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PTA CORNER

BY DEBBIE WILSON, COLLINS ELEMENTARY PTA PRESIDENT

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As we close out the 2010/2011 school year, there is much to be thankful for. First, we would like to thank our Staff/Teachers/Administration for all that has been accomplished this year, all with one common interest in mind, our children. Collins is an amazing school and I am so thankful that I have been able to serve as your PTA president.

We would also like to thank our Collins Volunteers. We are very proud to say that we truly have the BEST VOLUNTEERS! Without your support, so many things would not be possible. The Collins Staff and the PTA would like to thank you for all of your hard work.

Congratulations to our 5th Grade! We hope you enjoy your Field Trip and Banquet. We are proud of you and wish you well on your endeavors after Collins. It is with bittersweet emotions we watch you leave Collins, you are our first Collins Panthers to go through it all at Collins. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished and look forward to hearing about your new achievements!

Thank you to those who attended our last General PTA Meeting of the year. We discussed the progress of the year plus held our annual elections. Collins PTA would like to introduce the new Executive Board for 2011/2012:

Debbie Wilson, President	Lynn Reggi, Marketing
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Karin McQueen, Secretary	Christie Sazy, Fundraising
Kim DiCesare, Membership	

Congratulations to the new Executive Board. I am confident this Board will continue to devote their time to the care, protection and education of each child. As always, the PTA's purpose is to foster a closer relationship between the home and the school so that teachers and parents may cooperate together in education.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer vacation. Thanks for all you do to make Collins Elementary the BEST school!!! GO PANTHERS!

Sincerely,

Debbie Wilson, PTA President

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- 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.

May/June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Early Release	12 PTA 6:30pm	13	14
15	16	17	18 Volunteer Breakfast	19	20 Sno Cones \$1 	21
22	23	24 East Coast Spirit Night Spring Concert 7pm	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day- No School 	31	1	2	3	4
5	6 Awards	7 Awards	8 Awards	9	10 Last Day of School – half day	11

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER BY MR. STEVEN SIMS

Hello Panther Parents,



Wow! Can you believe we only have five weeks of school left in the 2010-2011 school year? What a joy it has been to serve you as a first year principal. I would like to say thank you to all Collins parents, students and staff members for your continued support and help to make Collins Elementary the best place in Hillsborough County to work.

Here are some important dates for the remainder of the school year:

May 11th Early Release Day

May 30th No School

June 6th, 7th, & 8th Student Awards

June 10th Last day of school (½ day)

Once again, thank you for a GREAT school year!

GO PANTHERS!

Steven Sims

Principal



March Great Citizen Awards

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Emma Aberin
Maya Ajodha
Armando Betty
Anthony Bunn
Jalen Bussey
Caitlin Carey
Jossalín Cucalon
Ceasar Esquivel
Rebecca Fernandez
Lilly Fletcher
Emmelie Frias
Alex Garcia

Shaun Gravely
Evan Hahn
Maria Harris
Harrison Hensley
Charles Hernandez
Cameron Hines
Nyla Hutchinson
Abigail Jean-Francois
Elias Jeffries
Miah Lamb
Bobby Lewis
Logan Long

Brianna Lovett
Andrea Martinez
Megan Maurer
Kristen McKay
Jayden Moulton
Cameron Mosley
Katie Nelson
Logan Nye
Christian Ocasio
Olivia Perez
Ryan Padgett
Daniel Rodriguez

Joseph Rodriguez
Yeanmarie Samtiago
Alexandra Shannon
Charles Shelby
Narialis Solis
Justin Tanis
William Thomas
BrennerTomas
Daniella Torres
Maleah Webster

FROM THE GUIDANCE CORNER

April was another exciting month for our students at Collins Elementary. On April 21, our peer mediators were fortunate to be invited to the Area VI Peace Conference in Plant City. We were one of only two schools to be invited from our Area V. This peace conference was the culminating event that officially earned our 4th grade peer mediators their title. We are truly proud of Hayden Hensley, Aidan Parshad, Ben Kyker, Christina Fernandez, Brynn McQueen, and Alyssa Johnson. They will be helping our students solve conflicts before they escalate into major problems the remainder of this school year, along with our 5th grade veteran mediators - Lindsay Jackson, Kayla Wilson, Carolyn Kelley, John Michael Kyker, David Dozier, and Nik Bremer. These 4th graders are excited about practicing their mediation skills in the 2011-2012 school year.

