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Sue Chapin, Guidance  
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- To report your child's absence please call 672-5400 X 1.
- No student can be signed out after 1:30 pm.
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## PTA Corner

By: Debbie Wilson, Collins Elementary PTA

The PTA board would like to welcome new students, returning students and staff of Collins Elementary. We hope everyone had a great summer. We would like to congratulate Mr. Sims and Mrs. Madill as they move into their new positions as Principal and Asst. Principal. We would also like to congratulate the teachers and students on being rated an "A" school. Way to go panthers!

Collins PTA is a non-profit organization that works with the school to supply the needed resources that create the best learning environment for the students of Collins Elementary. We work alongside the teachers and staff as a liaison for each student between the school and home.

The board and I would like to share with you some of the things that we do throughout the school year. We sponsor the student agendas, a monthly newsletter, birthday bags and various rewards for students. We welcome and encourage parents to volunteer some of their time. Our programs would not be possible without the support of Collins parents.

We are very excited to announce that the money that was raised last school year has enabled us to purchase a sunshade. The sunshade will cover the Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade playground. Thank you to everyone who helped us with this great accomplishment. Our goal for this school year will be to raise enough money to purchase a sunshade for the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade playground by the courts. With your help we can make this a success!

Our first general PTA meeting will be held in the cafeteria on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. This will be an informational meeting discussing future events as well as the budget. We hope to see you there.

Please join us as we set sail on new adventures with the students, teachers and staff of Collins Elementary!

Sincerely,

Debbie Wilson, PTA President



## Principal's Corner



### Principal's Corner by Mr. Steve Sims

Welcome Back! We are so excited to start the 2010-2011. We look forward to working with you and your child this year. First of all, Congratulations are in order. Collins Elementary received an "A" grade for the 2009-2010 school year. We are already working extremely hard to reach our goals for the upcoming year. I have a few reminders for you to help make this year a success. First, please remember to bring your driver's license to school when visiting or when signing out your child, this helps us ensure the safety of your child; Second, you are more than welcome to eat breakfast any morning with your child but please remember that all parents must sign -out at 7:55 a.m.; Finally, please remember that all student sign-outs must be before 1:30 p.m. Thank you in advance for all that you do and will continue to do to help make Collins Elementary School the best!

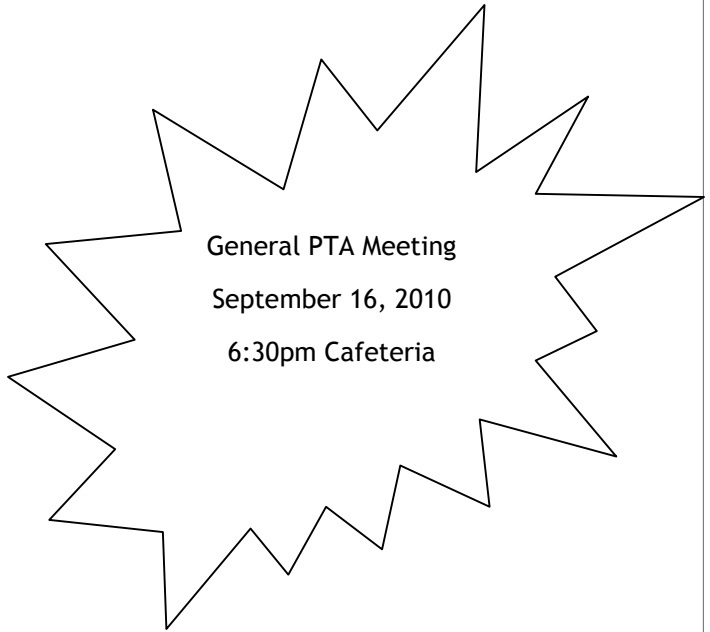
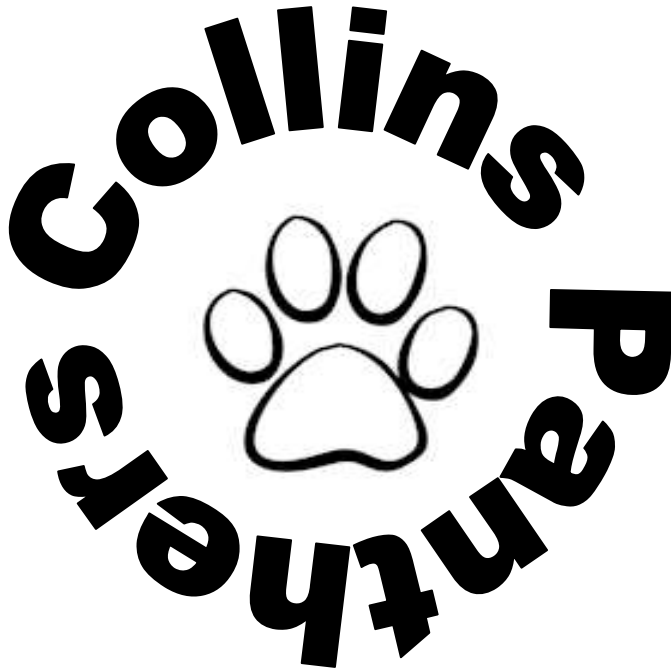
Steven Sims

