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PTA CORNER

BY DEBBIE WILSON, COLLINS ELEMENTARY PTA PRESIDENT

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Wow! Can you believe March is here already. Spring is right around the corner. We have a lot going on throughout the month of March. Packets went home this week for our cookie dough fundraiser. This fundraiser will end March 22nd. Collins will be doing a car wash with all donations going back to Collins. It will take place on Saturday, March 12th from 11 to 2:30pm. Come out and support your school. More information will go home in your child's backpack.

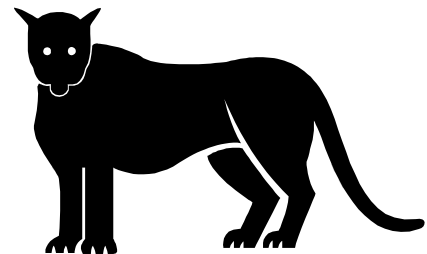
We would like to thank our parents for all of your support with Box Tops for Education. Every box top collected was submitted by the PTA and we in turn received the exact monetary value. What an easy way to earn money for the school. The program has officially ended for this school year, but please continue to collect and send them in for our next school year. We have made our final submission and our total for the 2010-2011 school year \$1716.60. **Way to go Collins Parents you are the best!!!!**

A big thank you to all our volunteers. You are greatly appreciated. Thank you also to our teachers, staff and students. You make up the best part of Collins Elementary!!!!

Sincerely,

Debbie Wilson

PTA President






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Helpful Information

- To report your child's absence please call 813-672-5400 x 1
- No student can be signed out after 1:30pm
- Panther Post is published in 9 issues (Sept-May). It is a publication of Collins PTA.
- E-mail submissions and advertisements by the 3rd Friday of each month to marketing@collinspta.net.

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 FCAT writing- 4th grade 	2	3 Terrific Kids- 8:15 WOTM—9:15	4	5
6	7	8	9 Early Release	10	11	12 Car Wash 
13	14	15 East Coast Spirit Night	16	17 End of 3rd nine weeks	18 No School	19
20	21 No School	22 PTA Fundraiser ends	23	24	25 PTA Sno- Cones 	26
27	28 NRT Testing Grades 1-2	29	30	31		



East Coast Pizza Spirit Night

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March 15th, 2011

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER BY MR. STEVEN SIMS

Hello Panther Parents,



March is a very busy (and hopefully warmer) time for us at Collins. We want to wish our 4th grade students luck on March 1st taking the FCAT writing test. Our 1st and 2nd graders will be taking the SAT test at the end of the month. Please make sure all of our students get plenty of sleep the nights before testing.

Please continue to support our PTA in their quest to raise monies to cover our outside play areas. I'm sure you will agree the one covering the primary playground looks AWESOME and really helps the children stay comfortable while playing. The goal for this year is to cover either the back play area or the court areas. Thank you for your continued support.

A special congratulation goes out to one of our 4th grade students. Dylan Radley won first place in the Tropicana speech contest for Hillsborough County and will represent Collins at the April school board meeting. Way to go Dylan!

Once again, thank you parents for all you do for our school.
GO PANTHERS!

Steven Sims
Principal



November Thankful Awards

sponsored by MiMi's Café, Casper's McDonalds, and Ruby Tuesdays

Gabriel Arias-Marin	Emily Hetheringotn	Christian Merino	Mikayla Stark
Branson Babb	Amanda Hodges	Gabriella Miller	Brenna Tierney
Jai Bing	Siera Huebner	Shaylin Mitchell	Zach Tonkin
Adrian Castro	Jose Iturralde	Steven Montalvo	Anthony Truscello
Miranda Crocker	Alyssa Johnson	Joshua Morales	Aliyah Velasco
Isabel Dalton	Vanessa Joseph	Jace Moulton	Gavin Wakeman
Malachi Drayton	Joseph Joyne	Angel Muniz	Ja'Meyra Wallace
Samaarth Patel	Hayleigh Kittel	Aneesh Nallani	Briara Wilbon
Nick Eisenberg	Emma Levitt	Alexa Schilling	Kwality Williams
Haley Fiske	Andrea Lis	Isabel Schulz	Sarah Yoder
Isabelle Gonzalez	Shelby Lynn	Kiara Shaw	

FROM THE GUIDANCE CORNER

From the Guidance Corner:

February was another exciting month for our students at Collins Elementary. Some worthwhile endeavors that you can do with your child(ren) before it warms up completely, is visit the TECO Manatee Viewing Center by Apollo Beach. I believe there are a few stragglers yet. It is free and one may see so much more than manatees such as tarpon, sharks, and rays. You could also pack a picnic and visit one of our great county parks. On the road to Fort Desoto is a pair of nesting bald eagles with one child that you can see from the road. These are just some of the activities that will help to build lifelong memories and possibly lead to a future love or career.

