



Timberwolf Howl

*Build Learners to be
Productive Citizens*

*Honor, Integrity,
Loyalty
and Leadership*

Principals Corner

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Do you hear that? It is the sound of leaves falling to the ground, a sign that fall has arrived and we are heading into winter. Of course we all know that winter in Texas can be unpredictable, but it is our winter, and we enjoy it just the same.

I hope you have had the opportunity to join us for our two family events this year, Family Reads Night, and the Zombie Run. It was exciting to see the students, parents, and staff having fun together.

We are proud of all our students at Cox, and were able to recognize those who received perfect attendance, A/B Honor Roll, and A Honor Roll certificates during our nine week award ceremonies this past week. We will have an awards ceremony after each grading period to recognize students and their achievement. Parents are always welcome to attend. We feel that if they are working hard, they deserve to be recognized.

We hope you enjoy the time with family and friends over the Thanksgiving Holidays. Everyone deserves a much needed break before we return to close out December. Each year we ask our staff to submit a few words describing how they will spend their Thanksgiving, and include it in our November Howl. Enjoy the read.

Sincerely,

Debbie Spoon
Principal
Tom Cox Intermediate



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November Important Dates

- Nov 2 6th grade Chamber Orchestra to Renaissance Festival
- Nov 3 Picture Retakes
- Nov 3 5th Math Benchmark
- Nov 3 5th Writing Benchmark
- Nov 8 5th Reading Benchmark
- Nov 8 Spirit Night at McDonald's
- Nov 10 CISD Intermediate Honor Orchestra auditions at Mitchell
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Program 2:00
- Nov 12 CISD Intermediate Honor Band auditions at Vogel
- Nov 15 6th Science Benchmark
- Nov 16 5th Science Benchmark
- Nov 17 Papa John's Spirit Night
- Nov 21-25 Thanksgiving Holiday

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Fifth Grade

Language Arts

This month in Language Arts, we have started our nonfiction unit in Reading and are working on publishing our personal narratives in Writing. Our students are enjoying reading a variety of articles and nonfiction books. We have explored nonfiction text features, main idea, summary, author's purpose and text structure. We have been analyzing how an author uses these concepts to communicate their purpose for writing an article or book. Students will employ these concepts to create their own nonfiction book in Writer's Workshop.

Science

Science will be finishing up our last physical science unit on forces and motion. We will then move onto Earth & Space science topics. This is a fun time for students as they get to revisit information about the Sun, Earth, and Moon.

Math

We are finishing dividing decimals. Adding and subtracting fractions will be what is happening in 5th grade math in the month of November!

Social Studies

Social Studies is looking forward to receiving all of the Veteran's Day projects that are due November 1. We will be displaying in the main hallway in time for the Veteran's Day Program on November 11. We will also study the American Revolution and all that lead up to it in the coming month.

Sixth Grade

Language Arts

Our students have discussed several topics including Classical and Traditional Literature, Fiction, and Literary Nonfiction. During class the students have completed a Personal Narrative, Memoir, and will begin to write Poetry, we are working diligently to ensure that students understand the writing process through each piece of writing. In the library, we have teachers available to assist students with tutorials from 8:00-8:30am, we encourage students to attend. We encourage students to continuously read everyday for 20 minutes!

Reading we are continuing reading non-fiction text in our classrooms. Students have access to tons of non-fiction text all around them, such as newspapers, magazines, biographies and autobiographies. See what you can find at home to help your child become a better reader!

Science

We will be focusing on the physical science of force, speed and motion.

This will involve playing with cars, kicking balls and rolling marbles. We will learn what a balanced and unbalanced force is and how to calculate net force. We will be graphing speed and distance against time and learning how to interpret these graphs by telling stories about journeys.

Homework will focus on the upcoming bench mark (November 15th) which will involve reviewing all of the exciting science we have learned thus far.

Social Studies

This month we will be studying the physical geography, history, government, and economy of South America. It will be an exciting time. After that we will begin our journey to Europe.

Math

Time is flying and we are about to dig a little bit deeper within the basic foundation of algebra! We are going to be studying distributive property, along with equations and expressions! It is great to see how the students are growing so fast in Math! Please continue helping our students with their homework and study for their upcoming test.

PTO Information

Fundraising:

If you have not picked up your Yankee Candle order please contact Marie Holland at midas4288@att.net to arrange a time to collect it.

Yearbook:

Don't forget to order your yearbooks today at the sale price of \$30. Yearbooks will only be sold online at www.balfour.com. Prices will increase to \$35 on Jan 1st.

The yearbook needs your pictures! You can't have a yearbook without great pictures capturing all the memorable events through the year. There are two ways to upload your pictures for yearbook consideration:

1. Download the Balfour ImageShare app to send pictures directly from your phone. Enter our school's yearbook project # 725318, no password (leave blank).
2. Upload pictures from your computer: Go online to images.balfour.com and enter in the school's yearbook project # 725318, no password (leave blank).

