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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

It's finally fall! I hope this is the start of some beautiful, cool weather. We are finishing up our fall fundraiser. Thank you to all who participated. Look for a note in the agenda for pick-up day and time for ordered items.

September 15th was our first general PTA meeting. This meeting was full of information for the year as well as approval of the budget. Thank you to all who attended. Our membership drive is still going strong with a total of 232 members. Thank you to each and everyone of our members. Without you we couldn't be a success.

Our Fall Festival will be on Thursday, October 27th from 5-8 pm. The festival will be a little different this year. We will have entertainment from each grade level, as well as a performance by our chorus. Down on the courts, we will have \$1.00 games, a \$2.00 cake walk and lots of food. Everyone will be able to walk around and see all the pumpkins that each class has decorated. The pumpkins will be displayed in the school's courtyard, where you will have a chance to bid on your favorite one!

We hope you have a great month. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact us through the our website.

Sincerely,

Debbie Wilson
PTA President



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Principal's Corner



Principal's Corner by Mr. Steve Sims

I can't believe that we are approaching the end of the first nine weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers, staff and parents of Collins for making it such an easy beginning to the 2011-2012 school year. As we continue to move through the school year, let me remind you, as parents, ways that your support is continually needed to be successful.

- ⇒ **All Mondays** are early release days. Students are released @ 1:15 on these days.
- ⇒ Please review your child's agenda nightly. Our Collins student agenda is the way that daily communication is assured and this is extremely important for the success of our students.
- ⇒ There are no sign-outs after 1:30pm.
- ⇒ Breakfast for all students is free in Hillsborough County; please take advantage of this program. Breakfast begins at 7:30 daily.
- ⇒ Our PTA Fall Festival will be on **Thursday October 27th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Please join us for good food, fun games and great performances from our students.

Once again, thank you for your help in making Collins Elementary one of the finest schools in Hillsborough County. The faculty and staff at Collins are committed to you and your child to continue the traditions and excellence we have worked extremely hard to build.

Steven Sims

Principal



GRAND OPENING



The Panther's Den

Good day, parents: Ever had that last minute small voice come to you and say; "Mom, my teacher told me to get a new ..." It's 7:15, there is nothing you can do about it now... or is there? Instead of exploding, getting upset with your child, you smile and; "That's okay, dear, you can get one at the **Panther's Den.**"

That's right!! Beginning Tuesday, October 4th and from then on every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the **Panther's Den**, the fourth grade fundraiser will be open from 7:30 - 8:00 each morning and will be selling school supplies.



The PTA is requesting candy donations for the Pumpkin Parade. You may drop the candy off in the front office or send them in with your student.



