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## PTA Corner By: Debbie Wilson, Collins Elementary PTA

The PTA board would like to welcome returning students, new students and staff of Collins Elementary. We hope everyone had a great summer. 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 3rd grade to 5th 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 one of the PE courts. With your help we can make this a success!

Our first general PTA meeting will be held in the cafeteria on Thursday, September 15<sup>h</sup> at 6:30pm. This will be an informational meeting discussing future events as well as the budget. We hope to see you there.

We also wanted to let everyone know that the PTA is going green. Our October newsletter and the remaining newsletters for the school year will be available online only at [www.collinspta.net](http://www.collinspta.net).

Please join us as we soar to new levels of success 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 Collins Panthers! We are already in full throttle for the 2011-2012 school year. We look forward to working with you and your child this year. First of all, Congratulations are in order! Once again Collins Elementary received an "A" grade for the 2010-2011 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 by 7:55 a.m.; Finally, please remember that all student sign-outs must be before 1:30 p.m.

On another note: thank you for your patience while dropping off and picking up your child. As many of you know, the process is different this year from previous years and because of your cooperation it is going GREAT! Our car-line in the afternoon is finishing around 2:35, which is unbelievable considering the volume we dismiss daily. Once again our panther family has risen to the occasion and is showing why we are the BEST!

Thank you in advance for all that you do and will continue to do to help make Collins Elementary School Number One!

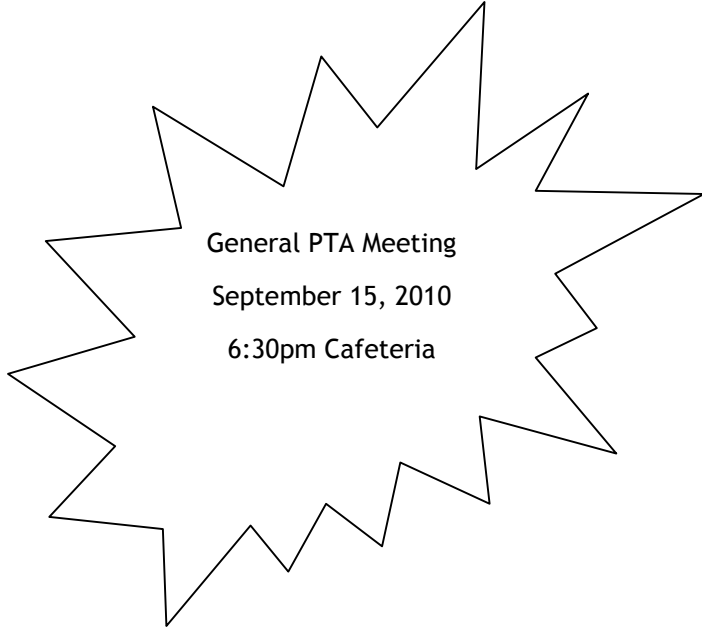
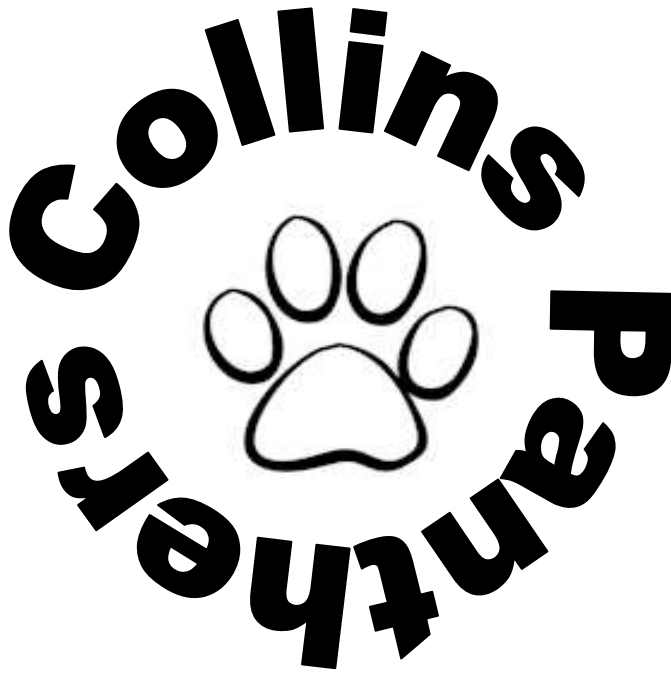
Steven Sims

Principal



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

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General PTA Meeting  
 September 15, 2010  
 6:30pm Cafeteria

**Safety First Please!!!**

Please remember to drive the speed limit through Panther's Trace. Also please do not block the entrance to any of the subdivisions. Many of our students walk to and from school. Their safety is our first priority!



**Got Toys?**

Our Teachers would love your Fast Food happy meal toys for their classroom treasure boxes. If you have any you would like to donate please send them into your classroom teacher.