Important Dates

Nov. 8 McDonald's McTeacher Spirit Night 5-8pm

Nov. 15-16 Spirit Sticks sold during lunch

Nov. 17 Papa John's Spirit Night



Holiday Concert Information

Band

Who: 5th Grade Band

When: **December 1, 2016** at 6:00 p.m.

Call time: Seated by 5:40 p.m.

What to wear: Green Band Polo, black pants or skirt, black socks or tights, black shoes, black belt if applicable

What to bring: Instrument, binder, wire stand from home

Who: 6th Grade Band

When: **December 6, 2016** at 6:00 p.m.

Call time: Seated by 5:30 p.m.

What to wear: Green Band Polo, black pants or skirt, black socks or tights, black shoes, black belt if applicable

What to bring: Instrument, binder, wire stand from home

Choir

Concert is December 8

Concert begins at 6:30

All Choir to stay after school and be in Choir uniforms: Choir Shirt, blue jeans

We will need parents to help serve pizza before the concert and hot chocolate after.

Check email for more information soon!

Fine Arts Concert: 12/9

Tom Cox Cafeteria during the school day

Time TBA

Choir Uniforms: Choir shirt, blue jeans

Choir Party 12/10

Old Time Christmas Tree Farm 7-9pm

Wear appropriate clothing for the weather... no choir shirts!!!

Check email for more information soon!

Caroling in the community

Check email for more information soon!

Orchestra

Concert is December 13th

5th grade needs to arrive at 5:30 for their concert at 6

6th grade needs to arrive at 6:30 for their concert at 7

They will wear their light blue polo shirt with black pants or skirt and with black shoes.

GT Nominations

Nominations are now open for the CISD Gifted and Talented program. Nomination forms can be found on the Tom Cox website under "Forms and Downloads". Applications will be accepted through December 18th and testing will take place at Tom Cox in February. Applications may be turned into the front office or emailed to Liz Koehler at ekoehler@conroeisd.net. More information about GT services can be found on the CISD GT homepage.

From the Assistant Principals

With only a few weeks before the Thanksgiving holiday, we hope you are enjoying the cooler weather and planning to take some relaxing time to spend with your children. Students and teachers have worked so hard the first 9 weeks and are continuing to move forward with learning as we finish up this semester. With everyone gearing up for the holidays, we know it is a busy time for all. Please stay connected with your classroom teacher. You can set up a parent conference or you can contact the teacher by email or calling the front desk. Also, keep track of grades, attendance, discipline and lunch money on CISD Parent Access Center. Our teachers want the best for their students. Please know you can acknowledge your teacher's hard work by inputting a "TAE" (Teacher Achieving Excellence Award) in your Parent Access account. They love hearing from you! Send one today!

We would like to thank Kyle Sherburne for sponsoring our student attendance winners each nine weeks! Congratulations to Rylee Alexander and Isabella Rosilez for being our \$50 winners. They were present every day during the first nine weeks. We are proud of you and all students who take pride in their attendance!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Koehler, Dodd, Graham



Counselor's Notes

Congratulations to all the students who were voted "Leader of the Pack" by their classmates. We really appreciate all they do to make our school a better place. We also want to congratulate those fifth and sixth graders who became new student council members. We have assigned committees and are getting started on some new projects. Our first major project is "12 Days at Tom Cox" We are asking students to bring in specific items each day from November 2nd-November 17th. Students are able to sign up in their homebase. If you wish to bring in additional items, their wish list includes canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, canned cranberries, yams, stuffing mix, cake mix, canned frosting chicken/turkey broth, canned corn, canned green beans, box of tea bags and cornbread mix. We appreciate your support. Have a lovely Thanksgiving

Half Day Special Lunch Schedule

Due to the early release at 12:55 on December 16, we will have an alternate Lunch Schedule.

10:55-11:25	Warriors, Trailblazers and Brown
11:15-11:45	Prowlers, Trackers and Mills
11:35-12:05	Rangers, Wolfpack and Coello
11:55-12:25	Bravehearts, Howlers and Wright

Buy One Get One Book Fair

We will be having a buy one get one free Book Fair, just in time for the Holidays. The book fair will be open December 8, 9, 12, 13, and 14.

December Important Dates

Dec 1	5th grade Band Concert 6-7:00
Dec 6	6th Math Bench Mark
Dec 6	6th grade Bank Concert 6-7:00
Dec 8	Choir Concert 5th 6:00 & 6th 7:00
Dec 9	Fine Art Assembly
Dec 13	Orchestra Concert 5th 6:00 & 6th 7:00
Dec 15	Papa John's Spirit Night
Dec 16	Early Release
Dec 19-30	Christmas/Winter Break
Jan 2	Student Holiday

What We Are Thankful For

Each year the faculty and staff like to share what they are thankful for, enjoy.

