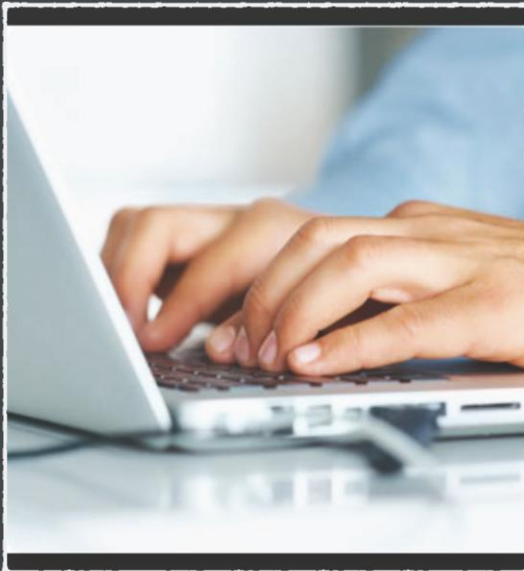
Special Olympics – Ron Poe Stadium 9:00 – 2:30 PM



SPLAT students will host a Book Drive from March 27th – April 6th. We would like for all CMS students to bring new or gently used children’s books to donate to students at Webb Elementary for summer reading. If you would like to donate, you may drop your books in the boxes in the front hall. Thanks for your help in making the book drive a success.



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 to request your login information.

Dress Code

Students are beginning to wear more warm weather clothes, so it is time to review some dress code highlights. Go this site for the full dress code policy. <http://www.mckinneyisd.net/parents/dress-code/>

- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be fingertip length
- Leggings may be worn with shirts/tunics that cover the entire front and back side
- Tank top straps must be 3 inches wide (no spaghetti straps)
- Muscle shirts are not allowed
- Undergarments should not be visible (this includes bralettes and bandeau styles)
- Off the shoulder styles are only permitted with a 3 inch tank top



Special Olympics

**Good luck Special Olympians at the track
Friday, March 31 at Ron Poe Stadium.**

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Developing Self- Esteem in Teens

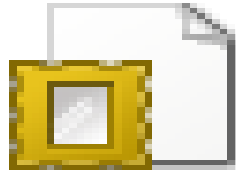
We all know that the development of a positive self-concept or healthy self-esteem is extremely important to the happiness and success of children and teenagers. Some suggestions in building a positive self-esteem in your child:

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 469-302-7963

Students M – Z - Elisa Swartz 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/

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



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.

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