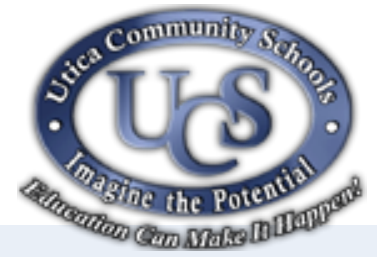


Collins Cub Reporter

Collins Elementary School | est. 1969



April, 2018

Dear Collins Families,

Welcome to our last marking period of the year! It is hard to believe we are onto the final months of the school year, but there is still much in store for us.

We would like to thank everyone for the great participation with "March is Reading Month"! Our students read over 170,000 minutes during March, that's amazing! Please continue to encourage your child to read throughout the year, read to you at home and share your love of reading with each other.

This Spring our students in grades 3rd- 6th will be taking part in MSTEP & MIAccess Michigan State Assessments. Specific information and testing dates will be coming home from individual grade levels. **It is very important that students will be in school and on time on these days.** Please make every effort to have them here. If you know in advance your child will not be in school on a testing day please notify the office and your child's teacher. Thank You!

All students in K-6th grade will also be completing their Spring NWEA Assessments as well by the end of May.

We have numerous field trips, field days, activities and events planned over the next few months. Please continue to watch for specific information on these events from your classroom teachers as well.

Sincerely,
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.

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Utica Community Schools
Every Child Achieves



Collins Elementary

2017-2018 Yearbook

Can only be purchased online through
PaySchools for \$15.00.

We've put together a collection of classroom photos and candids from throughout the year, for a book your child will enjoy for years to come!

Yearbooks were NOT offered in the fall.

Order your child's memory book beginning
Monday, April 10th through Friday, April 21st!

Books will be delivered to students on June 15.

To order your child's yearbook:

- 1.) Go to www.uticak12.org
- 2.) Click on "Schools"
- 3.) Scroll down to "Collins Elementary" and click Collins
- 4.) On the next page, click on Parents Tab, then "My Collins". From the "My Collins", you will click on the PaySchools link. If you do not have an account, you will need to create your PaySchools account; you can do this by following the prompts once you click "Your Online Profile".

PaySchools only stores the information requested at the time of registering (name, address, telephone number, email address and password). For your security, they do NOT store any bank account information. Payment information will need to be entered each time you make a purchase. Payment options include e-check, PayPal account, or Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express Credit or debit card. Once your transaction has been successfully completed, you will receive a confirmation screen and a confirmation email. If your use a debit/credit card or PayPal account, you will also receive a confirmation email from PayPal. Please keep the email(s) for your records.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY ORDERS OR MONEY TO THE OFFICE. Online is the only way to get a yearbook. We will not have extras for sale when they are distributed, so please don't miss this opportunity. Thank you!

Student Testing

What Parents Can Do to Help Students Prepare

As a parent and your child's first teacher, you can help your child understand and prepare for the assessments they will take in school. Here are some points that will help your child perform their best:

Find out the facts: To start, review the Michigan Department of Education's Parent/Student Information at: www.michigan.gov/mstep, which includes valuable information on state assessments and the Spring testing calendar.

Talk to your child about testing: Let them know that assessment is a regular part of learning. Make sure they understand why they are being tested and how it is important to their future.

Keep state tests in perspective: Reduce your child's anxiety about the test by reminding them that it is just one measure of learning, and another way to find out where their academic strengths and weaknesses are. Remind them of what they do well, and how they have improved with effort.

Take a look at the state practice opportunities and encourage your child to practice at home: Not only will this help you better understand the types of questions your child will be answering, it will help familiarize your child with the test format and features. If your child is struggling, let the teacher know so when your child takes the test, the focus can be more on test content and less on test navigation. Links to the below information can be found at www.michigan.gov/mstep in the parent/student section.

- Elementary and middle school M-STEP sample test items can be found at: www.michigan.gov/mstep/
- High School PSAT and SAT sample test items can be found at: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat> or the MDE assessment high school page: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>

Make sure that your child is well rested and eats a high protein, low sugar/carb breakfast: Children who are tired, hungry or have too much sugar and carbs are less able to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of a test.

