



Building Learners to be

Productive Citizens

Honor, Integrity,

Loyalty

and Leadership

Principals Corner

Dear Timberwolf Family,

Welcome to February 2019, at Cox Intermediate. We have a few events scheduled for this month that we think you will enjoy. Many of you have attended our Band, Orchestra, and Choir Concerts so we hope you will join us for our Cox Art Expo night on February 21, 2019 from 6:00-7:00. This is an opportunity for our Art students to display their work and show off their talents. We will also host a family Science/Math night on Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 5:30-7:00.

Our 6th graders will have the opportunity to get a glimpse of life at York this month and will receive information about course selections for next year. The counselors from York will also visit our campus during lunch to answer any questions. Parents may get information at the 7th grade York Parent Info Night on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 6:00.

Thank you for your continued support!
Deborah Spoon
Principal
Tom Cox Intermediate

Important Dates

February

- 4 6th graders watch course selection video for 7th grade.
- 5 York counselors on campus for 6th grade questions at lunch.
- 6 5th Grade Reading Benchmark
- 7 6th grade Parent Information night at York 6pm
- 15 6th grade Online registration closes in Parent Access
- 16 Destination Imagination Competition
- 18 Student Holiday
- 19 6th grade girls Skills test in PE
- 20 Credit by Exam Test
- 21 Cox Art Show 6-7pm
- 26-28 6th Grade Math placement test in class
- 28 Math and Science Family Night 5:30 pm

March

- 1 6th grade verification sheets go home
 - 4 Wax Museum 6pm
 - 5-7 Band Ensemble Recitals during the day.
 - 8 Verification sheets for 6th graders due to York by 12pm
 - 11-15 Spring Break
 - April 25 GT Expo night at 6pm
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Fifth Grade

Language Arts

Our students have been researching controversial issues and practicing the art of debate in small groups for the last few weeks.

In February, we will form new book clubs and begin our study of Fantasy Fiction. Everyone is looking forward to this exciting unit!

Science

This month 5th grade science will be wrapping up Earth Science by learning about Fossils and Fossil Fuels. Encourage your child to talk to you about ways they can conserve energy at home!

Math

This month we are learning about attributes of 2D shapes. In addition, we are finding perimeter area, and volume including compound shapes. Lastly, we are continuing with our station activities, a quadrilateral project!

Social Studies

Wax Museum parent letters go home Friday, Feb. 1st. Students are to return their 6 choices (cut off from the bottom of the parent letter) on Monday. The students will draw a number (number one chooses first of course) to choose the historical character they want. Only one historical character per hallway; only one Davy Crockett, Hellen Keller, George Washington, etc. The presentation night is Tuesday, March 5th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Sixth Grade

Language Arts

In February, sixth graders will be immersed in their Historical Fiction Unit in reading, as they form book clubs to read historical fiction novels. In writing, students will write literary essays that will persuade their readers in their writing.

Science

We are studying the Earth from the inside out in science. We started with the layers of the Earth and then moved on to the tectonic plates. Next, we studied what happens when those tectonic plates meet up at each boundary. We get to continue Earth science with studying minerals and rocks. Students are always excited to understand about what is going on beneath our feet!

Social Studies

We have just finished our unit over Russia, and we will be moving on to its neighbor Asia. We will break Asia into multiple sections first starting with East Asia. We will learn about the history, government and culture of the Asian countries.

Math

In 6th grade Math we are busy learning all about proportional relationships including ratios, rates and unit rates. We are applying this very important skill to real world problems which is helping us think mathematically every day! During the month of February, we will also be tackling problem solving involving percents such as finding the part, finding the whole or finding the percent. Have your child help you calculate your next tax, tip or discount to test their skills! Also, we hope to see you at our Math Science Family Night, 2/28 from 5:30-7! *Please note the date change.* This is a come and go event and we hope you can make it!

