

Coal City Intermediate School Newsletter

May 10, 2019

Students of the Week ~ Congratulations!

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Family Paint Night

Family Paint Night is Friday, May 17th for CCES and CCIS students! The theme is **BLACK** Light **PAINT** Night...glow in the dark fun for the whole family! Register by TODAY and then come to the CCES Lunchroom at Door 7 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on May 17th. See the attached flyer for more information.

NEW YMCA Programs at CCIS

The YMCA is offering NEW Programs at CCIS on **Tuesdays for \$5.00** a session right after school until 4:15. Register today DIY Picture Frames (5/14). An informational form is attached or you can look on the CCIS website. Please register 48 hours in advance to ensure they have enough supplies.

Drive Slowly and Safely on School Grounds

PLEASE drive slowly on school grounds especially as you enter/leave the parking lot! Also, for morning drop-off we want to have FOUR cars unloading at a time in the drop-off lane. As soon as your car turns at the orange cones and comes to a stop, students should exit your vehicle.

Registration

On-line registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now available and **must be completed by Wednesday, June 5, 2019**. Go to our website at: www.coalcityschools.org, under the parent tab, select registration information, then select returning student registration. Sign into the PowerSchool parent portal and select on-line registration on the left. Most tablets and cell phones do not work well with the online school form software, so please use a computer with a full browser to complete the process. Questions? Call the school office at 815-634-2182.

Mobile Dental Clinic in CCIS Parking Lot

The Will County Mobile Dental Clinic will be in Coal City at Help for Hope (the South parking lot of CCIS) on May 21st from 8:30-3:00. The clinic will be offering cleanings, sealants, extractions, x-rays, etc. Dr. Sanjita Garg and her assistant will be on the mobile unit to service patients.

CCIS Curriculum

If you are interested in our curriculum, you can find information for every subject and grade level at <http://www.coalcity.k12.il.us/curriculum/index.htm>.

Daily Announcements

Stay up-to-date on what's going on at CCIS by reading our daily announcements on our website <https://ccis.coalcityschools.org>. Go to Schools, Intermediate School, Our School, and Daily Announcements.

Spikes Super Students Reading Program:

CCIS students are participating in The Spikes reading program sponsored by the Joliet Slammers. Each student that reads 4 hours will receive a FREE ticket to a 2019 Slammers baseball game. The student will be able to pick from 8 different games to use their free ticket. Family and friends that wish to attend with the child will have the opportunity to purchase a ticket at the cost of \$5. Once your child has reached their goal they will receive an order form for their free ticket. The deadline for this will be May 17th. Any questions please contact Mrs. Vignocchi at 815-634-2182 Ext. 1514.

Camp Invention

June 10 - June 14, 2019 at CCIS or CCES 9:00-3:30

Coal City Intermediate School is partnering with the National Inventors Hall of Fame to provide Camp Invention, a unique elementary summer enrichment experience with a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) focus for children in our community.

Camp Invention allows children in grades K-6 to experience real-world problem solving, creative thinking, invention, and teamwork. Local, certified educators lead a week of hands-on activities that fuel children's confidence in their natural ability to dream and create. Early registration discounts are available so don't miss out on this exciting opportunity.

A camp flyer was sent home with your child. You can find more information and/or register at campinvention.org or call 800.968.4332 for information.

Innovation Force®

Children team up with the Innovation Force, a group of NIHF Inductees who have been transformed into superheroes, to battle the evil Plagiarizer, a supervillain who is out to steal the world's ideas. As children create a device to retrieve the stolen ideas, they learn about the importance of collaboration and patents.

Deep Sea Mystery™

Children embark on a research adventure at sea, but soon find themselves stranded on an island. Using lessons and advice from NIHF Inductees, children work in teams to invent island-survival tools and underwater equipment and navigate their way back home.

Farm Tech™

Children manage their own farm as they learn the basics of running a business. With the assistance of Bot-ANN-E, a programmable robot, campers learn fundamental coding techniques to maximize their time and profits and perform mock DNA experiments to check the health of their cattle.

DIY Orbot™

Children explore frequency, circuit boards, motors and gears as they use real tools to reverse engineer a remote-controlled DIY Orbot. Throughout the week, campers will adapt their DIY Orbot to perform increasingly challenging tasks from sports to art.

Food/Backpack Program

The Coal City Backpack Program is a non-for-profit organization that offers food to families in need at no cost. Students are given a bag of food to take home twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. The bag of food is discretely placed in the student's locker. If you haven't signed up for the Backpack Program and would like to, contact our social worker CJ Dziuban at 815-634-2182 ext. 1507 or CDziuban@coalcityschools.org.

Recycling Markers

Our 5th grade Girl Scout Troop is sponsoring a special recycling program at CCIS called Crayola ColorCycle. Instead of used markers ending up in a landfill, the plastic can be recycled to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles, as well as to generate electricity to heat homes and power vehicles. Please collect your used markers and turn them into your child's homeroom teacher instead of throwing them away. ANY type or brand of markers is accepted.

Virtual Backpack

Please check out the fliers in the Coal City Unit District #1 Virtual Backpack on our website's Home Page under District or go to <https://www.coalcityschools.org/apps/bbmessages/>. This is where you can find information and registration fliers from approved community organizations along with our Volunteer/Background Check Form.