Remember—Attending school matters: Tests reflect children's overall knowledge and achievement. Missing school means missing instruction.

Meet with your child's teacher as often as possible to discuss progress: Ask the teacher to suggest activities for you and your child to do at home to increase and reinforce student learning.

Learn what your child should be learning in English language arts, math, social studies, and science:

Michigan learning standards can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/mistatestandards>. In addition, the PTA has developed the PTA Parents' Guide to Success, which gives descriptions of the skills and knowledge your child is expected to gain every year.



Testing Facts to Share with Your Child

- 1 Tests are just one way teachers, schools, districts, and states use to measure what students know and how well they are learning what is taught.
- 2 The purpose of a state assessment is to ensure our state's schools do the best job possible in preparing students to become successful, based on a set of agreed-upon standards.
- 3 Because the state test is exactly aligned with Michigan's standards, test questions should be a natural extension of what students are learning every day in their classrooms.

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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).



School & Community Wellness

Spring 2018



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Resource Room Spotlight

The Resource Room at School & Community Wellness is filled with educational health and wellness kits and displays that can be lent out to your school. Lesson plans and suggested handouts are included.

Featured Kit: *What's In Tobacco?* Students will be surprised when they find out how many chemicals are found in a cigarette. This interactive kit allows them to pull some examples out of a "cigarette" tube. This kit can be used as a display or lesson. It includes lesson plans, discussion questions, Clever Catch Tobacco Questions ball, a list of the 599 ingredients in a cigarette and reproducible handouts.

E-cigarettes: Dangerous, Available & Addicting

Parents may try electronic cigarettes (also called e-cigarettes) to help them quit smoking. Teens may try them because they think they're safer than regular cigarettes. However, cancer-causing chemicals, including nicotine, have been found in e-cigarettes.

E-cigarettes are falsely advertised as a way to help smokers quit, but this has not been proven and is not recommended by the nation's leading health organizations. E-cigarettes are sold in many colors, shapes, sizes, and flavors like vanilla, chocolate, and bubble gum. The devices have a battery, vaporizer, and cartridge that make an aerosol mist that is inhaled. Smoking e-cigarettes is known as "vaping."

E-cigarette usage has doubled among middle and high school students. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) survey data from 2014 show that e-cigarettes are the most frequently used tobacco product, more so than combustible cigarettes.

E-cigarettes do not have to follow the same rules as other tobacco products. This means that the amount of nicotine and other harmful ingredients in each cartridge is not always the same across brands, and can even differ from what is listed on the product's label.

It's easy for kids to buy e-cigarettes: no national law about purchasing e-cigarettes exists, which means that in some states, kids of any age are able to purchase e-cigarettes in stores, mall kiosks, conveniences stores or online.

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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.



Community Education
School Age Child Care Program



SPRING BREAK CAMP

ANIMAL ADVENTURE



April 2 - 6, 2018

Join us for some animal adventures where children will be able to interact with various animals from RepCo Wild Life. Students will also have large and small group activities centered around animal life.

*Location

Rose Kidd Elementary
38397 Gladstone
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
Care available 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Registration

Call 586-797-6980

\$150 per child (registered by March 16, 2018)

\$165 per child (registered between March 17 - 29, 2018)

Payment due in full at time of registration

Includes 2 snacks per day

Please pack a lunch with a drink daily for your child

**No registrations taken during camp
MUST register by March 29 2018 to attend**

*Location is subject to change

Visit us online www.communityeducation.com/school_age_child_care or call (586) 797-6980

**Are you looking for a part-time job? Are you retired but restless?
Come drive for our valued team!**

Utica Community Schools is seeking Bus Driver candidates. We will provide the necessary skills and training to earn a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

- Part-time routes available with opportunity to expand hours
- Must have a safe driving record and a professional, student-first demeanor
- This is a great job for retired military, auto industry and others

Find out more about our CDL assistance program by calling 586-797-7100.

If your credentials are currently in order, apply directly to employment opportunities at www.utcak12.org or call HR at 586-797-1130.

