Dear Coulson Tough Families,

Our PTO president Heather Pine, art teacher Holli Hawkins and I attended the Sterling Ridge Village Association meeting this past week on Thursday. Mrs. Hawkins presented the board members with the information about an art mural that she is creating along with the direction of local artist Vicki McMillian. All students in the school will be involved in the painting of the mural to be hung in the entry hall at Coulson Tough. Our school was awarded $2,000 from the Sterling Ridge Village Association to put toward funding for this mural. We are very thankful to the association for recognizing our schools efforts in creating a collaborative art piece for our campus. We will be sharing more information in the next Tribune on the unveiling of the completed mural in March!

Mrs. Creswell

Kindness Month at CT

Our official kick-off for Kindness month started on Monday, February 6th with our 2017 CT Kindness Poster Contest.

Posters must be on the large construction paper (12x18) and the theme is “Kindness”. Construction paper will be available for students outside the counselors’ offices.

Posters must include full name, grade level, and home room teacher on the back. Posters can be turned into either Jessica Waters or Becky Stiles.

Deadline is Friday, February 24th. 5th & 6th grade ambassadors will choose a grade level winner for each grade. The winning posters will be framed and hung on our Kindness Wall! Winners will be announced on KTUF the first week of March!

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter! We post pictures several times a week! Click on the icon to go to the page.
Third Grade PE Expo

Coulson Tough’s Physical Education program teaches students the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and that physical activity doesn’t have to be strenuous workouts that are painful or boring. Imagine doing fun physical activities involving cooperation, teamwork, and skill building. Regular physical activity improves strength and endurance, builds lean muscle, increase range of motion or flexibility, and burns calories. Regular moderate exercise also benefits us by lowering our risk of several diseases including heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and high blood pressure. Students are encouraged to find physical activities that they can make a part of their life such as bicycling to the park, swimming, or even walking the family dog.

The Third Grade PE Expo will involve audience participation, so parents and students are encouraged to come ready to play.

Parents will enjoy a "day in the life" with their child and experience a typical Physical Education class.

Times are as follows:

Group 1 (6:00pm-6:30pm) Mitchell, Bamberger (Lips), Hornsby

Group 2 (6:30pm-7:00pm) Beauchene, Garcia, Westbrook, Scheffe

Honor Choir Results

Mrs. Cawley is so proud of the 27 students who auditioned Friday evening for the CISD Honor Choir. Out of 27, we had the following 21 students make the Honor Choir. They all worked hard and the competition, as always, was intense, Mrs. Cawley is pleased with all of their efforts.

Thanks for your support of our choir program!!!

CISD Honor Choir members: Jimena Aragon, Colleen Brown, Abbey Busic, Maddie Busic, Debbie Chu, Dominic Dy, Abigail Each, Kate Edwards, Paula Esparza, Ximena Esparza, Annabel Fish, Alex Fox, Bella Haden, Selah Martinez, Sebastian Orozco, Lauren Stepanik, Sachiko Suryaputri, Morganne Tison, Mariana Velasco, Max Welkie and Anna Zajac.

Titan Book Share

The spring trip to Conroe for the Titan Book Share will be here before we know it. We are continuing to collect new and slightly used books for this biannual activity. Books can be given to home base teachers or dropped off in Mrs. Stiles’ room.

Celebrating the 100th Day of School at Coulson Tough.
PTO Board Nominations

It is time to start nominating people for the PTO Board and committee positions for the 2017-2018 school year. No experience is necessary, just a desire to help make Coulson Tough the best school and environment for our students and staff.

There are several committee positions available. Please let the PTO know your area of interest. For more information, contact Heather Pine (hpine99@gmail.com).

Check Out Our New Webpage!

We are excited to let you know that Coulson Tough Elementary has a new website debuting this week. We hope you enjoy exploring! If you have any questions, you may contact the campus webmaster at nreid@conroeisd.net.

