



# Titan Tribune

Dear Coulson Tough Families,

Welcome to another wonderful school year! It's so hard to believe we're getting ready for 2017-2018 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 again 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 PTO. Our Parent Teacher Organization does so many things to help our school, and 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. When working together to achieve student success; the school, parents, and community provide the key to an excellent education for all of our children.

It's important that we communicate effectively with all our Coulson Tough families so you know what's 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." It's a blue folder used specifically to communicate with our families on a weekly basis. We ask that you go through your child's folder on Tuesday's.
- We produce a school newsletter every other Tuesday called the Titan Tribune. It will be sent to you electronically. Please take time to read the newsletter when it is sent out. This is how we will communicate important information about upcoming events and let you know what your children are learning and experiencing each week at school. Please make sure we have a current email address for your family. You may contact Carolyn Duncan to update your email address when necessary. 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. It's easy! Instructions can be found on page 4 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 on the main CISD website.

We will be sending home a copy of 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 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

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| <b>Aug. 8</b>  | New Parent/Students Orientation for NEW families to Coulson Tough for this coming school year<br>11:00am-12:00pm.  |
| <b>Aug. 11</b> | 6th Grade Meet the Teacher-Surf into Sixth Grade<br>4:30pm-5:30pm<br><br>Kindergarten-5th Grade will receive email from your homeroom teacher between 3:30 and 4:30pm  |
| <b>Aug. 14</b> | Camp Kindergarten Meet the Teacher<br>3:00pm-4:00pm<br><br>Meet Your Teacher!:-) Come by between:<br>4:30-6:00pm for 1st -5th grades, bring school supplies and your child's backpack for dismissal tagging.<br>-We will have Kona Ice here from 4:00-6:00pm |
| <b>Aug. 16</b> | First Day of School, classes begin at 8:00am<br><br>Cheers and Tears Parents Coffee in the library<br>8:00am-8:30am  |
| <b>Aug 17</b>  | Parent Information Meetings Day/Evening Sessions<br>Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grades   |
| <b>Aug 21</b>  | Parent Information Meetings - Day/Evening Sessions<br>4th & 5th Grades   |
| <b>Aug 24</b>  | Parent information Meetings-Day/Evening Sessions<br>6th Grade  |
| <b>Aug 28</b>  | Room Parent Meeting 9:00am   |
| <b>Sept. 4</b> | School Holiday-Labor Day   |
| <b>Sept. 7</b> | PTO General Meeting 1:30pm<br><br>Fall Picture Day   |
| <b>Sept 22</b> | Storybook Parade-Kindergarten & 1st Grade 9:00am   |
| <b>Sept 29</b> | Spotlight Ceremony-Respect-Wear Yellow   |
| <b>Oct. 4</b>  | National Walk to School Day for Coulson Tough  |
| <b>Oct. 5</b>  | PTO Meeting 1:30pm   |
| <b>Oct. 6</b>  | Early Release for all students 12:05pm   |
| <b>Oct. 13</b> | Fall Festival-Fall Fundraiser 5:00-8:00pm  |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### “Surfing Into 6th Grade”



Attention Sixth Grade Students! Friday, August 11th is a special evening just for you. We have games and activities planned to introduce you to your classmates and teachers. See you at 4:30! Parents will pick up in the Commons at 5:30 and may then help their child decorate/set up their locker from 5:30-6:00pm.



### “Camp Kindergarten”

Camp Kindergarten for our Kindergarten children will be held Monday, August 14th from 3:00 – 4:00pm. Upon arrival all parents and children should go directly to their assigned classroom. Parents will have a presentation by the Kindergarten teachers and children will go on a hike around our building with our Fine Arts and PE teachers. Please have your child bring a stuffed animal and their backpack and school supplies to the camp.

### “Meet the Teacher for 1st through 5th grade”

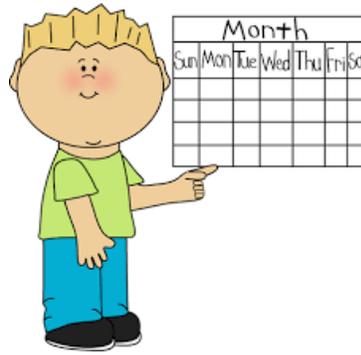
All parents will receive an email on Friday, August 11th between 3:30pm-4:30pm from their child's homeroom teacher.

Meet the teacher will be Monday, August 14th come anytime between 4:30 – 6:00pm for students in 1st – 5th grades. Teachers will be in their classrooms to greet you and welcome your child to Coulson Tough. Bring your school supplies and backpack! Upon arrival, please stop by the commons area for directions to your child's classroom, purchase Character and School Spirit Wear, PTO information and much more! The PTO will also be selling Coulson Tough Spirit Wear which you can purchase with check or credit card. It is our purpose to make certain your child is as comfortable as possible in starting a new school year. Fifth Grade students are welcome to come and set up their lockers at this time too! We look forward to seeing everyone!

### “Cheers and Tears”

Our PTO is hosting the “Cheers and Tears” coffee on the first day of school at 8:00am in the library. 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 school.

## ATTENDANCE



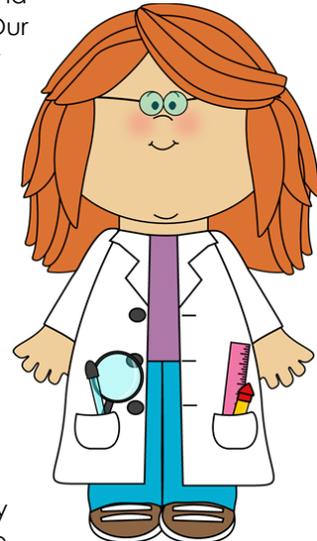
In the event a student is absent, parents must contact the school office as soon as possible. Following an absence, parents must send a note explaining the reason for the absence. State law requires that students must be in attendance for a minimum of 90 percent of the instructional days per year in 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.

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. In order to assist the classroom teacher and school nurse, each child must have a health information form completed and on file in the clinic. This is part of the online forms you must complete for your child by 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.

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/>



**Please note the dismissal process will begin 10 minutes early during the first week of 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 for our parents to learn information about the year ahead. Please, if possible, do not bring children to the meeting. In order to attend the day session, you must have registered to Volunteer in CISD at least one day prior to the meeting.

### **Thursday, August 17<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- 9:30-10:00am OR 5:30-6:00pm in your child's classroom.

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

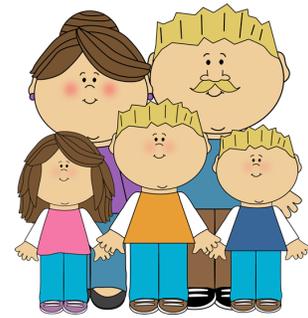
### **Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade- 8:30 to 9:00am 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 5:00- 5:30pm in the commons. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will share information together to all parents.

### **Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade- 2:00 – 2:30pm OR 4:30-5:00pm 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 fund raisers 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
- Weekly updating our school marquee
- Managing our school store & book fairs
- Creating & 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.



# 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.



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