Support Our PSO Through FlipGive

FlipGive is an easy way to raise funds for our schools just by shopping! Each purchase made through FlipGive.com gives money back to our schools. They have hundreds of great brands such as Nike, Under Armour, and Walmart! You can even purchase gift cards for that hard-to-buy-for loved one. The more you shop, the more our schools earn! The money we earn will be used in the classrooms for our students. It's a win-win! Just go to FlipGive.com and search for our team name, Coal City PSO. After you sign up, you can add a reminder to your browser called FlipGive Max. Every time you visit a site where you can earn cash back, it'll let you know. If you have any questions about FlipGive, please contact Coal City PSO on Facebook or Natalie Bunton at nataliekbunton@gmail.com.

Amazon Smiles

Help support our PSO (Parent Student Organization) by signing up for Amazon Smiles. It is free! If you are shopping on Amazon this holiday season, please consider supporting the Coal City PSO. Amazon will donate a portion of the total cost of eligible sales to the Coal City PSO at no extra cost to the consumer. Below is the link and steps to use Amazon Smiles.

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-3219794>
2. Log into Amazon as normal.
3. Many orders are eligible for prime and donations!
4. Every eligible order will generate a donation to Coal City PSO!

Help for Hope

Did you know Help for Hope is right in our parking lot?!? You can get food, cleaning supplies, and so much more, including milk, eggs, butter, and bread. They are open on Wednesdays 9:00-12:00 and 4:00-6:00 p.m. The phone number is 815-518-2000.

Safety

All visitors, volunteers, substitute teachers, etc. must sign-in at the office, present a photo ID, and wear a visitor badge if they need to enter any other part of the building from 7:30 – 4:00. Please be prepared for this and please be patient. Our main entrance doors will be locked before, during, and after school. The office closes at 4:00, so students will not be able to get into the building after 4:00 if they forget something at school.

Need Help?

Whether you are displaced from your home, need school supplies, financial assistance or just need someone to talk to, CCIS is here for you. Please contact us if you need help. We can connect you with one of our school social workers and/or other local resources. We care about you and your child!

Lunch/Breakfast News

Hot lunch costs \$2.85. Money is collected on Monday mornings, or you can go to the district website <https://www.coalcitieschools.org>, choose the EZ School Pay link at the bottom of the district home page and set up an account to make lunch payments. If your child has \$5.00 or less in their lunch account, you will receive a lunch balance notice via email.

Students have the option to purchase an extra milk for \$.35 each day. Students also have the option to purchase an additional entrée for \$1.75. If students do not like the hot lunch entree, they have the option to choose a Wow-butter and jelly sandwich. Wow-butter is made from soybeans and is produced in a peanut and tree-nut free environment. It is similar to peanut butter in texture and taste.

Breakfast is available every morning from 7:40 – 8:00. The cost is \$1.35 (\$1.00 without a drink). Lunch and breakfast menus are available on the Home Page of the district website.

Reminders from the School Nurse

Some cases of strep throat have been reported. Please remember the following to help prevent the spread of illness. Please keep your child at home if your child:

- Has a fever of 100(oral) degrees or higher
- Has stomach cramps or vomiting
- Has a sore throat with fever
- Has diarrhea
- Has a rash or open and draining sores
- Has redness and/or a draining to the eye or eyes
- Has an extremely bad cold with very runny nose or bad cough
- Has Head Lice - until the child has been treated and cleared by the school nurse

Please also remember that students should be fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of medication. ***Don't forget to call the school to report your child's absence(s).***

Reminders/Tips for School

- School begins at 8:05, but students can enter the building at 7:50. Students can enter the cafeteria at 7:40 a.m. if they want breakfast.
- If your child is tardy to school (arrives at or after 8:05) an adult must come into the office to sign in your child.
- If your child is absent, please call the office at 815-634-2182 by 9:00 a.m., press 1 for the attendance line, and be sure to state the reason for the absence. If we do not hear from you or know the reason why your child is absent, he/she will be marked unexcused for the day.
- Homework requests can be made when you call in your child's absence. Homework can be sent home with another student at CCIS, or it can be picked up in the office from 3:00 – 4:00.
- Lunch begins at 11:10 for 5th grade and 12:20 for 4th grade. Breakfast is served 7:40 – 8:00 a.m.

- If you are picking up your child after school in the main parking lot, please park in a designated parking space.
- Please keep your contact information current, so we can reach you in case of an emergency. If your address, email or phone number changes please update your child's records in PowerSchool or contact the office.

Calendar of Events

5/10 – CCIS Musical *Aladdin, Jr.* at CCHS 6:00 p.m.

5/13-5/17 – Students Walk to Public Library during LRC Time for Summer Reading Program

5/14 – 4th Grade to CCMS for Band Concert 1:15-2:30

5/14 – PSO Meeting & Elections 6:30 p.m. at District Office

5/15 – Final Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.; Breakfast will be provided

5/16 – 5th Grade Step-Up Day to CCMS 1:00-2:50

5/16 – 5th Grade Student & Parent Step-Up Scavenger Hunt at CCMS 6:00-7:00 p.m.

5/21 – Free Dental Clinic in CCIS South Parking Lot 8:30-3:00

5/22 – 4th Grade Instrument Trials in Music for Beginning Band

5/24 – 4th Grade “Growing Up” Video/Discussion 2:00

5/27 – No School ~ Memorial Day

5/28 – Career Fair and Spelling Bee

5/28 – School Supply Pick-up for PSO Pre-packed Kits 5:00-8:00 p.m. at CCIS

5/28 – Beginning Band Sign Up for 2019-2020 5:00-8:00 p.m. at CCIS

5/31 – Talent Show 9:00 a.m.

5/31 – Last Day of Student Attendance 1:25 Dismissal

6/5 – Registration Deadline for 2019-2020 for Returning Students

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