My family loves Thanksgiving. We will travel to our relative's home in Austin to load up on turkey, sweet potatoes, dressing and more, then head to the UT football game. And even though I'm an Aggie (WHOOOP), I can always enjoy football in the fall! MRS. L SMITH

This Thanksgiving my husband and I will be hosting Thanksgiving dinner again, which will be fun. I will run around town buying all of the goodies for Thanksgiving and praying I do not burn the turkey. I am NOT a cook so I am a little nervous about dinner. After dinner, my family and I will watch tons of movies and spend time together laughing and making fun memories. Of course, I will be reading a few books and I cannot wait to be taken to another far away place. My top book to read over Thanksgiving Break is Loot---cannot wait to open the book and read!! Since Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all of our blessings, I am thankful for having a supportive family, wonderful friends, colleagues, and the opportunity to teach in a supportive community. I would like to say thank you to my wonderful, smart, funny Warrior students for making my job fun. Also, Warrior parents thank you for being supportive. Happy Thanksgiving!

MRS KOWIS

I am thankful for my job as a teacher. Getting to be a part of someone growing up to become a valuable citizen is the best feeling in the world. The hugs, tears, and burst of joy keep me grounded and motivated to come back year after year.

MRS. BUKOWSKI

This year my husband and I are lucky enough to have two Thanksgiving meals...on the same day! We will go to his mom's house for lunch and my parents house for dinner. It will be a great day full of family time and eating great food. Once we get home we like to watch Christmas movies on the couch. I am very thankful for this time with my families. I hope all of you have a terrific Thanksgiving and enjoy your time off!

MRS DODD

I am thankful for many things this Thanksgiving. I am

thankful for Jesus, for this country, for my family and the babies that have made our family grow. I am also thankful for technology, that allows me to connect with loved ones who are not able to be with us this year. I am also thankful for Tom Cox and the wonderful people I work with here. MRS HOUCK

This year, I am thankful again for my daughter, who brings me joy and is such a great help at school and at home. I am thankful for the health of my parents that have faced challenges this year, including the cancer my father is currently beating! I am also completely grateful for my new choir partner, Mr. Austin Hunt. He is a blessing to our school and he is making my 25th year of teaching the very best ever! Thank you to all the choir students and parents for their positive attitudes, support, smiles, and talented voices!

MS ENGLE

I am so thankful for Thanksgiving. This is my favorite holiday and time of the year. I will be traveling to my sister's and spending the holiday with her and our family. We will be enjoying late night talks and football games as we prepare for our Thanksgiving feast. I hope and pray each and everyone will have a safe and blessed time.

MS TAYLOR

This Thanksgiving, my house will be filled with all of my family including my parents, my Grandmother, my sister and her husband with their 4 kids and my brother and his wife. We will have 16 people in all for the whole week of vacation. My parents and Grandmother are traveling from Michigan, my sister's family is traveling from Nevada and my brother's family is traveling from California. My favorite tradition at Thanksgiving is when my Mom and Grandma teach me how to make all of the delicious food with recipes that have been passed on for many generations, and now I get to teach my own kids the same recipes. My favorite is my Mom's apple pie. I love when everyone can be together and make many happy memories! Happy Thanksgiving!

MRS WENINGER

This Thanksgiving I will be relaxing with my family, indulging in WAY too much food, watching the Aggies beat the Tigers, and waking up early to shop some good deals! Thanksgiving break gives me a change to spend quality time with family and friends, and allows me to refocus my attention on all the blessings I have in my life. I am thankful for my wonderful colleagues at TCI. Each of you make coming to work such a joy! Enjoy your break and Happy Thanksgiving!

MRS KOEHLER

What We Are Thankful For Continued

This Thanksgiving my family will rise with the sun and head off to the "Run Thru The Woods" sponsored by the YMCA. When we return the house will be filled with smells of turkey basting in the oven. My husband, children, and grandchildren gather around the table to "pig out". We have several pies and desserts to choose from since everyone has to have their favorite. Early in the afternoon everyone usually goes off to "quiet time" (naps, football games). I hold up in my room watching the Holiday movies on the Hallmark Channel. I am THANKFUL that I live in a country where we celebrate our differences and have a choice in the way we live our lives. What a great day!

MRS. SPOON

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I absolutely love having my family together. It warms my heart to have everyone pitching in to prep food and cook throughout the day as we watch Thanksgiving parades and visit with each other. Our afternoon and evening includes watching football as well as our annual Chicken Foot Domino Tournament. Before eating our Thanksgiving meal, we take turns saying what we are thankful for. This year I am thankful for getting married and blending our families together and I'm also thankful for joining Cox Intermediate and working with such great teachers and students.

