



Colonial Heights Newsletter



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Important Dates

Mon. Sept. 30- Fri. Oct. 4	Fall Break, No School
Mon. Oct. 7	Non Student Day, No School
Fri., Oct. 18	Make-Up Picture Day
Tues., Oct. 22	7th & 8th Grade Report Cards Available in Aeries
Fri., Oct. 25	PTSA Movie Night
Tues., Oct. 29	Kids Night Out for 5-8th Graders Permission Slips Required/Prepaid Event

Principal's Message



September was School Attendance Awareness month. Thank you for your efforts in ensuring your students had every opportunity to learn by making sure they were at school. Last year one-quarter of our students were classified with Chronic Absenteeism. This is an improvement from the previous year when one-third of our students were Chronically Absent. For a student to be classified as Chronically Absent they are absent from school more than 10% of the time. With a 180 day school year, that means they were absent more than 18 days, which is basically an entire month of academic school days. In other words, one-quarter of our students missed more than a month of school last year. The staff of Colonial Heights is extremely dedicated and work very hard to provide students with their missed work when they are absent. Most students complete that work but, one thing the pandemic taught us is that students learn best when they are face-to-face, live, with their teacher. Even if students are doing the make-up work when they are absent they are not learning as much as they could or should if they were actually at school. If your child is sick and running a fever please keep them home, but if they are not, send them to school. We want all of our kids to reach their highest potential and that starts with being in school.

Sincerely,

Lance Morrow, Principal, Colonial Heights

Angela Morales, Assistant Principal, Colonial Heights

"Great Things Happen Here"

Character Education Trait of the Month

October Character Education Words are:

Health & Safety & Mindfulness

Health and Safety and Mindfulness is when a person pays attention to his/her own thoughts, actions, and motivations in the present moment in a non-judgmental way and educates himself/herself and others to thrive. It is *demonstrated* by conscious choices he/she makes to maintain a calm, clean, bully-free campus and online platform for himself/herself and others.

Character Education Word(s) for the month of September: Responsibility

TK: Abigail, Demek

Kinder: Ashley

Kinder: Benjamin, Jay'chelle, Grayson

1st: David, Ellie

1st: Elliott, Jemima, Jennifer

2nd: Cailee, Thomas

2nd: Athena, Hutner

3rd: Giovanni G., Atticus

3rd: Dre'Monie, Lana, Diasy

3rd: Anthony, Averie

4th: Natalie, Aaron

4th: Kevin B., Genevieve N.

5th: Valery, Carlisle

5th: Skyler, Cristian

6th: Aleia, Preston

6th: De'Ja, Ava Jade

7 / 8: Noah, Nyla



LOOK HERE!

EVERY FRIDAY IS SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY
WEAR SCHOOL SPIRIT ATTIRE OR BLUE AND GRAY
SHOW YOUR COUGAR PRIDE!



Drop Off / Pick Up



Students must **NOT be dropped off before 7:40 AM**, when the gates open. This is for their safety. **There is no supervision prior to that time.**

Please pick up your student promptly when school is released.
Early Release on Monday's at 1:30PM
Tuesday thru Friday, students are released at 2:30PM



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Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Gillig and Mrs. Reed want you to know our door is always open and we encourage you to reach out with any needs your student has and/or concerns that may arise. We are available to provide school based counseling services and/or assist you with community referrals that may best suit your families needs. We look forward to partnering with you this year!

All the Best, Mrs. Gillig & Mrs. Reed
Mrs. Gillig - agillig@lusd.net
Mrs. Reed - creed@lusd.net

Phone - 209-953-8783 (school office)
953-8792 (counselor's office)



Instagram: @gilligs_counseling_connection

Cheryl's Closet 2024-2025

Cheryl's closet is a place where our students and families can access gently used or new items like clothing (for example jackets, sweatshirts, t-shirts, new undergarments, etc.), toiletries (for example soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) and school supplies like backpacks, pencils, folders and notebooks to name a few.

There is no cost for the items in Cheryl's Closet. If your family would like some items, please contact your student's teacher or our school counselor Mrs. Gillig. Students can also visit Cheryl's closet during the school day to obtain needed items.

Would YOU like to donate? Cheryl's Closet is currently in need of the following donations:

- *Leggings/ sweat pants with elastic waist (boys-girls/all sizes)
- *New underwear/socks (boys-girls/all sizes)
- *Sweatshirts - boys-girls/all sizes
- *School Supplies - folders, binders, notebooks

Thank you in advance for your generosity! Donations may be delivered to our front office.

Thank you for supporting Cheryl's Closet!



SAFETY CORNER WITH OFFICER RAIKES

Please utilize both parking lots when dropping off and picking up students before and after school to minimize traffic in the kiss and go lane.

Some Safety Tips from Officer Raikes

- Drive slowly and cautiously while in the school zone
- Pick up your child in a timely manner after school
- Show your child how to dial 911 and from where
- Provide your child's school with current emergency information
- Make sure your child knows his or her full name, address, and phone number
- Make sure your child knows to stay away from strangers and to yell for help if approached
- Do not drop off and pick up students at the building next to the CH parking lot (East), for business use only
- Parents, please drop off at the curb

Thank you,
Officer Raikes

Don't forget, Lincoln offers a Fee-Based, Full Day Preschool.

