

Collins Cub Reporter



Collins Elementary School | est. 1969

February 2018

Dear Collins Families,

It is hard to believe that the 2017-18 school year is half way over! I hope you have had an enjoyable year so far sharing in your child's accomplishments as they progress daily in math, reading, writing, science, and social studies. We should all take great pride in the work that is being done by our students. Our students are working daily on skills in various subject areas and I am happy to say that our Cubs are rising to the challenges and being very successful!

Please be advised again, that UCS is no longer printing report cards. We have sent out various communications regarding this subject. Parents with PowerSchool accounts will receive an email with a link to your child's report card by the end of the day, Tuesday February 6th. If you do not receive a report card or you still need assistance in setting up a PowerSchool Parent Portal Account, we will be more than happy to assist you. Just call or stop by the office.

Some important upcoming events to remember are:

February 5th Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser Night
February 7th Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30 pm
February 8th Academic Blitz @ Henry Ford High School 6pm
February 13th McDonald's Night 5-7 pm
February 14th COUNT DAY! Please be in school!
February 19th -23rd Midwinter Break NO SCHOOL
February 26th School Resumes
March 14th Kindergarten Open House 7pm
(additional information at uticak12.org click on Kindergarten 2018)

Together, we will create an outstanding learning experience for all our Collins Cubs!

I hope you and your family have a great February!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Kleiner
Collins Elementary Principal

Collins Elementary's Mission: To provide an enriching and caring learning environment, to help all Collins students grow academically and socially and to enhance self esteem and respect for others.

Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School

- ❖ Principal's Message
- ❖ Nursery / Preschool Open House
- ❖ UCS Art Festival
- ❖ Message to Parents
- ❖ School Breakfast
- ❖ Kindergarten Registration
- ❖ District Calendar



Utica Community Schools



Preschool/Nursery School

Open House

Thursday, February 15th, 2018

6:00 pm — 8:00 pm

At All Current Locations



Parents of young children in Utica Community Schools and neighboring areas are invited to an open house for the District's Early Childhood (Nursery and Preschool) programs. Come meet the teacher, see the classrooms and get answers to your questions.

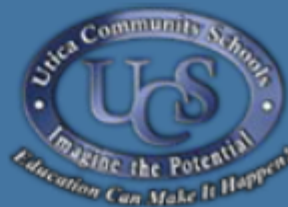


For additional information call (586) 797-4660
www.ucsccommunityeducation.com



Come Explore Excellence!

Utica Community Schools
Early Childhood Programs
586-797-4660 or 586-797-6988
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Utica Community Schools to host one of region's largest student art festivals March 19-21



Utica Community Schools will present its annual K-12 Fine Arts Festival March 19 through March 21 at Rose Kidd Elementary School, 38397 Gladstone Dr in Sterling Heights.

The festival will feature nearly 5,000 pieces of student artwork.

Gallery hours for the free event will be from 6:00 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 19 and 1 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20 and 21.

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).

MYPLATE GUIDE TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST

for Families

Fruits

FRUITS

A full cup of fruit is available every day, providing nutrients that are important for kids' health, such as potassium, dietary fiber, vitamin C, and folate (folic acid).

MILK

Dairy

Kids and teens need the calcium, protein, and vitamin D found in milk for strong bones, teeth, and muscles.

Vegetables

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Every breakfast does not include vegetables, but schools may offer them in place of fruits.

Protein

PROTEIN FOODS

Some breakfast menus may offer items such as eggs, meats or cheese to pair with whole-grain options.

GRAINS

Grains

Starting every day the whole grains way gives kids and teens B vitamins, minerals, and fiber to feel fuller longer so they stay alert to concentrate at school.

HOW DOES SCHOOL BREAKFAST HELP FAMILIES?



Fuels learning

Kids and teens can concentrate on their schoolwork better when they're not hungry. Studies show that kids do better in school when they eat breakfast.



Provides better nutrition

Studies show that people who eat breakfast have higher intakes of dietary fiber, B vitamins, calcium, iron, and other nutrients.



Saves time

School breakfast can simplify mornings for families by offering kids and teens healthy options that fit into their schedule.

Breakfast is available every day at your student's school in the cafeteria!

Visit our website for menu and pricing information.

www.uticak12.org/foodandnutrition



Parents of children who will be starting kindergarten in Utica Community Schools in fall 2018 can begin the registration process at kindergarten open houses being held at all 25 UCS elementary schools on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

At the open house, parents will have the opportunity to learn about the district's nationally-recognized kindergarten program, meet the teachers and building staff and submit school registration forms.

Children are eligible for kindergarten if they turn five years old on or before September 1, 2018. However, children who turn five between September 1 and December 1, 2018 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten if their parents submit a waiver form.

To register, parents must supply:

An original birth certificate or certified copy, with raised seal, issued by the clerk of the county where your child was born or the health department of the state of birth;

Your child's health immunization record; including vision and hearing screenings. Be sure to schedule immunization updates early these appointments are often limited;

Photo I.D. (Driver's license or work photo I.D.)

Proof of residency, such as property tax bill, closing papers or lease agreement. Please know that we are not able to accept utility bills.

2017-2018 Calendar

Important Note -

Below please find an overview of the 2017-2018 Utica Community Schools calendar. Please note some important changes from the previous schedules.

These changes are required under a new state law that expanded instructional time for all Michigan students.

For the next school year, legislation for expanded instructional time has resulted in full days on January 3, 2018, May 25, 2018 and a half-day on Friday, June 15, 2018. In addition, three minutes will be added to the high school instructional day (Eisenhower, Henry Ford II, Stevenson and Utica high schools) with dismissal at 2:14 p.m.

Click [here](#) for a printable version of the calendar.

September 5	First Day of School Half Day for Elementary Students Full Day for Secondary Students
October 11	Junior High School Conferences Full Day for All Students Junior High School Conferences in the evening
October 12	7-12 Parent Conferences Full Day for Elementary Students Half Day for Secondary Students for afternoon conferences High School Conferences continue into evening
October 31	Half Day for Elementary Students Full Day for Secondary Students
November 7	Professional Development Day No School
November 16	K-6 Conferences Half Day for Elementary Students for afternoon conferences Full Day for Secondary Students
November 22	Thanksgiving Break Begins No School
November 27	Classes Resume
December 25	Winter Break Begins No School
January 3	Classes Resume
January 15	MLK Day No School
January 24	Secondary Exams Full Day for Elementary Students Half Day for Secondary Students
January 25	Secondary Exams Half Day for All Students
January 26	Secondary Exams Half Day for All Students

February 19	Mid-Winter Break Begins No School
February 26	Classes Resume
March 30	Good Friday No School
April 2	Spring Break Begins No School
April 9	Classes Resume
April 13	Half Day for Elementary Students Full Day for Secondary Students
May 28	Memorial Day No School
June 13	Secondary Exams Full Day for Elementary Students Half Day for Secondary Students
June 14	Secondary Exams Half Day for All Students
June 15	Last Day of School Secondary Exams Half Day for All Students

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.