MRS GRAHAM

This year we will be traveling up to Branson, Missouri to meet my mom, sister and her family for Thanksgiving. I am in charge of the turkey and desserts. We usually have one pie per person, so everyone has their favorite and in my book you can't have too much pie. We spend our days going to different shows, playing putt putt golf and Black Friday shopping, but my favorite part of the week is before our Thanksgiving meal, when we take time to tell about what we are thankful for. It truly is my favorite time of year.

MRS CORBETT

I'm so thankful to work with Ms. Mills this year on our two person team. My parents, brother, and niece are very supportive, and for that, I am quite thankful. The Strokes released a new EP, with an album coming out in 2017, which makes me extremely thankful. Shout out to Mister Young and Mrs. Eaves for co-hosting with me on our podcast. Shout out to Mrs. Santos for starting her Doctor Who journey. On November 11th, I will thank all the Veterans for their service. And later that night, I will see one of my favorite bands ever, The Anniversary, in Austin, TX for their reunion tour. Life is Golden.

Positive

Energy

Actives

Constant

Elevation

MR WRIGHT

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. 2016 has been a very exciting and interesting year. I am Thankful for the beautiful new home that I bought at the first of the year. I am thankful for being able to fly to Michigan to visit with my family. I am Thankful for good friends here in Texas. I am thankful and so blessed for the New Family that have WELCOMED me and my two boys into their family. I am Thankful for my boys whom I love with all my heart and am blessed to be able to say I am their mom. I am especially Thankful for Tommie Ward.

MS BENNETT

I am thankful for the teachers I work with and my students. My students make me smile every day!

MRS LITTLE

Thanksgiving, I love fall and the smell of turkey roasting and pumpkin pie cooling. Laughter of my grandbabies playing on the floor with cheers from the adults of another touch down in their favor. Small blessing that truly warm my heart. God bless your Thanksgiving Holiday.

MRS WILLIAMS

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN **COLD**, **SEASONAL FLU** & **H1N1** SYMPTOMS

<u>SYMPTOM</u>	<u>COLD</u>	<u>SEASONAL FLU</u>	<u>H1N1</u>
FEVER	Fever is rare with a cold.	Fever is common with the seasonal flu.	Fever is usually present with H1N1 in up to 80% of all flu cases. A temperature of 101®
COUGHING	A hacking productive (mucus-producing) cough is often present with a cold.	A dry and hacking cough is often present with the seasonal.	A non-productive (non-mucus producing) cough is usually present with H1N1 (sometimes referred to as dry cough).
ACHES	Slight body aches and pains can be part of a cold.	Moderate body aches are common with the seasonal flu.	Severe aches and pains are common with H1N1.
STUFFY NOSE	Stuffy nose is commonly present with a cold and typically resolves spontaneously within a week.	A runny nose is commonly present with the seasonal flu.	Stuffy nose is not commonly present with H1N1.
CHILLS	Chills are uncommon with a cold.	Chills are mild to moderate with the seasonal flu.	60% of people who have H1N1 experience chills .
TIREDFNESS	Tiredness is fairly mild with a cold.	Tiredness is moderate and more likely referred to as a lack of energy with the seasonal flu.	Tiredness is moderate to severe with H1N1.
SNEEZING	Sneezing is commonly present with a cold.	Sneezing is commonly present with the seasonal flu.	Sneezing is not common with H1N1.
SUDDEN SYMPTOMS	Cold symptoms tend to develop over a few days .	Symptoms tend to develop over a few days and include flushed face, loss of appetite, dizziness and/or vomiting/nausea. Symptoms usually last 4-7 days, depending on the individual. Diarrhea is common.	H1N1 has a rapid onset within 3-6 hours. H1N1 hits hard and includes sudden symptoms like high fever, aches and pains. Symptoms usually last 4-7 days, depending on the individual. Diarrhea is common.
HEADACHE	A headache is fairly uncommon with a cold.	A headache is fairly common with the seasonal flu.	A headache is very common with H1N1 and present in 80% of cases.
SORE THROAT	Sore throat is commonly present with a cold.	Sore throat is commonly present with the seasonal flu.	Sore throat is not commonly present with H1N1.
CHEST DIS-COMFORT	Chest discomfort is mild to moderate with a cold.	Chest discomfort is moderate with the seasonal flu. <u>If it turns sever seek medical attention immediately!</u>	Chest discomfort is often severe with H1N1.

PREVENTION TIPS:

- Cough & sneeze into your elbow
- Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- Wash hands with soap and warm water for a minimum of 15-20 seconds. Sing your abc's or happy birthday to you.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth without washing or using hand sanitizer first.