Parent Teacher Organization

4th-10th: Winter Auction! <https://www.32auctions.com/CoxPTO2019>

5th: Spirit Event: Urban Air 4-8pm

12th: PTO Board Member meeting 12pm

14th: Valentine treats passed out during lunch

19th: World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser kick off

26th: iShine Spirit Event

27th: General PTO meeting 12pm (all are welcome)

Library News

January was our first month to enjoy our new Maker-space area, which we open in the mornings: M,T,W & F from 8-8:30 and every day during lunch-time recess. We are excited to offer students choices about how they would like to spend their recess time: outside, or in our library Maker-space. This venture has been a huge success and we could not be more please and excited about how much our students are enjoying this option (check out some of the creativity in the pics below). If your child has not yet had an opportunity to visit our maker-space, we would love to see him or her soon. The numbers are limited to 35 students for each session so everyone has room to think and explore. To participate, pick up a pass from a cafeteria monitor.

We also want to thank those families who have shared donations of puzzles, games and Legos- our students love them. Thanks to several very generous donations of Legos, we are now well stocked. However, if you still have good puzzles or simple to play games, like Boggle, Rubic's Cubes, Jenga, etc, we would love to add them to what we have to offer our students.

The library would also like to thank those who have volunteered in the library. You make a great difference. If you have not had a chance to volunteer in the library, we always need help with shelf maintenance, crafts (aka -book repairs & projects) and we invite you to join us. Look for the volunteer sign-ups from PTO.

Also, the week of April 1-5 we will have our spring-book fair. We look forward to this fair as we prepare for summer reading by giving students a chance to make thoughtful choices about what they would like to read. If you would like to volunteer to work this book-fair, you can expect to enjoy staff/volunteer discount. More details to come in the weeks to come.





Safety of Students

Dear Parents,

As we continue to help our students grow into responsible citizens, I encourage you to talk to your child about the importance of spoken or written words. We understand that students in intermediate school often do not understand the power of their words, but because we do not know when a student is joking, venting, or making an actual threat, every incident must be investigated and could result in serious disciplinary consequences. Please know that the safety of the students and staff at our campus and across the District is our top priority. Individuals may make anonymous reports to CISD's KidChat hotline at 1-888-KidChat (543-2428) 24-hours a day or through our new Anonymous Alerts app. To learn more, please visit our Safety Information webpage.

School Report Card

The School Report Card can be accessed using the following steps:

From the Conroe ISD home page:

- Go to "Our Schools"
- Browse for your school
- Click "Show More" to see the "View School Profile" button and click it
- Select "Accountability Reports"
- Click "2017-2018"
- Select "School Report Card"

From the school's website:

- Go to "Our School/Campus"
- Click "View School Profile"
- Select "Accountability Reports"
- Click "2017-2018"
- Select "School Report Card"

Sixth Grader Information

Important Dates for York

- 2/4 Intermediate students watch course selection video in homeroom
- 2/5 Counselors will answer questions at Cox during lunches
- 2/6 Counselors will answer questions at Clark during lunches
- 2/7 Parent Information Night at York
6:00 Cox parents
- 2/15 Online registration closes in Parent Access
- 3/1 Verification sheets go home with Intermediate students
- 3/8 Changes to verification sheets are due to York counselors by 12:00 pm
- 4/18 Final date for all changes to course requests
- 5/16 Cox students tour York @9:00 am

**IT'S THE RULE
SHOTS BEFORE SCHOOL**

Dear Parents of **ALL incoming 7th Graders** for the 2019/2020 School year:

***** IMMUNIZATIONS GO TO THE NURSE & PHYSICALS GO TO THE COACHES*****

The following is the **TEXAS MINIMUM STATE REQUIRED** immunizations for **ALL incoming 7th graders**:

- **Tdap** (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Acellular Pertussis)
- **Varicella #2** (chickenpox shot - 2 shots series is required unless student had disease)
- **Meningitis** (MCV4 or MenACWY)
- **HepA#1 and HepA#2** (2 shots series is required)

***ALL** immunizations stated above must be completed **BEFORE** “**SCHEDULE PICKUP DAY**” for **ALL incoming 7th graders** **BEFORE** the **August 2019 – 2020** school year.

