

TITAN TRIBUNE

Hi CT Families,

Our school's namesake, Mr. Coulson Tough, celebrated his 90th birthday on December 7th, 2016. He visited our school on Friday, December 9th, to celebrate with our staff and students. Each grade level presented him with a heartfelt gift of 90 of something and sang happy birthday to him. He was very touched and honored!

Thank you so much to our families who spoiled our staff with a wonderful holiday lunch! We continue to feel so blessed with the kindness shared with us by our families!

Our December character trait is Generosity. Each grade level has chosen a local organization to support and spread kindness to this month. We know many area people will be so appreciative!

I hope you all have a wonderful winter break and we look forward to a fabulous 2017!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Creswell

Happy 90th Birthday Mr. Coulson Tough!



- Dec. 15 Sixth Grade Band Winter Concert 5:00pm
Sixth Grade Orchestra Winter Concert 6:00pm
- Dec. 16 Grade level Winter Parties
Early Release 12:10pm
- Jan. 2 Staff Workday
- Jan. 3 Students Return
- Jan. 10 Report Cards go home
- Jan. 12 PTO Meeting 1:30pm
- Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No School
- Jan. 19 Club Picture Day
- Jan. 26 Family Geography Night
Kinder-Second 5:00pm-6:00pm
Third-Fifth 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Jan. 27 Spotlight on Courage 1:45pm
- Feb. 1 100th Day of School
- Feb. 7 Progress Reports go home
- Feb. 9 PTO Meeting 1:30pm
- Feb. 14 Kindergarten, First and Second
Valentine Exchange

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.



D.A.R.E Graduation

This semester, an inaugural group of Coulson Tough students joined forces with CISD police to start the D.A.R.E program on our campus. These 48 fifth and sixth grade students worked with CISD Officer Mark Davis to complete the 10-week course. Throughout their time together, the students learned:

- To develop key life skills in order to stay safe, healthy, and make positive contributions within society;
- To set goals, review and assess their goal's performance;
- To raise their self esteem while developing skills to maximize their life opportunities;
- To become inspired and motivated to achieve their goals and focus on their life as a whole;
- To learn to be disciplined and take responsibility for their own actions;
- To develop support networks and communicate with their support networks in a positive manner;
- And to make informed decisions about health, social and moral decisions such as using or misusing alcohol and drugs.

Fifth Graders

Luke Lilja
Cassidy Black
Virginia Cecchelli
Caden Cox
Ava DeAngelo
Mary Edwards
Samuel Figueroa
Sophia Figueroa
Tag Giles
Tyler Haynes
Katie Kirkendall
Savannah Knight
Felix Li

Jeronimo Lopez Saenz
Diego Martinez
Ella Moore
Kenneth Morris
Hyrum Mouritsen
Natalee Nettuno
Zoe Nordmann
Sophia Ricciardi
Jackson Scott
Elliott Stickler
Vanessa Studebaker

Sixth Graders

Mateo Gutierrez Ferraez
Bella Haden
Ethan Hickey
Taylor Jackson
Madison Molloy
John Wyatt Painter
Sohi Patel
Hector Pena
Isaiah Tatum
Ava Wettstein
Darek Zarur Cervantes
Kaelyn Zusi

Aidan Graham

We will be starting our next round of D.A.R.E trainings in January and would like to extend an invitation to all 5th and 6th grade students interested in participating. If your student would like to be a part of this worthwhile program, please print and sign the letter included in this Tribune and return it to Christy Julien by Friday, January 13. Space is limited to the first 30 students in each grade who return the attached letter, so don't delay!



Amazon Smile Program

Did you know that you can contribute to our school just by shopping on Amazon? The Amazon Smile program will donate five percent on any purchase you make back to our school. To shop at Amazon Smile, simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer. Select Coulson Tough as the group you would like to support. It's that easy!



Box Tops for Education

Please help our school by participating in the Box Tops for Education program. Each box top is worth ten cents for our school, and can be turned into your child's teacher. There will be a class reward each nine weeks for the homeroom in each grade with the most box tops collected! Start clipping those Box Tops for CT! Proceeds go to recess and PE equipment for the students!



Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Once again, the staff was treated to a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Luncheon last week. We would like to thank all of the parents who volunteered and brought in tasty treats.



Crossing Guard Position Available

The CISD police department is in need of a crossing guard for the post at Craftwood and Branch Crossing. The district has had job fairs and been advertising throughout the area and unfortunately do not have enough applicants for all of the positions. They hope to have someone who will fill the position prior to December 16th, otherwise this location will no longer have a crossing guard. Please reach out to your neighbors and friends in the area who may be interested in part time employment. The majority of crossing guards are parents, grandparents, and retired individuals who live in the area. We appreciate your assistance. You can find more information in the attached flyer.