We wish the best to our 5th grade mediators as they move on to middle school next year! A special thank you to our veteran mediators for the conflicts they mediated that ended in a win-win!

The word for May is *Co-operation*! At Collins, we want our students to *work together with another or others for a common purpose*. Just as you do, we encourage our students to *strive for their best in all situations*! Learning to *co-operate* with others helps everyone to attain this goal. Please discuss with your child/ children what *Co-operation* means throughout the month of May. Please feel free to use your *Co-operation* ideas throughout the month.

This summer is a great way for you to help our students to begin creating their career path starting with career awareness. Talk with your child about careers that you observe (ex. on vacation). Talk about the values, personal abilities, skills, interests, and other fascinating information that goes with the jobs that you see. You might want to share about any stereotyping, traditional, nontraditional roles that you discover. Ask them what requirements are necessary for and on that job. It is important for our students to learn how to make decisions, set goals, understand planning, and develop interests. Equally important is the knowledge and understanding of the critical role *co-operation* plays. They also need to be aware that even a garbage collector is important. This will help make your child's career path to the world of work smoother.

We truly appreciate the great attendance we have at our various awards ceremonies. I apologize if the times chosen conflict with your work schedule. Even if you are unable to attend, please know that your child is aware of your continued support and it is greatly appreciated!!!!!! Your support in also recognizing our wonderful business partners is needed. Mimi's Café, Sweetbay, Ruby Tuesdays, McDonalds- Caspers Corp., Outback Steakhouse, Sun City Pizza Hut, and Bob Evans, along with our local Observer that often publishes our pictures, go above and beyond in helping us recognize our young people. Please always let them know how appreciative and thankful we are for their kind generosity. Without their support our program would not be as effective. It is critical that we always treat them with the highest regard! Thank you!

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

Sue Chapin, Counselor

MARCH TERRIFIC KIDS

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Hailey Arifaj
James Calhoun
Rikki Champagne
Matt Ciccone
Isabel Dalton
Julianna Dargie
Ariyanna Debriz
Joshua Edgar
Diego Galindo
Daniela Garzon
Gavin Goodman
Briana Haselmyer

Alana Hunt
Shaiheim James
Alyssa Jaworski
Izzi Jewell
Drew Johnson
Anthony Julien
Shelby Lynn
Andrew McCray
Jazelyn Monsivais
Hailey Murphy
Maricarmen Nazario
Denirelys Nieves-Roman

Dylan Niner
Joanni Pe
Morgan Pelose
Patricia Pucciarelli
Justin Puentes
Ricardo Puig
Giovanni Ramirez
Maria Sophia Roallos
Ashlee Rosales
Aniya Salmon
Julian Sawyer
Rebecka Smith

Winter Smith
Matthew Sowards
Kylee Suralis
Cecelia Taylor
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Lauren Dixon
Nina Gadhiraaju
Mason Reid
Julia Rennels
Connor Simmons
Bryce Tidwell



Greetings from Collis Café,

Where did this School year go! It is hard to believe we are finishing our 6th year at Collins. We would like to wish our 5th Grade Students best wishes in middle school next year.

To those students who have been with us since kindergarten, we hope you have learned to make good nutritious food choices and that these lessons will follow you to middle school.

Remember, we would love to have you visit us and tell us how you are doing.

It has truly been a pleasure to my staff and myself serving our students breakfast and lunch and watching them learn and grow through the years.

We are in the planning stages of having a Dining with Dads Lunch in May. More information will follow.

If anyone would like to request a refund we have a special form that needs to be filled out. The middle of May is usually the cut-off date for refunds.

I still have many negative balances that need to be paid. Payments for these balances can be made up to the last day of school. Please remember that both positive and negative balances will roll-over to next year.