Principal



### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOLS:

**Hillsborough County Public Schools, in compliance with 2008 Florida Statute -- 1006.147~adopted its own anti-bullying and harassment policy in December, 2008.** It is the policy of Hillsborough County Public Schools that all of its students and school employees have an educational setting that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. The district will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any type. Conduct that constitutes bullying or harassment, as defined in the policy, is prohibited. All Hillsborough County students and employees will receive updated information at the beginning of the school year. Information is also in the Student and Teacher Handbooks. The Hillsborough County Public Schools district expects students and school employees to conduct themselves appropriately for their levels of development, maturity, and demonstrated capabilities, with a proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students and school staff, the educational purpose underlying all school activities, and the care of school facilities and equipment.



General PTA Meeting  
 September 16, 2010  
 6:30pm Cafeteria

**Safety First Please!!!**

Please remember to drive the speed limit through Panther's Trace. Many of our students walk to and from school. Their safety is our first priority!

As part of the PTA, there is no obligation to volunteer, but if you choose to do so, please make sure you fill out a SERVE form, available in the front office.

If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please email [president@collinspta.net](mailto:president@collinspta.net).

Our volunteers are the BEST!

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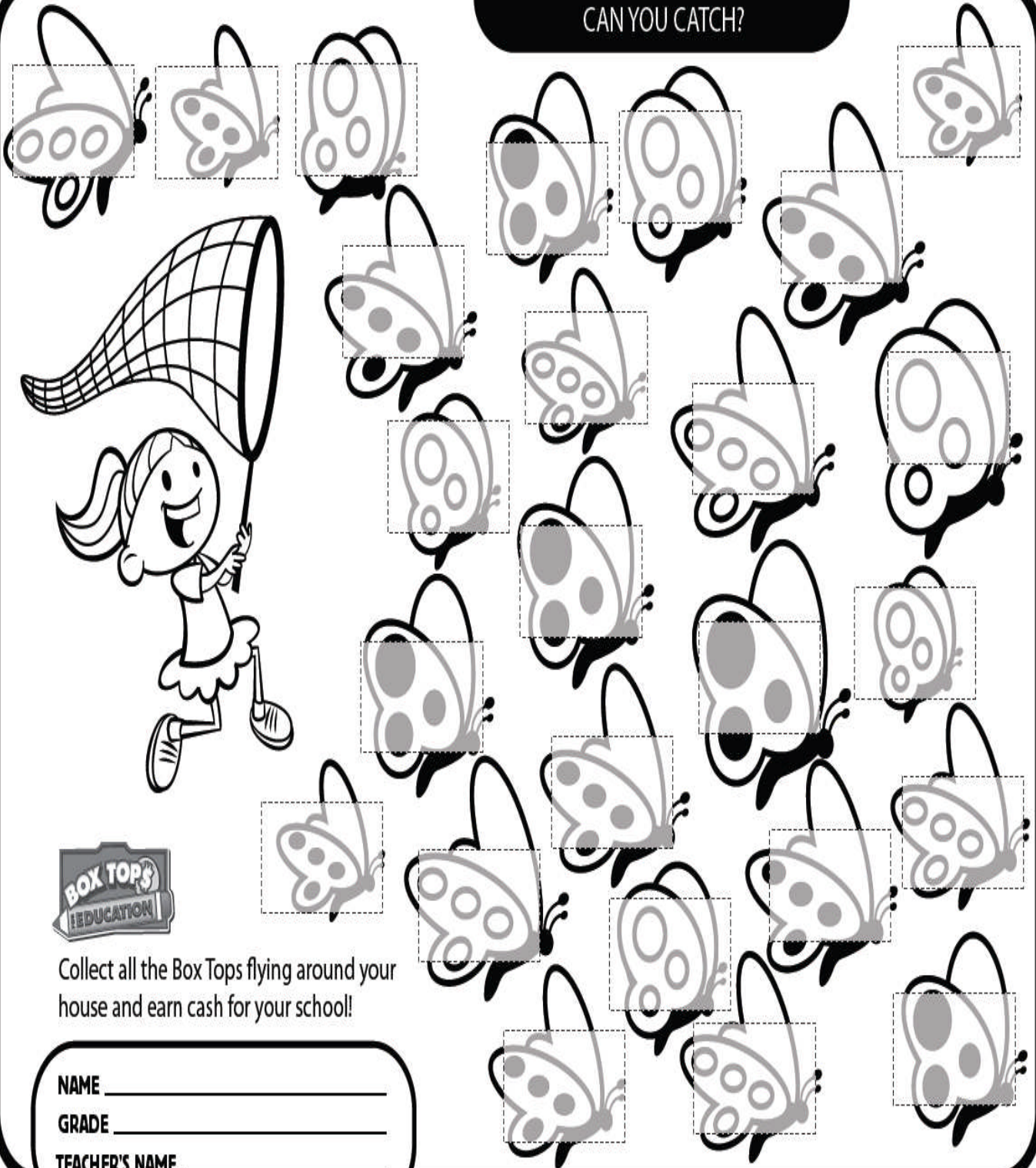
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Don't forget to save your BOX TOPS! Go to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) for details.