*Courtney Vickers* PHOTOGRAPHY



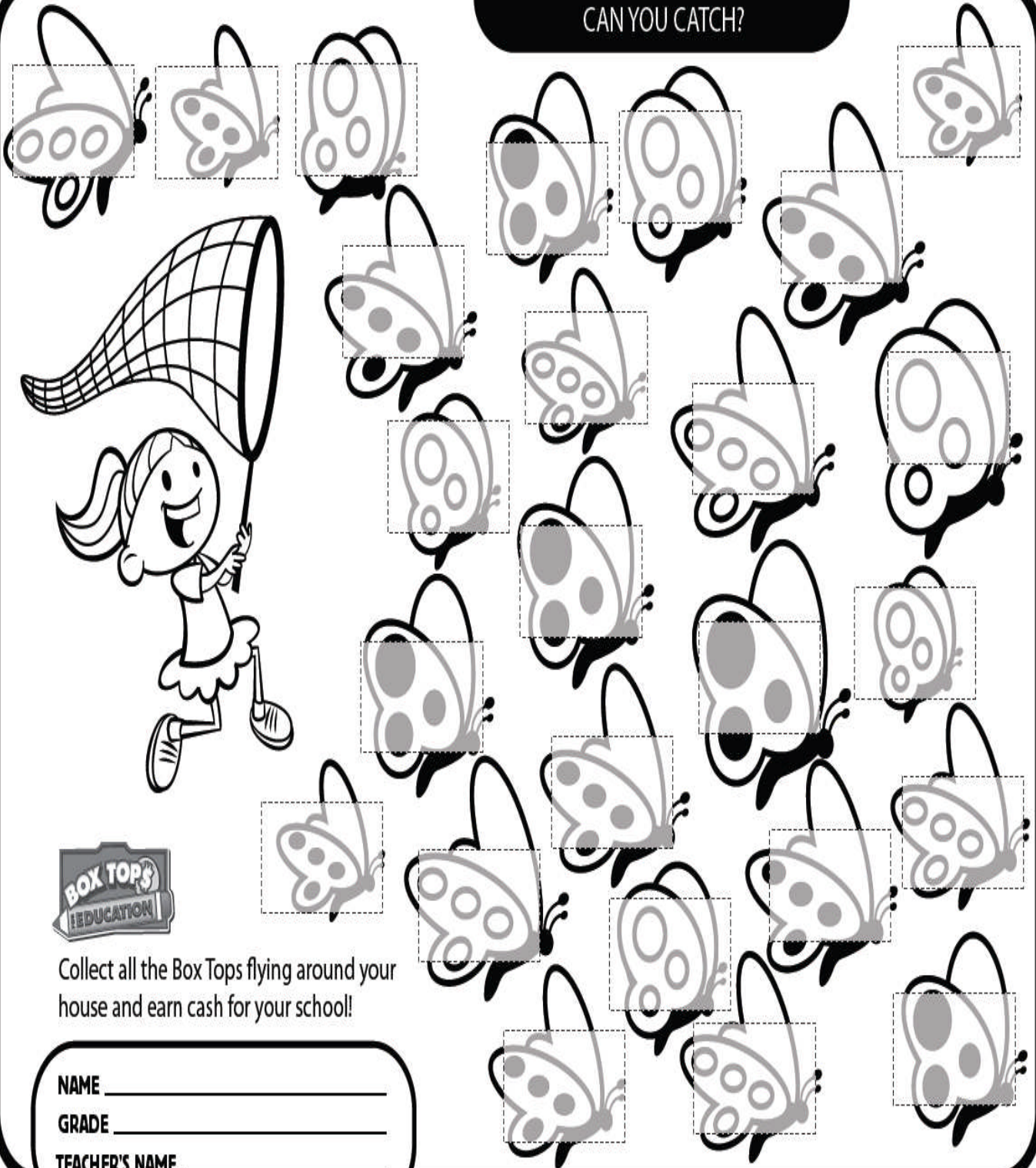
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Look for the signs in front of the school as a reminder to eat lots of pizza.

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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**WORD OF THE MONTH: Responsible**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day-No School	6 East Coast Spirit Night	7	8	9 COTM Award	10
11	12	13	14	15 PTA Meeting 6:30pm cafeteria	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 PTA Sno-Cones \$1	24
25	26	27	28	29	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 goodies and pencils at our awards. Our character ed. teams, in conjunction with our wonderful lunchroom ladies, are also providing a special pencil and a free cookie at lunch to each birthday person. September will also mark 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 Responsible Students will also be recognized and treated with Mimi's Café, Ruby Tuesday's, and Casper's McDonalds immediately following the Terrific Kids. Our first Kindergarten Citizen of the Month will be Oct. 3. This year, our winners for Collins' various awards will be earning special charms to go on the bracelet they will be given. Great things truly happen at Collins Elem.!!!!

