



TITAN TRIBUNE

Happy Fall to all our CT Families,

We had a wonderful visit from the Dogs of Character Program last Friday for all grade levels! The children loved hearing the inspirational stories of each of the dogs they brought and getting a chance to see them up close and pet them too. Our PTO generously approved of funding this program and we know our children greatly appreciated the special program!

October is filled with many events at our school, please be sure that you have registered on the CISD website to Volunteer in our School. This must be done yearly, and takes at least 24-48 hours for you to be approved. We don't want to have any disappointed parents come to help in the classroom and not be allowed to do so. Please be sure to do this today if you haven't already!

Our sweet Kindergartners had their bedtime story night last Thursday! We enjoyed getting to read stories to them and we are pretty sure they loved getting to check out their first library book and the milk and cookies! Our librarian, Mrs. Dulworth is fantastic and does a great job with our kids! She is in need of library helpers, so please consider assisting her once a week, even for just an hour! Email sdulworth@conroeisd.net if you can help out!

Sincerely,

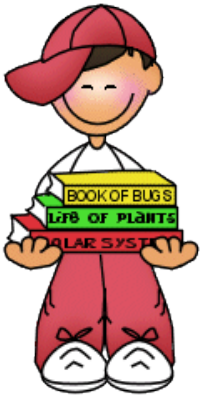
Mrs. Creswell



Join us at the Chick Fil A in Alden Bridge on September 29 for our first Partner Share event. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Coulson Tough PTO. Be sure and let them know that you are a Coulson Tough Titan.



Sept. 29	Partner Share Event Chick-Fil-A Alden Bridge Kindergarten & 6th Grade Group Picture Day
Sept 30	Spotlight on Respect 1:45pm Wear Yellow to school :)
Oct. 4	Sixth Grade Band Night 4:30pm
Oct. 5	Walk to School Day
Oct. 6	PTO Meeting 1:30pm
Oct. 6 & 7	School Store 7:35am
Oct. 14	Early Dismissal at 12:10pm Storybook Parade 9:00am Fall Festival 5:00-8:00pm
Oct. 18	Parent Event: chat with CISD Police 6:00pm
Oct. 24-28	Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 25	Report Cards Sent Home CISD Fall Fun Run
Oct. 28	Third Grade Recycled Robots Spotlight on Responsibility 1:45pm
Oct. 29	Choir Solo & Ensemble Contest
Oct. 31	Second Grade Pumpkin Math Fourth Grade Bat Day



Titan Book Share

Our sixth grade students are working on our school service project, "Titan Book Share". With your help, we will provide much needed books to the students and family members at **Reaves Elementary in Conroe**. This year, we also have a great opportunity to partner with one of our community partners, **H.E.B.** During the month of September, any books donated will be distributed by H.E.B. to children in our own community.

We are asking our CT families to go through your bookshelves and look for new or gently used books that you would be willing to donate. Each teacher will have 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 ahead of time for your support!

Becky Stiles – Counselor



Don't forget, the Coulson Tough Fall Festival will be October 14 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. We can't wait to see you all here! Teachers will be working many booths including some in the dunk tank!

Walk to School Day

National Walk to School Day is held every year in October. It reminds adults and students alike of the joy of walking or bicycling to school. Coulson Tough students will participate in Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 5. Students and parents are encouraged to leave their cars at home and walk or ride their bikes to school. Special guests will be along the sidewalks to greet students as they arrive at school.

Friday Vendors

Do you have a product or merchandise you would like to sell? Fridays are busy days at Coulson Tough and we would like to give you the opportunity to set up a table in our Commons Area to display your items for our parents and staff to peruse throughout the day. For a \$25 donation, you may select any available Friday between 8:30am and 2:45pm. One table will be provided for your use. Please click on the link below to sign up.

[Friday Vendor Signup](#)



Spotlight on Respect

Friday, September 30th is our Spotlight on Respect. Students and staff are encouraged to wear yellow, our color of respect.



Python Coding Club

The deadline for applying for the Python Coding Club has been extended until Friday, September 30. The Coding Club will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00am to 7:45am and is open to 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. The first club meeting will be Wednesday, October 5, 2016. Click on the link below for the Python application. This is a great opportunity for your children to learn the basics of coding and prepare for jobs in the future.

[Python Application](#)

Coulson Tough Holiday Market

Mark your calendars for the Coulson Tough Holiday Market on Friday, November 11th from 8:00am-3:00pm. We will have many vendors selling items in the library, so you can get a start on your holiday shopping! If you have a business and would like to sell items such as handmade crafts, jewelry, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, etc... we invite you to sign up on the link below which will have more detailed information. Please feel free to share the link with friends and family who may want to have their business take part in the market.