Our program operates on the Lincoln Annex campus (2020 West Swain Road), Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5pm.

The cost is a flat rate of \$30 per day, billed monthly, following Lincoln Unified's school calendar for the year.

To enroll in our fee-based, full day preschool program, your child must be toilet trained, 3 or 4 years old (priority to children who are 4 years old or will turn 4 by Sept 1st), live within Lincoln Unified school district boundaries or have a family member employed with Lincoln Unified.

Step 1: Add your preschooler to our current waitlist <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevmdxNGIHmhAJgxMQqx8B-pr4xRr6eXZNHslQZDOC-ynSnvA/viewform>.

Step 2: ECE Staff will call families to schedule an enrollment appointment from our waitlist in priority order. Enrollment appointments will take place at the Early Childhood Education Office (2016 Paloma Ave). Once you have an appointment, ECE Staff will provide you an enrollment packet to complete and bring, along with all other required documents, to your enrollment appointment.

If you have any questions about this process, please call Judy Smith (209 953-8731) or email jsmith@lusd.net.

ABSENCES

Attention Parents: Please call the Colonial



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Heights office at 209-953-8783 or send a message on parent square to clear your student(s) absences. Excused absences must be cleared within 48 hours after the student returns to school. Thank you!

Need School Supplies?

Is your student in need of school supplies? Need a new backpack? Please contact Mrs. Gillig agillig@lusd.net or your child's teacher. We can help! We have school supplies and backpacks available on campus through Cheryl's Closet.



2024-25 REGISTRATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE FOR ADULTS

Open Enrollment from August - May

Free in-person classes offering practice skills in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking in a welcoming learning community.

English Language class options:

- 1 **Monday & Wednesday**
Beginning Level
8:30-11:30am

Intermediate/
Advanced Level
12:00-3:00pm
- 2 **Tuesday & Thursday**
Intermediate/
Advanced Level
8:30-11:30am

Beginning Level
3:00-6:00pm

Enrollment steps required

- 2024-25 Registration form
- 2 hour Caspas Assessment
- Review class placement based on test results
- Complete 1 hour Orientation
- Confirm assigned schedule and start date

(209)953-9710 gmartinez@lusd.net

2020 W. Swain Rd.
Stockton, CA 95207 lusd.net

Reserve your Spot
Space is Limited



Scan QR Code or
Contact office



Explore the arts and express yourself!



Get involved! PTA.org/Reflections

Workshop Dates

1st - 3rd grades

Wed/Thurs. Oct 9 & 10

Wed/Thurs. Oct 16 & 17

@ 2:45-3:45pm in RM 11

4-6th grades

Tues/Wed. Oct 8 & 9

Tues/Wed. Oct 15 & 16

@ 2:45-3:45pm in RM 21

ENTRIES ARE DUE FRIDAY OCTOBER 18th

To: Mrs. Oeun or Mrs. Zaragoza

Updated Cell Phone Policy for 2024-25 School Year

We would like to follow up on recently announced changes to our cell phone policy for the 2024-25 school year. As stated in a letter sent home to parents and guardians, students will not be able to use their cell phones during instructional time. Students will be required to place their phones in an identified space in their classrooms, and their phones will need to be turned off.

We want to reiterate that students will place their own cell phones in an assigned area inside their classroom at the start of each class period or school day, and personally retrieve them when their class period or school day is over. At our high school campuses, students will have access to their phones during passing periods and at lunch.

In the case of an emergency at school, it is common to want to reach your student or have them contact you with updates. However, we want to prevent the spread

CH COUGARS:

PAYMENT ACCEPTED HERE



We have a new online payment system! Just create an account, add your child and pay book and chromebook fines from home.

PAY LIBRARY FINES!

Scan the QR code or go to this website:
<https://lincolnusd.graystep.com/>

Questions? Call Mrs. Blount
@ 209-953-8785, lblount@lusd.net



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of false or incomplete information during a crisis situation, and first responders and law enforcement recommend that we do whatever we can to keep this from happening. With this in mind, we will relay emergency information to parents and guardians as quickly as possible through ParentSquare. Each school in our district also has an administrative office phone that students may use to contact their families.



INTRODUCTION TO CITIZENSHIP CLASS

! Must have an intermediate to advanced level of understanding of English

Free, In-person, Introductory Course reviewing important concepts:

- U.S History & Government
- Path to applying for Citizenship
- Resources

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
OCT 8TH
SPACE IS LIMITED

SCHEDULE

Monday & Wednesday
3:00pm- 6:00pm

Starts October 21st
Ends December 18th

Location:
Lincoln Unified Adult School
2020 W. Swain Road
Stockton, CA

lUSD.net

Mandatory Orientation after Enrollment:
Friday, October 11
from 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.



Scan QR Code



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