



# TITAN TRIBUNE



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Dear Coulson Tough Families,

Welcome to another wonderful school year! It's so hard to believe we're getting ready for 2016-2017 to begin. It's our hope that all our Coulson Tough families had a fun and safe summer. We also hope you're ready to begin an exciting school year with your children. The teachers and staff are looking forward to seeing everyone and are eager to meet our new families in the community.

Many of our parents are very involved in the daily operations of our school, and I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how much we appreciate all you do to help us make Coulson Tough the best it can be. Please continue to make school a priority for your family by getting involved as a classroom volunteer and joining the Parent Teacher Organization. Our PTO's incredible support provides the resources we need to prepare wonderful learning opportunities for all our students. Without their help and support, we would not have many of the educational resources we use every day in our classrooms.

It's important that we communicate effectively with all our Coulson Tough families so you know what is happening in your child's school and can be prepared for important events. There are many ways we communicate with our families throughout the school year.

- Every Tuesday, our teachers will send home graded work and other information in a special "Tuesday Folder." This blue folder is used specifically to communicate with our families on a weekly basis.
- We produce a school newsletter every other Tuesday called the Titan Tribune that will be sent to you electronically. We will communicate important information and share upcoming events. The Titan Tribune can also be accessed on our website.
- We also send out important information through text messages. We use this to communicate emergency situations, severe weather dismissal and important reminders. In order to receive text messages from Coulson Tough, you will need to subscribe to Remind 101. Instructions can be found on page 3 of this Tribune.

During the first week of school, you will receive information about the online CISD Student Handbook and other information about Coulson Tough, the PTO, and the Conroe Independent School District. The handbook has valuable information, so please take the time to read it carefully online. Please be sure to sign the acknowledgement receipt electronically by logging in to your child's Parent Access account. You may view the handbook online at the following link.

<http://conroeisd.net/about/policies-procedures/>

We will be sending home the Coulson Tough Addendum to the CISD Handbook on the first day of school. This addendum contains valuable information with specific information about our campus. The Coulson Tough handbook addendum receipt must be turned in to your child's teacher by Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

New this year, our school day ends at 3:10pm, the added 5 minutes will prevent us from having a make up day in the event of a weather cancelation from school. The first week of school, we will dismiss at 3:00pm.

We truly consider it an honor and a privilege to work with your children and your family. We're looking forward to a fabulous year!

Sincerely,  
Shawn Creswell  
Principal



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sixth Grade Survivor Night 4:30–6:00pm Kindergarten- 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade will receive email from your homeroom teacher between 3:30-4:30pm
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher 4:30 – 5:30pm for 1 <sup>st</sup> thru 3 <sup>rd</sup> grades 5:30 – 6:30pm for 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> grades
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Teddy Bear Tea 9:00am
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	New to CT Parent/Student Orientation 11:00am Students & their parents in 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	First Day of School – class begins at 8:05am
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cheers & Tears Coffee in the library 8:05am
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Information Meetings- Day/Evening Sessions Kindergarten, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grades
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Information Meetings- Day/Evening Sessions 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades
Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	Room Parent Meeting 9:00am
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Holiday- Labor Day
Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	PTO General Meeting 1:30pm
Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Picture Day
Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Kindergarten Bedtime Story Night 5:30pm
Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Spotlight Ceremony – Respect – Yellow
Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>	National Walk to School Day for Coulson Tough
Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting 1:30pm
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fine Arts Education Day
Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Story Book Parade – Kinder & 1 <sup>st</sup> grade 9:00am Early release for all students 12:10pm Fall Festival – Fall Fundraiser 5:00 – 8:00pm
Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Spotlight Ceremony – Responsibility- Wear Green
Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bat Day for 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recycle Robot Day for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade

**Please note the dismissal process will begin 10 minutes early during the first week of school.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### "Sixth Grade Survivor Night"

Attention Sixth Grade Students! Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> is a special evening just for the students! We have games and activities planned to introduce you to your classmates and teachers.

### "Meet the Teacher for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade"

All parents will receive an email on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> between 3:30pm-4:30pm from their child's homeroom teacher. Meet the teacher will be Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm for students in 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 5:30-6:30pm for 4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Teachers will be in their classrooms to greet you and welcome your child to Coulson Tough. Bring your school supplies! If you purchased school supplies through our PTO, they will be in your child's classroom labeled with their name. Upon arrival, please stop by the commons area for directions to your child's classroom, purchase Character and School Spirit Wear, with check or credit card, join our PTO and much more! It is our goal to make certain your child is as comfortable as possible in starting a new school year. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students are welcome to come and set up their lockers at this time too! We look forward to seeing everyone!

