



# TITAN TRIBUNE

Hi CT Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break and enjoyed extra time with your precious children!

The weeks leading up to the winter break are filled with exciting activities! Please be sure you have signed up to volunteer in CISD this year if you are planning on being in a classroom. This does need to be completed yearly. Teachers will send home a fast pass sticker with those that are signed up to volunteer to make check in quick when you arrive for events.

Our PTO is hosting Winter Wonderland next week to give our students an opportunity to purchase small items for family members. More information will be coming home from your child's teacher. They are in need of volunteers to assist next week and would love your help if you are available!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Creswell

## Book Fair

A HUGE thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help in the fall Book Fair. It was a great success and we couldn't have done it without you!



- Dec. 2            Spotlight on Fairness 1:45pm
- Dec. 5-9        Winter Wonderland
- Dec. 8            PTO Meeting 1:30pm
- Dec 13           Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade Choir Concert 6:00pm
- 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– No School for students
- Jan. 3            Students Return
- Jan. 12           PTO Meeting
- 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

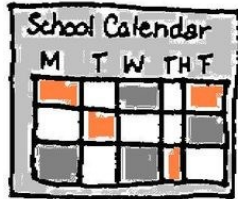
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## School Calendar Feedback

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.



## CISD Honor Orchestra

Eight of our sixth grade students auditioned for the Conroe ISD Intermediate Honor Orchestra. They had a long night but 6 of them made it into the orchestra with one of our cellos receiving 1st chair out of the 46 cellos that tried out. They will get to perform with an amazing conductor in January along with other students from the Conroe district. Ms. Borg is very proud of all who auditioned.

Deborah Chu- (made 1<sup>st</sup> chair cello out of 46 cellos in the district), Mia Bangenter- viola, Niranjana Ramesh Babu- violin, Alisia McMahon- violin, Connor Deng- violin and Juliette Maynard-violin.

## Keep Sending Those Books

We are still collecting new and gently used books for the Titan Book Share. Our sixth graders will be traveling to Reaves Elementary December 9th to share the books with the Reaves students.

Each teacher has a box for donations in their classroom. This project has provided hundreds of children and families with books that they would otherwise not have been able to provide themselves. This is a great opportunity to build on those character traits of responsibility and generosity with your kids. Thanks for your support!

## CISD Honor Band

On Saturday, November 14, several members of the CT Titan Band auditioned for the CISD Sixth Grade Honor Band. The competition was fierce this year! We are excited to announce that 10 of our students earned positions in this group, including Brooke McMullan who earned 1st chair trombone!

Congratulations to the following students who have earned membership in the CISD 6th Grade Honor Band:

Kaitlyn Maresca, flute, Colleen Brown and Avery Joseph, clarinet, Derek Zarur, trumpet, Brooke McMullan and Caitlyn Carrie, trombone, Andrew Rogers, tuba, Hana Posuk, Emily Valerio, and Jacob Kozlowsky, percussion.

We are all so proud!!



## GT Nominations

Nominations opened on October 1 for the Conroe Independent School District Gifted and Talented program. Although the testing will not take place until February, nominations are accepted at this time. Nominations can be made by the parents and/or teachers. Parents of 2nd grade students will need to wait until CogAT scores have arrived in January before nominating their child because CogAT scores are part of the GT assessment. If you are interested in nominating your child, you may want to discuss this with your child's teacher at conferences. Nominations will be accepted through December 16 for grades 3-6. You may request a nomination form from the front office, or from Sunnye Nowlin, our campus GT coordinator. You can also find the nomination form and other GT information on the CISD GT homepage.

## 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](http://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!



## 2016 Accountability Summary

The Coulson Tough Accountability Summary for 2016 can be viewed [here](#).

## Bluebonnet Award Presenter

Coulson Tough student, Micah McCauley will be presenting the Bluebonnet Award to the winning Bluebonnet author at the Texas Bluebonnet Luncheon for Librarians in San Antonio on April 21. Micah has already read all twenty of the nominated books.



## Last Chance to Sign Up!

Many people believe that resilience is something you are born with, but this is not true! Resilience, like character, is a skill that you can grow and develop. In this world today, we can all use this ability to plug into our support systems and “bounce back” from adversity....but our kids especially need this skill. CISD is keenly aware of the many issues facing our kids today, and are working hard at implementing programs for kids and parents/community, as well as staff development for teachers .

This year at CT, our staff is committed to equipping our students with the tools they need to be a healthy and positive part of the world today and tomorrow. Giving them a “Resilient Mindset” is an important piece.

Session 1 has already begun, but we still have room in Session 2. Our goal is to have at least 25 participants that can commit to the dates listed below in order to hold the book study. If these dates do not work for you and your schedule, we encourage you to read the book on your own! Please sign up on the link below.

Session 2 Evening Dates: January 17, February 9 & February 23 (5:30pm-6:30pm). Register by December 9.

[Session 2](#)

## Lemonade Stand

Jack LaTour, Cayden Clayton, Lucy LaTour and Cash Clayton raised over \$200 at their lemonade stand over the past several week-ends. They are donating the money to the CT Race for Awareness fund. Great job kids, we really appreciate your generosity!







# 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 enrolled 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 the classroom 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 to your child's teacher in their blue folder. Please limit any other changes after the day begins to **emergencies only** 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 reminders of other things? Send a text to 281-769-1530. In the message box type @ctfamilies.

## VOLUNTEERING IN CISD

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