September Kindergarten Citizens of the Month

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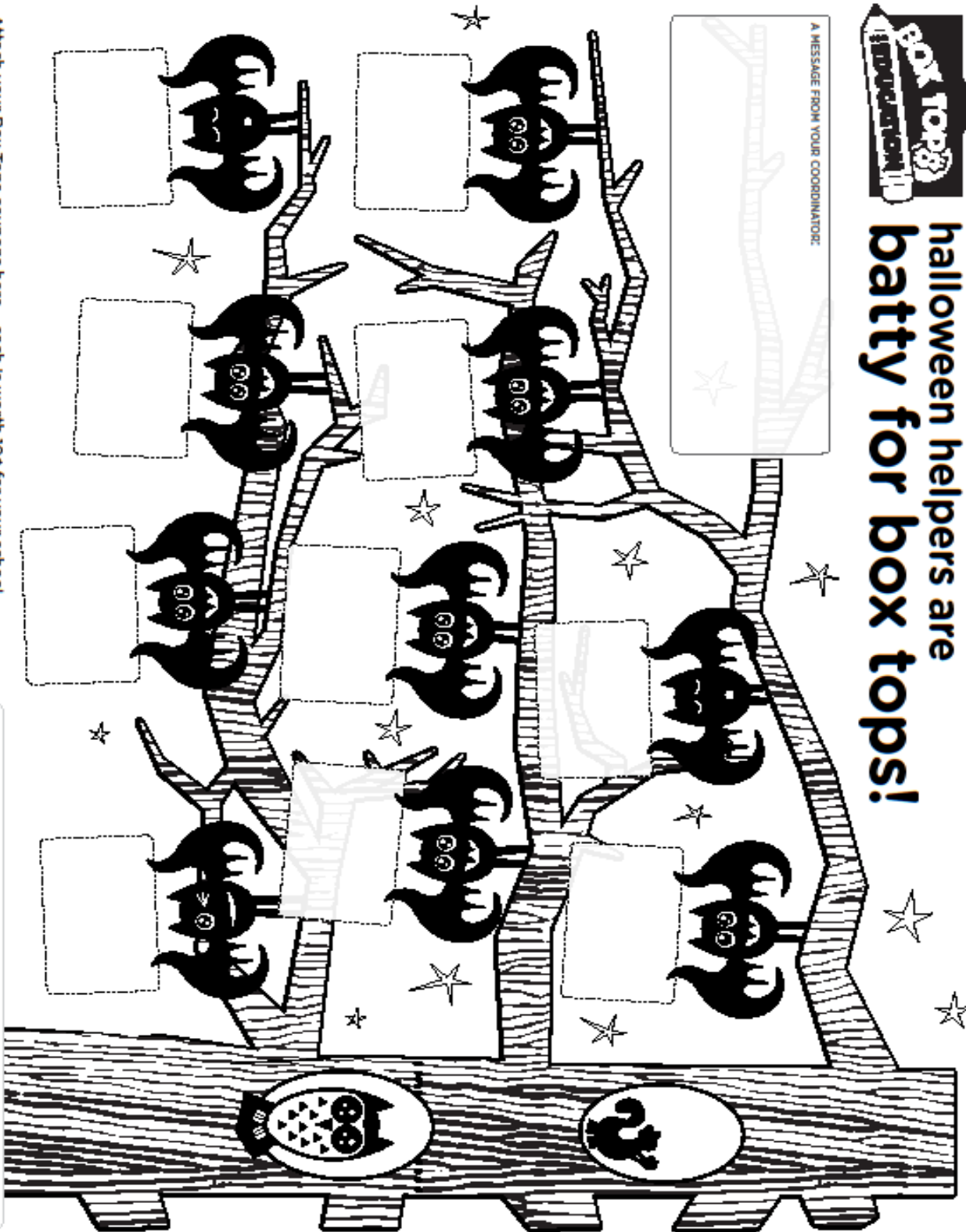
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Why cook when you can have pizza? Show your school spirit and come to East Coast Pizza. Keep an eye out in your child's agenda for upcoming dates. They have been gracious enough to donate 10% of Collins Sales that evening to Collins. Don't forget to mention you are from Collins.

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

Everyone loves BBQ!! Sonny's in Sun City will be hosting Spirit Nights! They will be donating 10% of their evening sales to Collins. You can even order to go! Let them know you are from Collins. We are very excited about our new partnership with them! Look for upcoming dates in December.




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WORD OF THE MONTH: Honest/Trustworthy

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Fall Picture Day 	14 Terrific Kid/ CKOTM Awards	15
16	17	18	19	20 End of 1st Grading Period	21 No School	22
23	24	25	26	27 Fall Festival 	28	29
30	31	1 East Coast Spirit Night 				

Guidance Corner
By: Sue Chapin, Counselor

October was an exciting month for our students at Collins. We worked on Saying No To Drugs! Our students created their own pledge, made class banners, wrote, and completed activities in their workbooks provided by the Mendez Foundation. On Wednesday, October 26, our students set the tone with the color red. We ended Friday, by Booooooing Drugs!!!!!! We are also hoping that many of our students' Say No To Drugs posters will be chosen for the Learning for Life Calendar put out each year by the Boy Scouts of America Even though Honesty/Trustworthy was the word of the month for October, please continue to talk about the importance of being Honest, along with always showing Respect and being Responsible.

The word for November is Thankful. We want our students to be able to express their gratitude. This is such an important trait. This is a great time to encourage the writing of thank you letters, giving compliments, showing appreciation, and using manners. It ties in with our Thanksgiving holiday and the importance of being a family member. Please encourage your child this month to practice being thankful.