I have also had the opportunity this year to read to some of our classes about Nutrition and the Food Pyramid. I hope to extend this to more classes next year.

The kids were so interested in the Food Pyramid and they asked me some great questions. I really had a lot of fun.

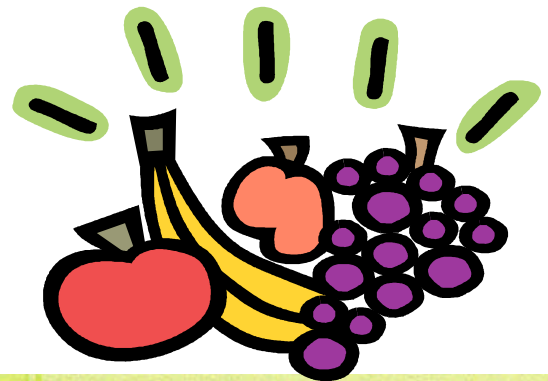
I would also like to take this time to thank the PTA for all they do not only for the students but the staff as well.

We love the special Breakfasts and the treats we all receive from them. The PTA brings the whole school together in such a positive way.

The 2011-2012 school year looks to be exciting with new menu items, new promotions, Muffins with Mom, Dining with Dad, Grandparents Breakfast etc.

My staff and I would like to wish you and your family a very safe and happy summer vacation. Till next time in August.

Always,
Susan Paszkowski
SNS Manager



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E'Shanti Blount
Kaitlynn Burke
Devin Cooper
Shayna Cooper
Marc Flores
Kolbi Flowers
Melissa Gaviria
Keyla Gordils
Eric Guillory
Sienna Gutierrez

Kailin Henson
Aiden Hill
Anthony Honovar
Joseph Joyner
Ashlynn Knight
John Michael Kyker
Edgar Mejia
David Mills
Jason Muse
Kazembe Myrie
Christian Pittman
Kenneth Quattrone

Cassiel Ramos
Ceerali Rana
Louis Reggi
Bianca Rivera
Desiree Rivera
Nya Rivera
Joshua Santiago
Olivia Schulz
Simeon Shumpert
Alaina Smith
Angelique Southwell
Madalyn Stephens

Drake Streebing
Blake Sykes
Zachary Tonkin
Anthony Truscello
Duncan Viramontes
Rita Viramontes
Nina Watford
Kailey Wilgus
Christopher Wilson
Jessica Wilson

**April Kindergarten
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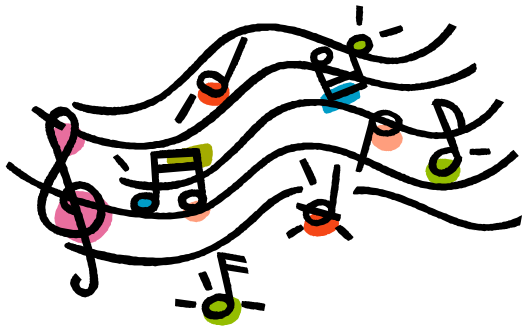



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Collins Concert

Our chorus and band students have been working very hard all year long. This is their time to shine! Mr. Oosterling and Mr. Mason will be hosting a concert on Tuesday May 24th at 7:00pm in the Cafeteria. Come support these hard working students!