***BEFORE May 30th, 2019**, send all shot records to the Nurse at Tom Cox Intermediate or Clark.

***AFTER May 30th, 2019**, send all shot records to the Nurse at York JHS via email to <mailto:tweidner@conroeisd.net>, fax 832-592-8684 or deliver to the front desk at York JHS.

****Important message****

Parents, if you are **NOT** able to show proof of the **REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS** before “**SCHEDULE PICKUP DAY**” which will be in August, your child **WILL NOT** receive their new schedules for the **2019 – 2020** school year.

Dismissal Procedures

Dear Parents and Students,

In order to provide a safe environment, prevent injury, and show courtesy to each other we appreciate your cooperation in the following arrival/dismissal procedures.

Morning Arrival

Parents are to drop students off in the front of the school. Students are allowed into the building at 8:00 and will sit in the cafeteria until released at 8:40 to class.

There is no supervision for students who arrive earlier than 8:00. If a student is dropped off before 8:00 they must remain seated under the covered area in the front of the building. If a student becomes disruptive while they are waiting for the building to open the parent will be contacted to discuss the concern.

If the parent chooses to wait in the car in the morning with their child, they will need to park in the front parking lot and not in the "car rider" lane. It is important to keep the flow of traffic running smoothly.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Dismissal

All walkers, biker, car riders and day care riders will be released at 4:00, and will be scanned on their way out of the school. Walkers and bikers need to leave the campus as soon as possible.

Car riders and day care riders are to quickly find a seat and remain seated until their car comes through the line to pick them up.

Car riders:

1. Remain seated until their car comes through the line to pick them up.
2. Face forward looking for their car, their name may not always be called.
3. Cell phones are to be kept in their backpack until they are in their cars. If a student needs to contact a parent they may use the phones in the front office.
4. Snacks are no to be eaten because it brings in the ants and bugs.

Walkers:

All students who are walking home need to remain on the sidewalks at all time and cross the street at the crosswalk. Parents please speak to your walker about remaining on the sidewalk until they reach their destination. Please do not cross any area that is not a designated crosswalk.

Parents of car riders:

1. Parents need to drive through the car rider line and pick up their student who is sitting and waiting for them. Please form two lines as you **come around the corner and then they will merge into one**. The two left lanes as you leave are exit only.
2. Please pull as far forward as possible in order to help us speed up the process. **Students will not be allowed to be picked up at the curb of the street or cross the street to a waiting car.**
3. If parents are picking up a child at York and Cox, they may designate their child to go to either school so both can be picked up at one school. Students from York will be allowed to wait at Cox with their sibling as long as they follow the car-rider policies of the school.
4. If a child is picked up prior to 3:30, the parent will need to park in the **front parking lot**, and come inside to check the student out of school. **The back parking lot by York is for staff only.**
5. If you are coming into the front office for any reason, please cross at the crosswalk and not cut through traffic.

Reminders!

Students are released at 4:00 and are expected to be picked up shortly after school. If there is an emergency please call the front office so we know when to expect you. If a student is frequently picked up after 4:15 we may ask the parent to consider another form of transportation.

Rainy/Cold Day Dismissal

If your student is a walker/biker they will be expected to walk or ride their bike on rainy days, unless you and your child have an alternate plan in place. If you choose for your child to be a car-rider on rainy days it is not necessary to complete a transportation change form.

In the case of severe weather (thunderstorms, lightening, blizzard) we may hold walkers/bikers until we feel it is safe for them to walk or ride home. If that does occur we will contact the parent to inform them of the delay. Bus transportation will run as scheduled.