Simply collect your box tops on specially marked items and paste them here. Drop this form off to your teacher. We collect these forms and submit them. ALL proceeds will go directly to the SUNSHADE over the PE courts!!

### HOW MANY BOX TOPS CAN YOU CATCH?



Collect all the Box Tops flying around your house and earn cash for your school!

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## SPIRIT NIGHTS ARE BACK!

Why cook when you can have pizza? Show your school spirit and come to East Coast Pizza the Third Tuesday every other month beginning Sept 21st. They have been gracious enough to donate 10% of ALL THEIR SALES that evening to Collins. Don't forget to mention you are from Collins and you'll be entered into a drawing to win something special!

Look for the signs in front of the school as a reminder to eat lots of pizza.

Stay tuned as we add more Spirit Nights. We are excited about some new possibilities for our Spirit Nights. We are hoping to add more variety.



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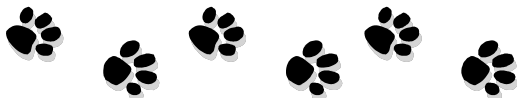
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**WORD OF THE MONTH: Responsible**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL  Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 PTA Fund-raiser begins	14	15 Early Release	16 PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	17	18
19	20	21 Fall Pictures K-2 EAST COAST Spirit Night	22 Fall Pictures 3-5	23	24 PTA Sno-Cone Sale \$1	25
26	27 Scholarship Warnings Sent This Week	28 PTA Fund-raiser Ends	29 Early Release	30		Encourage your child(ren) to be responsible throughout the year.
A huge THANK YOU to our custodian staff for all of their hard work keeping our school beautiful!						

**Guidance Corner**  
**By: Sue Chapin, Counselor**

August was a short but exciting month for our students at Collins. I have been visiting all classrooms for guidance orientation. As the counselor, I am here for all students!!!! Character Ed. is an important component at our school. Respect was the word of the month for August, please stress with your child about the importance of showing respect and what it means - showing high regard for authority, other people, self, and country. Treating others as you want to be treated. Understanding that all people have value as human beings. September's word is RESPONSIBILITY - and you are asked to review it daily throughout September. We want our students to continue to show respect and also understand the importance of responsibility. These are important traits. The more we encourage our children to become respectful and responsible, the more successful they become in school and in life.

At Collins, we are thankful for our awesome PTA for providing our children with birthday bags. September also marks the first K Kids meeting. These students will be trained this year with mentoring skills. The SCC Kiwanis Club, Sweetbay, and McDonald's will recognize Terrific Kids, on Oct. 7. Respectful and Responsible Students will also be recognized and treated with Mimi's Café and McDonald's immediately following the Terrific Kids. Our first Kindergarten Citizen of the Month will be Oct. 4. Assemblies will also be happening at the end of each nine weeks - you will be invited. Great things happen at Collins Elem.!!!!

Our fifth mediators - Lindsay, Kayla, Carolyn, Nick, John Michael, and David are ready to help our students solve conflicts in a peaceful way with win/win solutions. 6 new mediators from fourth grade will soon be chosen.

We are so glad that you are a part of Collins Elementary. Your children are our BEST!!!!