Winter Wonderland

Thank you to all the parents that volunteered at this year's Winter Wonderland. It was a great opportunity for students to shop for family and friends. There will be many happy pets too!



Tough Titans supported injured Woodlands High School student Grant Milton, who was a Coulson Tough Titan, with their Number 21 shirts on Friday. We have sent a banner to TWHS for the game on Saturday from our school to wish them luck in the state playoff game!

Titan Bookshare

This year our students and families donated thousands of books to our Titan Bookshare program. On December 9, members of the Bookshare Committee traveled to Reaves Elementary in Conroe to help distribute the books. Hundreds of students went home that night with books they wouldn't have had without the kindness and generosity of our families. Thank you to all who participated.



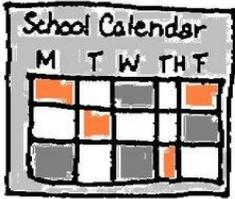
Holiday Reminders

Early Release Day
Friday, December 16
12:10pm

No School for Students
Monday, January 2
School will resume on January 3

School Calendar Feedback

CISD would like your feedback on the proposed calendars for the 2017-2018 school year. You can view the calendars [here](#). Please take time to view the calendars and leave comments.



Second Grade Generosity Project

This year each grade level at Coulson Tough selected a project to highlight the character trait of Generosity. Our second grade students collected hundreds of stocking stuffers to donate to Interfaith of the Woodlands.





Important Information



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!

PARENT ACCESS

<http://www.conroeisd.net/student-parent/pac.asp>

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, families completed a Severe Weather Dismissal Procedures form indicating how your 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/>

Coulson Tough Family Geography Night

Coulson Tough 6th grade students are excited to invite you to the
3rd Annual Family Geography Night on Thursday, January 26th



Our students and parents will spend an interactive evening exploring Europe on National Geographic's massive 26 ft by 26 ft map! The giant map teaches geography in a way that nothing else does! Students will discover the wide and varied explorations across the continent while they travel throughout Europe to the different areas learning about each one. Our 6th grade students will lead the hands on games and activities that will amaze both students and parents! Younger students will learn country names, capital cities, and physical features. They will also explore iconic castles, towers, and archaeological sites with the use of National Geographic photography. Older students will analyze population, human health and economic data from historical "snapshots," looking at how scientific discoveries, technological breakthroughs, plagues, and wars have shaped European life over centuries.

Space is limited to the first 100 students for each time slot!

A parent must attend with their child and both must wear socks. ☺ This amazing experience is one that you won't want to miss! Registration is only \$10 per person for an unforgettable European adventure!

Please make checks payable to Marshall Legacy Institute, which is tax deductible. We are raising funds to sponsor our own CT Land Mine Dog, helping to make our world a safer place for all!

Student Name(s): _____ Grade(s) _____

Homeroom Teacher(s) _____

Please circle the time slot you would like to attend:

K-2 5:00pm-6:00pm or 3rd-5th grade 6:30pm-7:30pm

of participants attending _____ Total Amount (\$10 per person) _____

We accept cash or checks payable to Marshall Legacy Institute, please put in an envelope.



Date: December 13, 2016

Dear Potential D.A.R.E. Student and Parents:

We would like to invite our 5th & 6th Grade students to participate in Coulson Tough's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program! We recently completed our 1st round of trainings and are excited to open this opportunity up to more of our students.

Keepin' it REAL, is an exciting ten-week program to help students resist pressures which may influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Students will also be introduced to the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model that will assist them in problem solving, being a good citizen and help them make wise decisions.

In order to be eligible for participation in the D.A.R.E. culmination program and earn a certificate, students will be expected to:

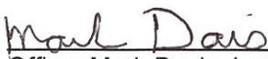
- Complete the D.A.R.E. student workbook.
- Maintain good attendance.
- Demonstrate good behavior during class by following the D.A.R.E. rules.
- Keep their body free from drugs.

The 5th and 6th graders will meet every Tuesday in the library during their lunch period from Tuesday, January 17 to Tuesday, March 7. We will also meet on Thursday, January 19 and Thursday, January 26. Students are asked to please bring their lunch with them to enjoy as they learn!

As your D.A.R.E. Officer, I am looking forward to meeting you and being a part of your school community. Your administrators and I know that you will be a successful D.A.R.E. graduate and join the millions of other D.A.R.E. students around the world who have chosen to be drug-free. Please have your parent or guardian sign and return this letter to your assistant principal, Mrs. Julien by Friday, January 13.

The science-based D.A.R.E. *keepin' it REAL* curriculum and materials used by D.A.R.E. instructors are provided by D.A.R.E. America. More information about D.A.R.E. America and its programs can be found at www.dare.org.

Your D.A.R.E. Team,



Officer Mark Davis, Instructor



Christy Julien, Assistant Principal

Student's Signature

Parent's / Guardian's Signature