



Building Learners to be

Productive Citizens

Honor, Integrity,

Loyalty

and Leadership

Principals Corner

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

How about this weather! The big question from students for the last couple of weeks has been, "Are we going outside today?" we have been taking it one day at a time and look forward to the sunshine!

It is hard to believe it is March and Spring Break is just around the corner! We have many activities going on the month of March to include one of our more popular events, The Wax Museum. Please check our school website for dates and times of upcoming events.

I want to give a big shout out to our Cox PTO for organizing and running our school fundraiser. We appreciate all the hours and hard work they have put in to making it a success. Thank you to all the students and parents who sold boxes of chocolate and help raise money for our school.

Thank you for your continued support!

Deborah Spoon
Principal
Tom Cox Intermediate

Important Dates

March

- 1 6th grade verification sheets go home
- 5 Wax Museum 6pm
- 7 Choir Concert 6pm
- 8 Student Council Meeting CANCELLED
- 5-7 Band Ensemble Recitals during the day.
- 8 Verification sheets for 6th graders due to York by 12pm
Early Release 1pm

11-15 Spring Break

- 22 Report Cards go home
- 26 6th Reading Benchmark
- 27 5th Science Benchmark
- 28 3rd Nine Weeks Awards 9:00 Rangers, 9:35 Sirius Major,
10:10 Night Howlers, 10:40 Hunters, 2:30 Alphas, 3:05 Scavengers

April

- 9 5th STAAR Math
 - 10 5th STAAR Reading
 - 19 Holiday
 - 22 Holiday
 - 25 GT Expo night 6pm
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Fifth Grade

Language Arts

Fifth grade language arts will begin their fantasy writing unit.

Science

In 5th grade science our new unit is Life Science. We will learn about food webs, ecosystems, adaptations, oxygen/carbon dioxide cycle, and life cycles in March. All students will receive blue Life Science vocabulary cards to study this month. Get outdoors this week and talk about all the living and nonliving things in our community.

Math

This month students will be working on Volume and Measurement. These units include skills such as finding perimeter, area, and volume using formulas and visual models. In addition, this month students will learn to calculate measurement conversions in the metric and customary systems. Towards the end of the month students will be exploring forms of graphing including: bar graphs, frequency tables, dot plots, stem and leaf plots, and scatter plots. We hope you enjoyed the digital escape rooms at our Math & Science Night!

Social Studies

Wax Museum presentation evening is Tuesday, March 5th, 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

After spring break social studies will be studying the Causes of the Civil War, and the war itself. Students will be expected to know the causes in order and the effect(s) of each cause.

Sixth Grade

Language Arts

6th grade Language Arts will be starting our Drama Unit in Reading. We will be reading and analyzing plays and looking at the importance of various scenes. In Writing we will begin Fiction. Students will be writing their own fiction stories where they will create their own characters, settings, conflicts, and solutions.

Science

This month we will be exploring the final frontier: SPACE! Students will begin their unit with the force that pulls us all together and then move onto the bigger picture. We will study the solar system and all that encompasses. Once we finish the solar system, we will move onto Space exploration and the space race. This is a very interesting unit and students love to delve into the galaxy!

Math

During the month of March, 6th grade Mathematicians will be exploring data and various ways to display it using stem plots, dot plots, histograms, box plots and percent bar graphs. Students will learn how to calculate and compare measures of center as well as describe the shape and spread of data.

Social Studies

This month we are continuing our studies over Asia. We will first look at South and Southeast Asia with all of their history and religion. We will then move onto North Africa and Southwest Asia after spring break. Students have been traveling across the world using virtual reality and Google expeditions to visit the Great Wall of China and other geographical sites in Asia.

Dear Parents and Students,

When a student says something in a threatening way or in a way that makes others feel unsafe, there are consequences regardless if these types of threats are made verbally, in the form of a note, or by making a “hit list” of some type. As parents, you can help keep our campus safe by speaking to your children about the seriousness of these types of behaviors as well as the possible consequences which would be applied in accordance with our Code of Conduct. We cannot always know when a student is joking or serious, so we take all threats against or reports that might affect the wellbeing of our students or staff seriously, and we will thoroughly investigate them.

The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. We have found that one of the most effective interventions has been the timely reporting of inappropriate or threatening behavior. Parents and students are encouraged to report threatening and inappropriate behavior by contacting the campus or the Conroe ISD Police Department, or by using our anonymous reporting systems, Anonymous Alerts and 1-888-KID-CHAT (543-2428).