Sue Chapin, Counselor



**Collins Elementary**

**Character Traits**

- August—Respect
- September—Responsible
- October—Honest/Trustworthy
- November— Thankful
- December—Caring/Fairness
- January—Self-Discipline
- February—Perseverance
- March—Great Citizens
- April—Courageous/Good Sports
- May—Cooperation



**Collins Elementary**

**Character Pledge**

Respectful, Responsible,  
 And Great Citizen, too  
 They Bring out the Best  
 In Me and You!  
 Trustworthiness, and  
 Being Fair  
 Help to Show Others  
 That We Really Care  
 We All Know What's Right  
 We All Know What's Good,  
 We Will Do the Things  
 We Know We Should!!!

## Greetings From Collins Café:

### Welcome Back!

Student Nutrition Services hope you had a wonderful summer vacation; we are looking forward to a fantastic 6<sup>th</sup> year with new menu items, more choices and more Eye-appealing breakfast and lunch trays.

We will also continue to have special contests and promotions.

We are looking for more participation in our free Breakfast program. Breakfast starts at 7:30 and we think it is the best deal in town. It's free. Please come join us.

Lunch prices are \$2.25 daily. We offer a choice between 3 main entrees as well as up to 3 sides with each lunch. A variety of milk is offered as well.

Payment can be made with cash, checks made out to Collins Elementary or you can use the Student Nutrition Services at [www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/sns/](http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/sns/). You will be able to view your child's meal history for the previous 2 weeks and also receive notification when the balance is low.

Our Breakfast and Lunch menus are posted as well as nutrition and allergy information.

We will also be encouraging students to join The fuel up to play 60. This is a youth-led program that empowers youth to take action in their school and for their own health. More info will be coming soon.

Each school year a new application for free and reduced lunch must be filled out in order to qualify. It is very important that all required information is filled in. These applications can either be returned to central processing or to the main office at Collins.

Children who qualify for reduced lunch automatically receive free lunch.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 672-5400 ext. 227 Let's have a great year.

Till next time

Susan Paszkowski

Student Nutrition Manager





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Hello, my name is Caitlin Benedict director of South Shore Rising Stars recently known as South Shore School of Dance located in Apollo Beach, FL. We recently changed locations and are located in Sun City. We are looking for children of all ages to become apart of our dance family. My studio allows children to gain confidence, strength and friendships that last a lifetime!

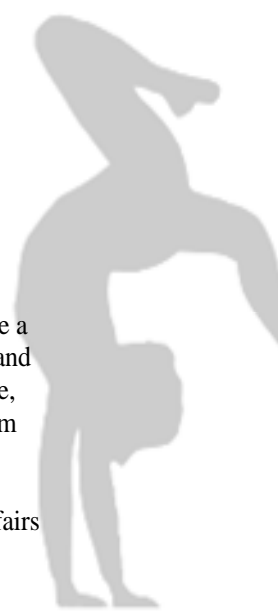
We understand the financial struggle the economy has taken on all of us, which is why we are here to help you. Our goal is to give children the opportunity to dance and shine on stage. We want children to grow up to be strong and confident individuals as well as learn to work with others. We have set up a plan for families who come from a home who have suffered from the economy so that everyone can join and be apart of the fun! For more information about this program visit our website.

#### CLASSES

Monday- Jazz  
Tuesday- Ballet  
Wednesday- Hip hop  
Thursday- Acrobatics  
Friday- Musical Theater

#### PERFORMANCES

South Shore Rising Stars do multiple performances. We have a Christmas recital in December and an end of the year recital in June, we also have a performance team that your child can try out for. The performance team does multiple performances at local fairs and competitions. More info on website.



**Acrobatics-** Teaches flexibility, balance, strength, muscle control, discipline and concentration as well as spatial awareness. Ex. Back bends, walk over, back hand spring, etc.

**Ballet-** Designed to build a beautiful, graceful and healthy body with fine posture and poise and is the basis of all dancing.

**Hip Hop-** A free style of Dance based on the latest popular street movements and music, very popular with children and teens.

**Lyrical-** Combines Ballet, Jazz and Modern styles, while telling a story to the audience through the dance movements.

**Jazz-** A combination of both old and new and is basically a modern interpretation of ballet.

**Musical Theater-** Combines music, songs, spoken dialogue and dance.

### FIRST YEAR BOYS DANCE FREE!

We hope that you will be able to join us! We want to build healthy, strong, confident children, teens and adults. So don't delay, **register today**, nothing is holding you back from the chance to shine!

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