Our fifth mediators - Hayden Hensley, Aidan Parshad, Ben Kyker, Alyssa Johnson, Brynn, McQueen and Christina Fernandes are ready to help our students solve conflicts in a peaceful way with win/win solutions. 6 new mediators from fourth grade will be chosen soon.

We are so glad that you are a part of Collins Elementary. Your children are the 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:

Greetings from Collins Café,

Student Nutrition Services would like to welcome you to a Great school year. We hope you had a wonderful summer!

We continue to serve a free breakfast everyday starting at 7:30. We always have cereal with a graham cracker, yogurt, protein and peanut butter and jelly bars. We also have a hot entrée daily, which may include our new breakfast casserole, chicken or sausage biscuits, french toast sticks just to name a few. The child may pick up one entrée, and may also have a juice or fruit as well as a choice of milk. The best part is its all free!

We have 3 lines open every morning with all menued items available. We are hoping for an increase in breakfast participation to meet our goals set by the district  
We have some new menu items for lunch also.

On Fridays all students may have the big daddy cheese or pepperoni pizza as part of their lunch. It is a whole grain product with reduced fat cheese and pepperoni. It tastes great and the kids are loving it. We also have a new chicken nugget product which is an all white meat, whole muscle item. We recently served chicken broccoli and pasta for lunch which was very popular as well.

We are also serving more fresh fruits and vegetables such as apple slices, broccoli and carrots with a lite ranch dip etc.

We are also introducing online free and reduced applications. You simply can go to this web-site [www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/sns](http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/sns) follow the link for documents and forms. You can also mail the application directly to central processing or return them to me. You must make sure all necessary information is filled in.

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

Till next time,

Susan Paszkowski  
SNS Manager Collins Elementary



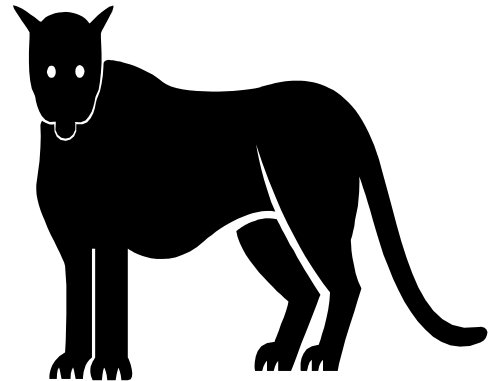
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Taylor Ball	Hayden Hensley	Gabby Racine
Amelia Bayse	Michael Honarvar	Iris Recinos
Zachary Bentley	Mekaylee Huffner	Sirinya Reneau
Kaitlyn Brown	Bailey Jackson	Rylee Roberts
Gianna Caligiure	Shimiyah Johnson	Ty Roberts
Michael Carpenter	Makenzee Johnson	Joshua Rowe
Akilah Charity	Ashley Kersey	Olivia Schulz
Breanne Christiansen	Abby Koddell	Rachel Sides
Isabel Dalton	Miah Lamb	Amari Smith
Dilara Daniels-Istipliler	Sarah Mapu	Lindsey Smith
Malachi Drayton	Dominic Meler	Madalya Stephens
Greenly Dumas	Josiah Mentore	Blake Sykes
Christina Fernandes	Shaylin Mitchell	Christopher Vails
Rebecca Fernandes	Dylan Northrop	Jania Whittaker
Isbelle Gonzalez	Diego Oyela	K'Wality Williams
Daniel Groseclose	Kunaal Parashar	

## August *Respectful* Students

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Karla Aguilar	Genesis Gaviria	Aisling Reilly
Katalina Arias-Marin	Brian Gomez	Jeziel Reyes
Jackson Barker	Brian Hamilton	Julianna Robinson
Brianna Beals	Colin Hussey	Makenna Shrader
Bricelyn Bedenbaugh	Cheyenne Jenkins	Brenna Tierney
Tejas Bharadwaj	Tikir Jahmai	Gloria Trejo-Labatsky
Hope Brooks	Victoria Joseforsky	Bryan Trinidad
Thomas Caligiure	Delano Madariago	Megan Tulley
Michael Canizares	Autumn Rayne Major	Xzavier Valcin
Anna Maria Carvajalino	Tyler Mangrum	Bryce Visscher
Adian Cervetti	Aaliyah Miller	Alicia Watson
Andrew Cervetti	Jessmyn Nguyen	Jacob Watson
Austin Christiansen	Genesis Ocasio	Abigail Weisberg
Alexander Dewsbury	Diamond-Pearl Ogletree	Kevin Wilson
Dominic Dottellis	Anna O'Neal	Seth Wynn
Melanie Espinoza	Xavier Quinones	
Christopher Galeano	Dylan Radley	