April Courageous/Good Sport Awards

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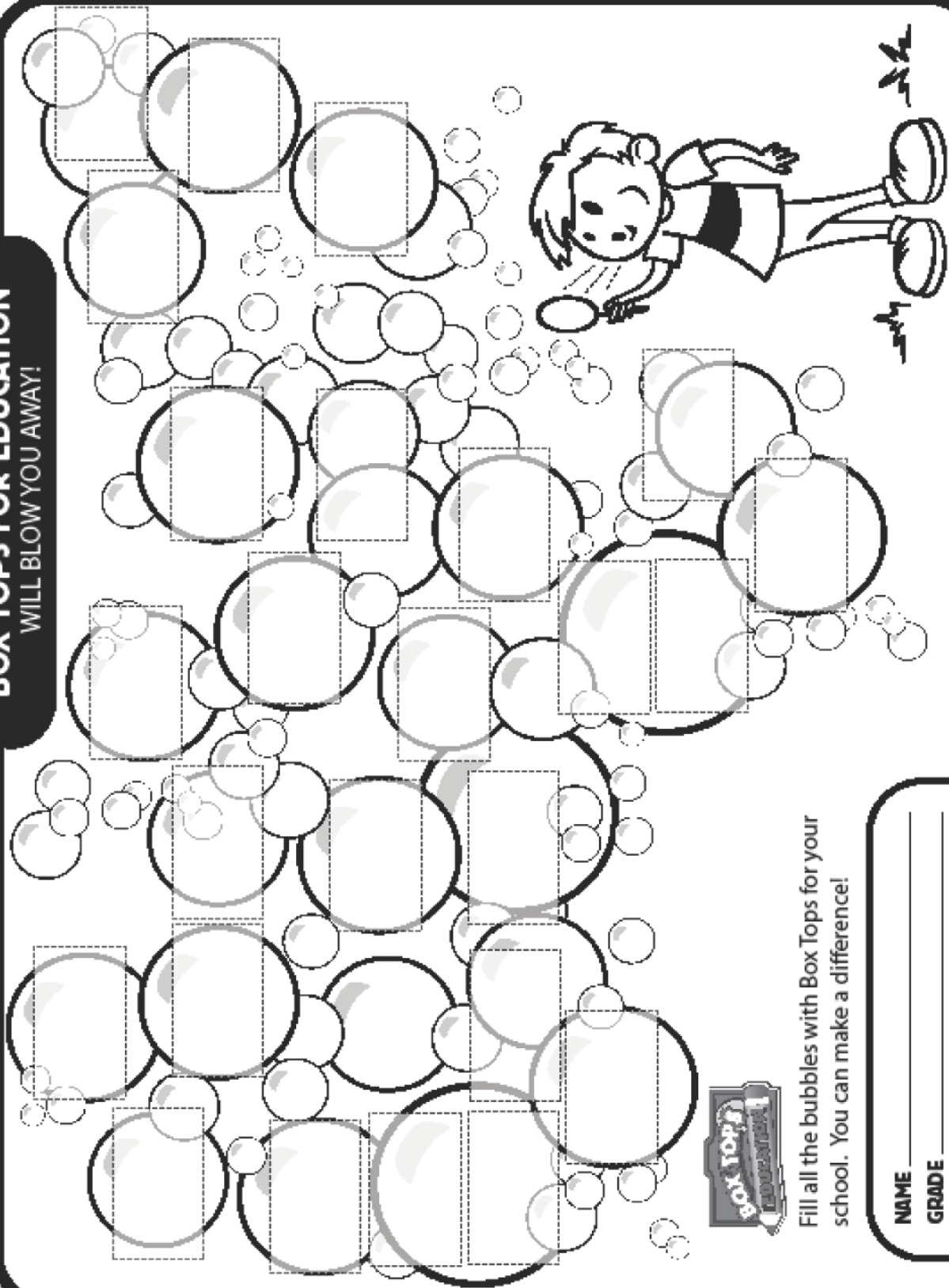
Jenin Abel
Gavin Adams
Monique Alicea
Oliver Bahr
Julian Broco
Christopher Caporaso
Anad Charles
Emma Chong
Justin Cintron
Jordan Cook
Lauren Cooke
Joshua Cooper

Zacary Crouse
Lily Culbertson
Kayleen Drada
Jania Ferguson
Madison Griner
Kaya Hall
Hunter Harrison
Brendan Herrick
Nylah Hill
Michael Honarvar
Lauren Johnston
Abbigayle Jordan

Carolyn Kelley
Logan Kelley
Lacey Langley
Blake Lovelace
Jaymara Martinez
Michael McCord
Paul McGann
Triston McNamee
Aaliyah Miller
Carolina Morales
Sasha Norikor
Varun Pandey

Cierra Pearce
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