Cell Phones in Car Rider Line

Please remember talking on cell phones while in the car rider line is prohibited. CISD Officer Margaret will begin issuing tickets for any further violations. The safety of our students is of utmost importance to all of us.

New Box Tops for Education

There is now an app with which we can earn additional money for Coulson Tough through the Box Tops for Education program.

To get started, download the app, create a profile and select Coulson Tough as your school. Look on the app for offers that will earn more box tops for the school, select the offers you will be redeeming and then once you have made your purchase, take a picture of your receipt. Once the box tops and receipt have been verified, the money will go into the CT account.

The Box Tops flyer was sent home in your child’s folder earlier this month. We want to help make it easy for you to earn money for CT with the products you are already purchasing.

NEXT DEADLINE to turn in box tops is Friday, February, 24.

Cutest Pet Contest

Coulson Tough is having our 1st Annual Cutest Pet Contest! More information in next weeks Tuesday folders! Be on the look-out!
**ATTENDANCE**

To report an absence for your child, please call the front office at 281-465-5900. When your child returns to school, a note explaining the reason for the absence should be sent to the teacher or brought to the front office. School attendance is a major indicator of student success. Please schedule vacations during holidays and make every effort to schedule appointments after school. Attendance letters will be sent in accordance with CISD policy. Students must be present 90% of all school days to be promoted to the next grade. Students should attend school every day unless ill.

**MORNING HOURS**

Announcements begin @ 8:00am and school begins at 8:05am. Students should not arrive before 7:35am at which time they may go to the Commons. Students go to their classrooms at 7:45am and class activities begin.

**MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

A parent or guardian must bring medication and sign it into the clinic. All medication must be in the original container and properly labeled.

**TUTORING**

If your child is scheduled for morning tutoring or enrichment, he or she must enter the building through the front doors.

**TARDY/LATE ARRIVAL**

Students arriving to school after 8:05am are considered tardy. Students must stop at the front desk for a tardy pass. A parent should come into the school with the student to sign him/her in for the day. A student is considered absent if they arrive after 9:00am. If your child is arriving late to school due to a health care appointment, please come into the front office with your child and provide the doctor’s note to ensure your child’s attendance can be changed to “HCP” for “Health Care Professional” which is Present.

**CHARACTER DAY/SPirit DAY**

Wednesday –Character Day-wear a CT character shirt!
Friday-Spirit Day-wear a Coulson Tough shirt! We love CT!
You can order these on the Coulson Tough PTO website.

**BIRTHDAY TREATS**

Birthday treats must be store bought due to allergy, safety and sanitation concerns. All items must be pre-cut. Most grades share these treats with the class the last 10 minutes of their lunch period. Please email your child’s teacher to verify the best time. Balloons and flowers are not permitted in the building.

**VISITOR PARKING**

Visitor parking is located in the large parking lot off of Crane Brook Drive. Please do not park in the front of the building or in the fire lanes.

**PARENT LUNCH TABLE**

We have a table set up specifically for parents and their children to sit together. Friends are not permitted to sit with your child at the parent table. A parent plus two others is the maximum number who can come join a student for lunch due to space limitations in our cafeteria.

**TRANSPORTATION CHANGES**

All transportation changes must be received in writing with parent/guardian’s signature to your child’s teacher in their blue folder. Please limit any other changes after the day begins to emergencies and contact the front office prior to 2:00pm.

**SEVERE WEATHER DISMISSAL**

At the beginning of school, parents completed a Severe Weather Dismissal Procedures form indicating how their child would go home in the event of Severe Weather. During periods of rain, biker/walkers will be released as normal. When the area is under a severe weather threat (this includes lightning/thunder) as determined by the National Weather Service, a “Severe Weather Dismissal” will be called. Please register for Remind 101. You will be notified by text when there is a Severe Weather Dismissal.

**REMIND 101**

Want to receive text messages from the principal regarding severe weather and other important information? Send a text to 281-769-1530. In the message box type @ctfamilies.

**VOLUNTEERING IN CISD**

http://conroeisd.net/parents/get-involved/