Working together, our staff, students, and parents can keep our school safe. Please contact me at 281-465-3200 if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Deborah Spoon

“ **SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING** ”



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Conroe Independent School District

Anonymous Alerts report it



Cyber and Video Safety Suggestions

Please monitor your child's online activities, the games your child plays on their electronic devices, and the shows and movies they may be viewing. Be aware that there are predators who play and monitor some of the online activities that your child may be engaging in. Have discussions with your child regarding online safety and knowing whom they are playing with. Be warm and accepting of their conversations with you as they may be frightened sharing with you. Be aware of the movies and programs your child may be watching regardless of their age and maturity level. Often a child needs clarification and assistance processing the programming that they are watching. Take advantage of the opportunities to discuss material with your child and to touch base regarding their beliefs and opinions. Watch for any changes in their behavior and ask questions daily about their activities. Make them aware of the dangers posed by some games, shows and activities. There are a few resources regarding Internet Safety on the Guidance and Counseling Department Website: <http://www.conroeisd.net/departments/guidance-counseling/>

As you monitor and discuss your child's online activities, please take time to visit with your child about social networking. Most children today are using social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Vine or Twitter to name just a few, please discuss with your child what is appropriate and what is not appropriate to post on these sites about themselves and others. Please encourage your child to let you know if they are exposed to strangers who are trying to play games with them or engage them in conversations. There are rising occurrences of hidden messages in many YouTube videos, take the time to watch the videos with your child.

We care about each and every student. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your campus counselor, Tara Bodin, a campus administrator or the district Guidance and Counseling Office at 936-709-7846. Thank you for working with us to keep a safe environment for our students and our community.

Parent Teacher Organization

March 6th: PTO Board Meeting @ 9:30am

March 29th: Color Run @ 2pm Fundraiser incentive for those students who donated \$500 or more in the Direct Donation Campaign

PTO Spirit Events for March:

March 2nd: World Champions Center 7:30pm-10:00pm Cost is \$15 per child

March 4th: MOD Pizza

March 19th: Cast Iron Southern Grill & The Runaway Plate

Upcoming Bond Information

Parents and the community are invited to an informational presentation by Dr. Curtis Null, Superintendent, about the 2019 Bond Referendum. The presentation for our feeder will take place on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Grand Oaks High School auditorium. Anyone seeking information about planned projects impacting our campus can learn more by visiting <https://bond.conroeisd.net/#feeder> or <https://bond.conroeisd.net>.

Library News

Maker-space continues to be a hit with our students. Students are creating, de-constructing, strategizing and working cooperatively to problem solve; we are very pleased. Because this is such a great experience, we would love to expand the variety found in our maker-space area. If you have games, puzzles or small appliances you would like to clear from your home, we would love to give them a place to find some "love". Some game ideas might be: Boggle, Connect 4, Scrabble, Jenga, Yatzee, Flipside, Rummikub, Checkers, etc. For our de-construction center, small, old appliances would work wonderfully. Having the right de-construction tools can be a bit tricky, so if you have any you would like to part with, we would love to have have them too.

Please put on your calendar our last book fair of the year. We are thankful for this resource. Our fair is scheduled for April 1-5. This fair brings a new tool for parents: eWallets. We are very excited about how easy this will make it for parents and students. The eWallet allows parents to load an amount they want their child to safely spend. The concerns over loss and over-spending are greatly diminished. Access to create this account will open as early as two weeks prior to the beginning of the Fair. When the fair concludes, any unused funds will be released back to the credit card on file. More information will be coming home soon. Also, beginning on March 24- April 6th, family members will be able to shop online, using the link found on the library website or this link: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/tomcox>

As families are planning their shopping we encourage them to consider Summer-time reading, which will be here soon. Statistics tell us that students who read 20 minutes a day do better on tests. Students who read 5 books over the summer can avoid the "summer slide," where students frequently lose academic ground and have to relearn the lost information in the fall. What better time to stock up, than at the Scholastic Book Fair, with the great titles we expect to see.

Finally, we would love to have you volunteer for this great event. Our volunteers are invited to attend the teacher/volunteer event held on March 29th, 4:30-6PM for some early shopping. Also, our volunteers will enjoy the discount offered to our teachers. If you are ready to sign up, you can access the volunteer link here: <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/fa6oeoECF>

Sixth Grader Information

Important Dates for York

- 3/1 Verification sheets are in Parent Access. Any changes must be submitted online by March 8 at noon.
Math Placement letters are going home. Please follow directions in them.
- 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

Please visit Yorks site for [Drill Team information.](#) [Cheerleading Information.](#)

**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.