

Collins Cub Reporter

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January 2017

Collins Families:

Happy New Year to all of our Collins families! We are looking forward to and are excited for a fantastic 2018!

We are approaching the end of the 1st semester and that means we are almost half way through the school year already.

We will have no school on Monday, January 15th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. As the 1st semester comes to an end we will have ½ days of school on Thursday, January 25th and Friday, January 26th. We will begin the 2nd semester with a full day of school on Monday, January 29th.

As we set off on a new year, the Collins staff continues its commitment to every student. We are working hard at providing new and exciting opportunities for our students to be active participants in their education. An important part of this is Reading! Make it a New Year's goal to increase the amount of reading shared among you and your children.

Just as a friendly reminder, please make sure your child is dressed properly for the cold weather. The students will have outside recess as much as the temperature permits.

Have a terrific January!

Jennifer Kleiner
Collins Elementary Principal

Collins Elementary's Mission: With the support of the community, the mission of Bruce Collins Elementary is to foster a caring and enriching environment that enables all students to grow academically and socially to reach their individual potential, as they become lifelong learners.

Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School

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Utica Community Schools
Every Child
Achieves





SAVE THE DATE:

Kindergarten Registration is Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Check the website for more information as well as registration paperwork.

SAVE THE DATE: February 8, 2018

**Utica Community
Schools 11th annual
ACADEMIC BLITZ**



Thursday, FEB. 8, 2018 at Henry Ford II High School
Information booths open at 6 p.m., BLITZ runs from 7-9 p.m.

All UCS students & their parents are invited. Visit uticak12.org/academicblitz

Start your Game Plan NOW for success in high school and beyond!



Reminder To All Parents

Parents will not be allowed back into the classrooms at any time during the day without a scheduled appointment with the teacher. Any item(s) that need to be delivered can be dropped off in the school office. Please write the student and teacher's name on it. The office will notify the student's teacher and they will determine an appropriate time for the student to leave his/her classroom and retrieve the item(s). Thank you for helping us maintain our educational environment in and out of the classroom.

EARLY ARRIVAL

Our UCS parent and student handbook states, "general supervision begins 10 minutes before the start of school." At Collins, this means students should arrive at school **no earlier than 8:15 am**. Teachers begin supervising at that time. School begins at 8:25 am. Students **should not** come to school before this time unless enrolled in School Age Child Care (SAAC) or at 8:00 am for breakfast only.

LATE ARRIVAL

If your child comes in after the 8:25 am bell, YOU MUST ACCOMPANY THEM in the office and sign them in per district policy (page 6 in the handbook).

State Required Emergency Practice Drills

Fire Drills:

5 are required; 3 drills must be completed by December 1.

Tornado drills:

2 are required; 1 must occur in March.

Lockdown/Shelter in Place drills:

3 are required; 1 must occur by December 1 and 1 must occur after January 1.

- Must have a reasonable spacing interval between each drill.
- One drill must take place during a lunch or recess period when a significant number of students are gathered but not in the classroom.
- Documentation of each school safety drill will be posted on its website within 30 school days after the drill is completed.

House bill 4713 requires that all schools ensure that documentation of a completed school safety drill be posted on the building Web site and maintained on the Web site for at least three years. To meet this requirement, information regarding completed drills will be posted for all schools on the UCS district Web site.

As part of Utica Community Schools, Collins Elementary is working on becoming “green” and digital. As part of the process, report cards will no longer be printed after the Fall of 2016 for grades K through 6th, but will be available for parents to view in PowerSchool. PowerSchool is a parent website that allows parents to view their child’s grades at any time throughout the school year, check for missing assignments and view final grades at the end of each making period. Your child’s ID and password will remain the same through 12th grade. Please keep this in a safe place.

Nondiscrimination in Education

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, it is the policy of Utica Community Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Any person suspecting a discriminatory practice should contact the Executive Director of Human Resources at Utica Community Schools, 11303 Greendale, Sterling Heights, MI 48312 or call (586) 797-1000.

This January, Collins Elementary is offering parents two easy ways to electronically access your student's semester grades through a secure system. These options will allow parents to view semester grades and attendance as soon as the information becomes available:

- PowerSchool - PowerSchool allows you to view semester grades and attendance. Parents who do not have access to a PowerSchool account will need to register for one prior to the end of the marking period. The report cards will be automatically e-mailed to the address that is used to register the PowerSchool account.
- SchoolMessenger - As an added featured, the system we use to communicate with you through automated e-mails and phone messages also provides parents a secure way to manage and receive information. This registration process will also allow you to set your preferred method of notifications for emergencies and school notices. Parents must first have a PowerSchool account to register for this system.

Our school will no longer automatically print and mail report cards to parents. Printed report cards will be available by requesting one from our school office.

More information on how to register for secure accounts is available through the "My Collins" tab under the quick links tab for parents or by going directly to <http://uticak12.org/studentinfocenter>

Thank You Lunch Supervisors and Volunteers

Collins students and staff would like to thank our wonderful helpers that take the time to come in and volunteer at our school. We would not be able to do the great things here at Collins without your help.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Programs that Donate to Bruce Collins PTO



www.kroger.com

1. Sign into your Kroger's award account
2. Click Community tab
3. Click Community Rewards
4. Enroll Now
5. Fill out your information
6. Type **Collins PTO**, click on circle
7. Enroll

***You must re-enroll each year. This can easily be done by accessing your Kroger account and clicking Community Rewards Re-Enroll Tab.**



Gordon Food Service

Our organization name is **Bruce Collins Elementary PTO**

When checking out you can tell them our organization name and our PTO earns rewards for future purchases.

Thank you for helping contribute to Collins PTO.