At Collins, we are also thankful for the awesome career speakers that will be talking to our children during the week of November 14th through the 18th. While your child(ren) are at Collins Elementary, they will be introduced to a wide variety of careers. Please ask your child to share which careers they were introduced to and what they learned from each presenter. We want to help establish the foundation for planning career paths. Please talk to your child about the career(s) that you have in your family tree. Share the highlights, along with positive and negative aspects of your career. Let them know what you needed to do to prepare for your career.

I will soon be choosing new mediators from 4th grade to begin the process of becoming effective mediators. Our fifth grade mediators have been helping to solve conflicts in a positive way. Peer mediation is a great way to solve conflicts. If your child goes to mediation, they will be learning lifelong skills on how to peacefully solve conflicts. Mediation is a positive solution that usually ends in a win-win. Mediation is a positive way to deal with conflicts and can help anyone of any age!



We are so glad that you are a part of Collins Elementary.

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:

Greetings from Collins Café

“Happy Fall to All”

We would like to thank all the Grandparents and Grandfriends who joined us for breakfast on September 14th. It was a very successful event. Many of our guests were surprised that all student breakfasts are free every day. They were amazed at the choices as well.

I would encourage all students who haven't come in for breakfast to try us out. We have 3 lines open with all choices at all lines.

During the month of October, we will be celebrating National School Lunch Week. We have some special menu items planned such as Taco Salad, and a dessert fruit pizza. We will also be serving the special Otis Spunkmeyer pink cookie in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. We will be celebrating Halloween with a special contest during the week of Oct 24-27.

Our Big Daddy Pizza that we serve on Friday continues to be a big hit with our students. They are loving it. So you see there are many great reasons to have breakfast and lunch with us.

As always if you have any questions or concerns feel free to call me at 672-5400 ext. 227.

Till next time.

Susan Paszkowski

SNS Manager



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Jada Arango	Jordan Hicks	Aysia Pulsifer
Anthony Baker	Alex Hutchings	Alec Rodriguez
Brittney Beals	John Inzerillo	Greyson Ross
Jalen Bing	Ninfa Itturalde	Jordan Scott
Rylie Birkey	James Jarboe	Rachel Slay
Antonio Brown	Anthony Jones	Avery Smith
Mattison Burris	Vanessa Joseph	Jason Smith
Olivia Cadrecha	Ronnie King	Kayla Smith
Ismael Cardona	Brayden Madill	Abigayle Spiess
Christopher Carter Jr	Maya Morales	Abel Todd
Jordan Chambers	Brooklyn Muse	Maya Tomas
Mehar Chhabra	Kaden Nguyen	Marielle Ulan
Emma Chong	Sasha Novikov	Andrew Valentin
Paul Christiansen	Gabrielle Nye	Grady Vickers
Kaitlyn Cody	Jackson Orvik	Joshia White
Kayleen Drada	Varun Pandey	Nicolae Zavatchii

SEPTEMBER *Respectful* Students

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Jenin Abel	Loralai Groseclose	Sydney Piolo
Anthony Alonso	Andrew Hargis	Christian Pittman
Gabriella Arias	Charles Hernandez	Vincent Reggi
Gabe Arias-Marin	Erik Hernandez	Noah Reid
Zariana Avila	Nylah Hill	Sofia Rios
Savanna Bennett	Elias Jeffries	Maddie Robu
Dax Boogaard	Joseph Joyner	Ariana Sawyer
Maddy Caruthers	Emma Levitt	Hudson Schneller
Hailey Cooper	Nevaeh Lim	Alexa Semmelmann
Madison Cunningham	Megan Martin	Benjamin Sides
Nicholas Darge	Michael McCord	Savita Singh
David DiCesare	Brynn McQueen	Rochelle Thomas
RoseMarie Dominguez	Ella Miller	Zachary Tonkin
Conor Gallop	Paige Miller	Uyen Tran
Bradley Galvin	Steven Montalvo	Julia Weisberg
Jeana Goldstein	Sara Nagy	Quentin White
Mikayla Gordon	Joanne Pe	Lilly Whitehurst
Jaylen Grose	Olivia Perez	