[Holiday Market Link](#)

GT Nominations

Nominations are now open for Conroe Independent School District's Gifted and Talented program. Although the testing will not take place until late January, nominations will be accepted through December 16. Nominations can be made by parents and/or teachers. In October, all second grade students take the CogAT ability test. It is recommended that parents of second grade students wait to nominate their child until CogAT scores are received in January before nominating their child. These scores are part of the GT overall qualifying assessment. The nomination form and other GT information is on the [CISD GT homepage](#).

Click GT information to complete the form. All completed forms need to be turned in to the front office in an envelope marked for Mrs. Nowlin no later than December 16.

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

CT Parent Book Study

The Resilience Breakthrough

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.

Please join us for an informational kick-off meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 8:45am. You do not have to attend the meeting in order to be a part of the book study. 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 that works best for you.

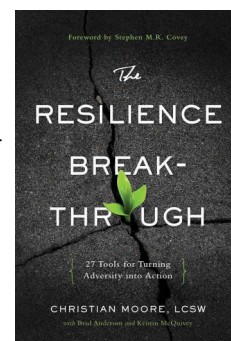
Session 1 Daytime Dates: November 9th, December 7 & January 12 (12:00pm-1:00pm). Register by October 26

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

[Session 1](#)

[Session 2](#)

Our book club will be led by our counselors, assistant principals and principal. We hope you will join us!



News from the Nurse

National Head Lice Awareness Month

September is National Head Lice Awareness Month. Head lice incidences peak shortly after school starts particularly among young children. This is most likely due in part to younger children playing closely together and having head-to-head contact. Summertime often means summer camps and sleepovers which can lead to the spreading of head lice. During the winter season, the sharing of coats and hats may contribute to head lice occurrences. As spring comes, outdoor play and sports activities bring children close together. So it seems as if there is no “one” season for head lice. Year round awareness and routine family inspection will help prevent head lice occurrences.

A great rule of thumb is to check your child's hair weekly, especially if he or she complains of an itchy head. Lice can also make your child have a “tickly” feeling like something is moving in the hair. Remember, lice crawl, they do not fly or jump. Remind your children to avoid sharing clothes, brushes, and hair accessories.

Coulson Tough Guidelines for Outside Activities

Outside activities (PE and recess) generally last only 15 – 30 minutes. On days with a temperature or heat index (“feels like”) 95 or above, students will only be allowed to play on the playground equipment located under the shade cover (tarp) as this makes the temperature considerably lower. On days with a temperature of 94 or below, students will be allowed to run and play on the playground wherever they choose.

Since humidity affects the temperature / heat index, teachers should use their discretion on outdoor activities based on the children's appearance and behaviors. For example, if the children are running around and playing, and do not exhibit any signs of heat illness, they may be out for the 15 – 30 minute time frame. However, if children are sitting or standing in the shade, acting tired or listless, staff are to bring them inside.

Other symptoms of being overheated:

- Profuse sweating
- Nausea / vomiting
- Dizziness
- Muscle cramps
- Feeling faint



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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 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.

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 and contact the front office prior to 2:00pm.

SEVERE WEATHER DISMISSAL

Upon registration, 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/>

**“Drugs and Alcohol in Our
Community–
What Every Parent Needs to Know”**

**Tuesday, October 18th @6pm
Coulson Tough Elementary Commons
11660 Crane Brook Dr. The Woodlands 77382**

Speakers:

CISD Chief William Harness

CISD Sergeant Julie Wright

Patrick Langan-EMS Supervisor

David Parmer – MA, LPC



- **What are the trends in our feeder zone?**
- **What are the warning signs watch for?**
- **How can I talk to my kids about drugs and alcohol?**

*****Due to the nature of the topic, please make
childcare arrangements as this program is intended
for parents only. Thank you. *****



Parent Resource Center

In Cooperation with TWHS Feeder Schools

*Bush, Galatas, Powell, Deretchin, Tough, Buckalew, Glen Loch, Wilkerson,
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Location: *Bush Elementary School*
7420 Crownridge Dr. The Woodlands, TX 77342

Four Dates: *Tuesday, October 4 (6-8 PM)*
Tuesday, October 11 (6-8 PM)
Tuesday, October 18 (6-8 PM)
Tuesday, October 25 (6-8 PM)

By registering for this course, you are making a commitment to attend all four sessions. This will ensure that you get the best results out of the complete Love and Logic program.

*For TWHS feeder parents at no cost.
Light refreshments will be served.
Child care will NOT be provided.*

Please contact your school counselor with any questions:

Bush Counselor – Stacey Strecker – 936-709-1608 – [sstrecker@conroeisd.net](mailto:ssstrecker@conroeisd.net)

Please register by returning this slip to your school counselor by September 23, 2016:

Name _____ School _____

Email _____ Phone _____

I will need materials for the class in ENGLISH or SPANISH (Circle One)

Love and Logic
October 2016