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Cockrell Connection

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Cockrell Front Office Staff

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SCHOOL HOURS

Grades PK-4.....7:55-3:15 PM
Front Doors Open.....7:15 AM
Breakfast Served.....7:15-7:50 AM
Students Enter Class.....7:45 AM
Class Begins.....7:55 AM

***Students must be inside the building by 7:55 AM. Students entering the building after this time will be tardy. If a student is tardy, parents are required to park and come in the lobby to sign them in.**

COCKRELL STUDENT SONG

We come together to discover something new
Asking questions sharing points of view
Pride in our school, in our work, and play
Reaching higher everyday
Cockrell Elementary CUBS!
Excellence is our specialty
Cubs through and through we will be
Pledging honor and loyalty
COCKRELL CUBS, COCKRELL CUBS!
RAISE YOUR PAWS FOR ALL TO SEE!
COCKRELL CUBS, COCKRELL CUBS!
OUR STRNGTH IS IN OUR UNITY!

There's No Place Like Cockrell

Welcome to Cockrell Elementary and the 2026-2027 school year! We are excited to have you and your child(ren) as part of our Cub family. By working together, we will ensure that every student has a safe and successful year at Cockrell. We welcome you to visit our school and contact us with any questions you may have.



Help support our students and staff by joining our Cockrell PTO. If you would like to join scan the QR code to sign up, the membership fee is $10.

VISITORS & SAFETY

ALL visitors must check in with a current Driver's License and receive a Visitor Tag at the Front Office before going to any other areas of the building. The Visitor Tag must always be worn the entire time you are on campus.

Classroom visits will be permitted with the principal's and teacher's prior approval. Teacher conferences will need to be scheduled during the teacher's conference time.

We appreciate your time and understanding when you visit Cockrell and are required to show identification. The process takes only a few seconds and is well worth the safety of all our children.

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is critical for the quality of your child's education. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning opportunities. Should it be necessary for your child to miss a day of school, you must submit your child's absence online or send a written and signed note stating the reason for the child's absence **within 3 days of the absence** with the information listed below.

- **Student's first and last legal name**
- **Grade Level**
- **Student ID #**
- **Specific dates of the absence**
- **Specific reason for the absence**
- **Parent signature**

If a doctor's note is submitted, please make sure that it covers ALL days of the absence. If not, please send an accompanying parent note with the above-listed information. Emails will no longer be accepted. Students are required to attend class 90% of the time it is offered to be able to receive credit and be promoted to the next grade level. All absences, regardless of excused or unexcused, including leaving early and coming in late, count towards the **90% rule.**

Please help make your child's education a top priority by building a habit of daily attendance

First Days of School

- Parents will be permitted to walk their student to class the first day of school.
- August 19: Doors will open at 7:15 and all parents may walk students to their classroom to be greeted by their teacher.
- August 20th and on - students will walk into the building independently. We will have staff available the first week to assist students and ensure they make it to their classroom.

Car Rider Placard Pick-Up

If you do not have a placard you will be asked to come into the building and show your ID

- August 11-14 8-4PM
- August 17-18 8-4PM

Lunch Visitors



Lunch visitors will begin on Tuesday September 8th.

Cockrell Spirit Shirts

Our Cockrell Elementary Spirit Shirts for the 2026-2027 school year are on sale now! All students are encouraged to purchase a spirit shirt, which shows our Cockrell pride and can be worn any day. These shirts will be worn on field trips and during other school activities. Each grade level has a specific color shirt. Click HERE to order your child's shirt today!



Pre-K – Safety Green
Kinder- Safety Pink
1st Grade – Neon Yello
2nd Grade – Purple
3rd Grade – Safety Orange
4th Grade - Turquoise



Character Strong

Character Strong is our district-wide character education program. Each month we focus on a different character trait.

School-Wide Expectations

At Cockrell, we use PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) to teach and encourage students to be **SAFE**, **RESPECTFUL**, & **RESPONSIBLE** in all areas of the school. At the beginning of the school year, teachers and students discuss what this looks like in each area of the school. Teachers and staff award individuals and classes with ClassDojo points for exhibiting the desired behaviors of being safe, respectful, and responsible. Each time a class earns 100 dojo points they will earn a reward which in turn helps the students work towards a school-wide reward.

Cub of the Month

Beginning in September teachers will nominate 1 student from each class that represents that months character trait. That student and their parents will be invited to a short presentation where each student will be acknowledged and receive a yard sign to keep for the month!





ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Car Riders - All parents will need a car rider placard to pick up any student from our line. Parents who do not have a placard will be asked to park and show ID in the building.

Placard Pick Up:

- ***Week of August 10-14 8:00-4:00***

Students will be called to their cars during dismissal using their name/grade. Car riders are defined as children whose parents remain in the car throughout the drop off and pick up procedures. Please do not park or drop off from the street. Car traffic is heavy and unpredictable at dismissal time making it very unsafe.

- **Car Rider Arrival**-Car riders can be dropped off in the **front driveway beginning at 7:15 AM**. Do not drop students earlier than 7:15 AM, there is no supervision for your child before this time. We have a lot of car riders at Cockrell. ***To avoid long lines, we recommend arriving prior to 7:40 AM.***
- **Car Rider Dismissal** - **Car rider dismissal will be in the front of the school.** Beginning the 1st day of school . a car rider placard must be shown to the staff member calling names. Cars that do not have the Cockrell placard will be asked to park and come in to the building to show ID.