A great game that you can play with your child that will help reading comprehension is to read a book without letting them see it. Then, ask them to guess what the illustrations – characters, setting, etc. - look like. A good reader forms mental pictures while reading.

The word for March is *Great Citizen!* At Collins, we want our students to practice *being law-abiding and involved in service to school, community, and country!* We are striving to help our students to become *great citizens* in tomorrow's world. Please discuss with your child/children what being a *Great Citizen* means throughout the month of March. Please help your child(ren) be aware of the many Great Citizens they will meet, read, or hear about this month..

It is never too early for our students to begin creating their career path starting with career awareness. Talk with your child about family careers – create a career family tree. This will share family values, personal abilities, skills, interests, and other fascinating information. You might want to share about any stereotyping that was involved in your career path. Discuss with them the requirements necessary for and on the job. It is important for our students to learn how to make decisions, set goals, understand planning, and develop interests. This will help make the path to the world of work smoother. They might even want to create a community out of bags, boxes, etc. for fun on a rainy day. Have them share what jobs are needed to make their town work!

Our new mediators are still busy training - mediation is such a great way to solve conflicts. We are truly sad when we lose our 5th grade mediators to middle school each year. They have developed fantastic mediation skills, useful throughout life! Our mediators will be attending Camp Cristina on March 16 and the Plant City Peace Conference on April 21.

Don't forget to check our local Observer News for our award winning students. Sweetbay also recognizes our Terrific Kids, Citizens of the Month, and Character Ed. Students monthly on our bulletin board at our neighborhood Sweetbay! Remember to thank Sweetbay, Mimi's, McDonald's (Casper's Corp), Outback in Brandon, and the SCC Pizza Hut for the many great things they do for our children!

We are so glad that you are part of our school. You are the Best!!!!

Sue Chapin

Counselor



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 Rachel Brown
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 Blake Harrod
 Danangely Hernandez
 Anthony Lee
 Mary-Cathryn McLaughlin
 Maya Morales
 Shaylyn Sharp
 Denaly Vasquez



Greetings for Collins Café,

Many Thanks to the families who joined us for Breakfast on February 15th. Many of our guests were surprised that we serve a free Breakfast to all our Students everyday!

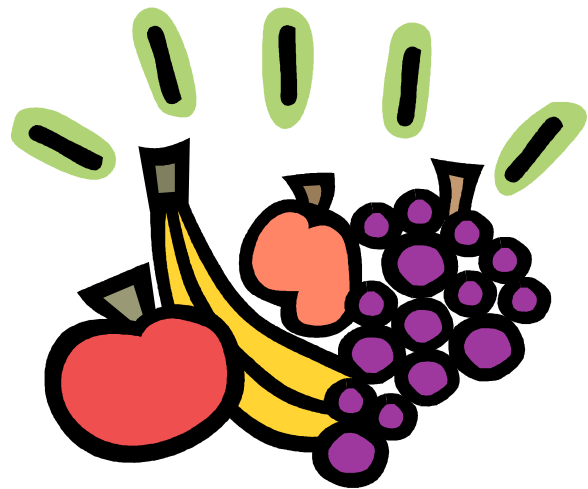
Student Nutrition Services strives everyday to offer healthy and appealing choices to our students at every meal. We offer breakfast and lunch items throughout the year that provide a good source of protein and whole grains to help improve the learning ability of our students.

I have provided a list of 10 Great Reasons to Choose School Lunch. We hope you will support our school Breakfast and Lunch programs.

Coming in March: National School Breakfast Week and our Lucky Shamrock Contest!

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 672-5400 ext 227.

Sincerely,
 Susan Paszkowski
 SNS Manager



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- 1 All menu items contain zero grams of trans fats; limited sugar
- 2 Menus provide a good source of whole grains
- 3 Vegetarian/Vegan options are offered on a daily basis
- 4 All juices are 100% fruit juice and fortified with vitamins A, D, C and Calcium
- 5 All products are kid tested and approved before they are menued
- 6 A variety of fruit and vegetable options are available with all entrees
- 7 All milk is low fat and hormone-free
- 8 Fresh entree salads are served with low fat dressings
- 9 Food is prepared and served under safe and sanitary conditions that meet state and national guidelines
- 10 Costs less than bringing an equally nutritious lunch from home or other eateries



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Coming Soon:
SQUARE 1 ART

Information will be coming home soon!!!

WANTED

Pictures from the first year Collins was open
(2005-2006)

Please email any pictures you have to

Mrs. Robinson(2nd grade) at

Stacy.Serota@sdhc.k12.fl.us



CAR WASH

March 12

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