### "Kindergarten Teddy Bear Tea"

The Teddy Bear Tea for our Kindergarten children will be held Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Upon arrival all parents and children should go directly to their assigned classroom. Parents will then be asked to return to the commons for a presentation about Kindergarten while your child remains in their classroom for an activity with their teacher.

### "Cheers and Tears"

Our PTO is hosting the "Cheers and Tears" coffee on the first day of school at 8:00am in the library. Parents, please join us for this exciting morning. It is our way of welcoming you to Coulson Tough and a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents if you are new to our

## ATTENDANCE

In the event a student is absent, parents must contact the school office as soon as possible. Following an absence, parents must send a note explaining the reason for the absence. State law requires that students must be in attendance for a minimum of 90 percent of the instructional days per year in order to be promoted. A student who attends fewer than 90 percent of the instructional days per year will be referred to the campus attendance committee for review. The law goes on to state that it is the parents' duty to monitor the student's attendance and require the student to attend school. Regular school attendance is important. Please make vacation arrangements during holidays and weekends to avoid students missing important classroom instruction.

## CLINIC INFORMATION

Coulson Tough has a registered nurse and nurse's aide assigned to our campus. Our school nurse is Cyndi Schulken and aide is Michelle Lindley. In order to assist the classroom teacher and school nurse, each child must have a blue health information form completed and on file in the clinic (this will be sent home on the first day of school).

Students are **never** allowed to bring medication to school. An adult must bring any medications to the school clinic.

Please feel free to contact Nurse Cyndi with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child's health while they're here at school.

## PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Our parent information meetings will be offered in 2 sessions to assist parents who work and those who need daytime child care. These important meetings are just for our parents to learn information about the year ahead. Please, if possible, do not bring children to the meeting.

### Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- 12:15-12:45pm OR 5:00-5:30pm in your child's classroom

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- 9:50-10:20am OR 5:30-6:00pm in your child's classroom. Your child's teachers will pair up in one of their rooms to present together.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- 10:45-11:15am OR 5:30-6:00pm in your child's classroom. Your child's teachers will pair up in one of their rooms to present together.

### Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Grade- 9:00-9:30am OR 4:30-5:00pm in your child's classroom. All of your child's teachers will pair up in one of their rooms to present together.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade- 1:15-1:45pm OR 6:00-6:30pm in the commons. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will share information together to all parents.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade- 2:15-2:45pm OR 5:15pm-5:45pm in the commons. All 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will share information together to all parents.

## COULSON TOUGH PTO

The teachers and staff at Coulson Tough are so very fortunate to have such a wonderful and active PTO. There are many activities and supplies we would not have if not for their continuous and generous support. They help our school by:

- Volunteering at our many different school activities
- Organizing fundraisers that support the purchase of many instructional materials and field trips
- Organizing family events such as Fall Festival
- Creating our annual yearbook
- Supporting teachers and students in the classroom
- Keeping our grounds beautiful
- Updating our school marquee weekly
- Managing our school store
- Organizing our book fairs
- Selling spirit wear
- Organizing field trips
- Distributing school supplies

Look for more information at the PTO table at Meet the Teacher! We hope all of our Titan Parents will join PTO and be involved at CT!

PTO is looking for volunteers to help with our annual Fall Festival and our school yearbook! Please email Heather Pine at [hpine99@gmail.com](mailto:hpine99@gmail.com) if you are interested!

### Room Parent Sign Up

Being your child's room parent is an excellent way to get involved in your child's class.

Room parents communicate with the teacher and coordinate parents to assist with the following:

- scheduling classroom volunteers
  - collecting items for your classroom's Fall Festival auction basket
  - coordinating classroom holiday parties and teacher appreciation events
  - communicating to classroom parents via email and much more!
- Volunteer forms will be available at Meet the Teacher in your child's classroom on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

If your child is eligible to ride the bus, please make sure you go to the CISD website and get them registered.  
You MUST register every year. <http://bus.conroeisd.net/>

# How to sign up for Mrs. Creswell's Coulson Tough Families messages:



To receive messages via text, text **@ctfamilies** to **(281) 769-1530**. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @ctfamilies'.



Or to receive messages via email, send an email to **ctfamilies@mail.remind.com**. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.



## WHAT IS REMIND AND WHY IS IT SAFE?

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