Walkers/Bike Riders - Walkers and bike riders are defined as children who walk /ride their bikes to and from school property and home. Walkers and bike riders are to stay on the sidewalks at all times. Parents should not park across the street from the school or in neighborhoods and have students walk to their cars. ***Pre-K and Kinder students must have an adult waiting to receive them after crossing the driveway.***

- ***Walkers/Bike Rider Arrival-*** Students eating breakfast should arrive between 7:15 and 7:45 AM. Bike riders must park their bike on the bike rack located inside the fence near the hardtop.
- ***Walker/Bike Rider Dismissal-*** Walkers and bike riders will be dismissed before our car riders begin loading. Students will be walked along the sidewalk that leads to Old Alvin Rd. All walkers and bike riders grades 1-4 will be released regardless if there is an adult present. **Pre-K and kinder students must have an adult to meet them.** *****Parents will wait for students on the neighborhood sidewalk or the Old Alvin sidewalk across from the school. We are asking that parents do not cross the street or driveway and allow our teachers and crossing guard to cross students.***

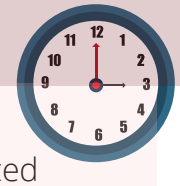
Bus Transportation - The opportunity to ride a Pearland ISD school bus is a privilege and certain expectations for appropriate conduct have been established to ensure the safety of all the students. Parents will be notified of any student who does not follow the bus rules. Students are allowed to ride their regular bus only. They may not ride home with a friend.

Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten will only be released from the bus to an approved adult using their child's unique PIN# provided by the parents at the time of registration.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW OUR 2026-2027 ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL MAPS!

CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION

It is extremely important to our staff that all students are dismissed safely every day. Frequently changing modes of dismissal transportation can cause confusion for children. **Emergency** situations do arise which may require a change in how students go home. If there is a change in how your child will go home, please notify the teacher in writing. If advance notice is not possible, phone calls advising the office of transportation changes must be called in **no later than 2:30pm**. Students' dismissal transportation will not be changed after 2:30pm unless approved by an administrator.



EARLY PICK-UP

To ensure a smooth and organized dismissal, parents who need to pick up their child up early for an after-school doctor's appointment, etc., should do so by 2:30 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation!

PICKING UP STUDENTS

If someone other than the parent will be picking up your child, the person's name must be listed in Skyward as a family member or emergency contact. The person designated to pick up your child must be prepared to show appropriate identification to school officials.

THURSDAY FOLDERS

Thursday has been designated as the day that all campus and district level information and other important messages will be sent home. Please check and read over the material and sign and return all necessary items to school. Your prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.



STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Your child may bring in store bought birthday treats for the class to celebrate their birthday (or 1/2 birthday). Birthday treats will be shared with your child's class either at recess or at the end of the school day. Your child's teacher will communicate when they prefer to celebrate birthdays. Teachers appreciate it when parents send in treats that are single servings (cupcakes, bookies, donuts, etc...) because they are easier to distribute.

Half Birthdays: June/December, July/January, August/February

Birthday invitations may be sent home from school if every student in the class (or every boy/girl) is receiving the initiation.

Nurse Notes



Nurse Broussard is excited to begin her 1st year at Cockrell! She wants to encourage you to visit the district Health Services information page using the QR code below. If you have any questions for her, please email her at broussardan@pearlandisd.org

Students at Cockrell are not allowed to carry any medications with them. All medications must be brought to the clinic with a note from the parent.

All student immunizations must be current. If an updated immunization is needed, you will be notified. Kindergarteners and Pre-Kindergartners should be fully immunized before the start of school. Please send a copy of any updates to the clinic.

CAFETERIA INFORMATION & PROCEDURES

Breakfast $1.45 ($0.30 Reduced)
Lunch $2.50 ($0.40 Reduced)

- Money can be easily added to your child's account for additional items they wish to purchase at www.schoolcafe.com .
- We welcome lunch visitors at Cockrell beginning Tuesday September 3rd. (We are closed to lunch visitors the first few weeks of school. This time is used for teaching routines, procedures, and expectations for the cafeteria.)
  - All visitors will check in at the front reception desk with photo ID and **must be listed on student's emergency card**.
  - We suggest that you arrive early to ensure that you are ready at your child's lunch time.
  - Visitors are welcome to bring in lunch for themselves and their Cockrell Cub, however, students can still purchase a meal from the cafeteria when they have guests. If a cafeteria lunch is needed, the student will get their lunch from the cafeteria line and meet the lunch guest at the tables in the center of the cafeteria.
  - Lunch visitors are not permitted to take additional students to the middle tables.
  - We ask all visitors to say their goodbyes at the cafeteria doors at the end of your child's lunch time. Visitors should not walk back to the classroom with the class but should report directly to the reception desk to check out.
  - Closed Campus Days: There will be a limited number of days when we will be closed to lunch visitors due to testing, etc... These days will be communicated well in advance through the Cockrell Connection.
  - If you are dropping off a lunch for your child, please make sure you have it here early so that we have time to get the lunch to your child.

Cockrell Vision Statement

Cockrell Elementary will cultivate independent thinkers by promoting academic excellence, strengthening problem solving skills, and fostering respect and responsibility as students grow into compassionate leaders.

Cockrell Mission Statement

At Cockrell Elementary, our mission is to guide each student on a path of academic and personal growth by fostering a supportive environment rooted in high expectations. We are dedicated to helping every child become a confident, compassionate, and capable learner prepared for future success.

Cockrell Goal

Cockrell Elementary will strive for continued academic success where learning encompasses both inquiry and excitement.

Important Dates

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