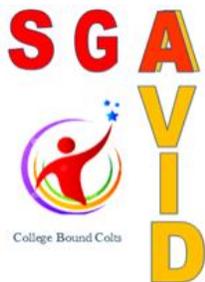




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Principal's Message

Dear Colt Family.

It is hard to believe that we have already entered our second nine weeks of school for this school year. We have much planned for our students and families for the 2016-2017. As we reach for the stars at Samuel Gaines, we will be having a parent night every month full of activities to familiarize families with our School Improvement Goals, students' expectations, daily routines, and ways on how you can support at home.

Please remember that your role as a parent/guardian is a key element in the success of our students. We encourage you to be part of our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) by attending our monthly meetings immediately following our School Advisory Council (SAC). Here are the dates: 11/10, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/13, & 5/12 - Location: SGA.

Reaching for the Stars!
Sincerely,
Roberto Bonseñor
Roberto Bonseñor
Principal and Treasure Hunter



Supervision of students begins at 9:00 AM. Please do not drop students off prior to 9:00 in the morning. For those using the Parent Pick-up, just a reminder to have your child's name on a window tag and to remain in your car! For the safety of all, we do not allow parents to park and walk up to get their children. All cars are expected to go on

Kids at Hope Pledge:

*I am a Kid at Hope.
I am talented, smart,
and capable of success.
I have dreams for the future
and I will climb to reach
those goals and dreams every-
ryday!
All Children are Capable of
Success,
No Exceptions!*

EMERGENCY!
If there is an emergency with your child do we have current phone numbers and addresses??? Contact the office to be sure we have accurate information!



School hours
9:30-4:00

College Bound COLTS!

Spirit Shirts are available for sale in the front office \$10 each

Classroom News



In VPK, for November, we will be working in two different themes. As we conclude **Giants** we will explore the giants made by man and the make-believe giants of literature.

In our next theme, **Choices**, we will learn about how we make choices, healthy choices and problem-solving. As always, we will focus on learning new concepts and vocabulary.



First grade is going fabulously! We are practicing following CHAMPS expectations, getting to know our new friends, and celebrating our successes in Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies, and collaboration. We look forward to continuing to reach for the stars.

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The month of October has been an eventful month for Kindergarten. In Math we have worked on 2D Shapes. We have learned to not only identify the shapes but to describe the shape with their characteristics. In Science we worked on our 5 senses and Matter. We culminated our study of Matter with an experiment of Diet Coke and Mentos; when we put the solid (mentos) in the liquid (Diet Coke) we created a gas. In Reading we have studied the difference between a story and a poem, as well as identifying the relationship between the illustrations and the text in which they appear.

2nd Grade: Our sensational Second Graders have really been revving up their knowledge. They are blasting into subtraction learning all different kinds of strategies to help them solve their problems. Our astronomical learners will be studying folktales in Reading and talking about what important message the author is trying to tell us (hint: a moral, a lesson, a message?) In Social Studies we've been looking at different kinds of maps and why they're important. Our students are really blasting off to becoming awesome scholars!



5th Grade

Fifth grade is moving right along. During the next few weeks we are working on some exciting new content. In math we are moving into multiplying and dividing fractions. In writing the students will be writing an opinion piece based off of historical text and citing evidence. In science the students are working on forces and motion. In reading we are working explaining the relationships and interactions between two or more individuals in a historical, scientific or technical text based on specific information from the text. Next week the weather station WPBF 25 is coming to do a weather class. 50 5th grade students will participate. Students must have good behavior and a photo release on file to be selected.

Important Information

School Advisory Council (SAC) and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

We have plenty of opportunities for you to be involved in our school!! No experience is necessary for you to be part of **SAC** or **PTO**. Both groups require minimal time (about 1 hour a month). **SAC** is an advisory group for the principal. This group learns more about the decisions made at the school as well as having a voice in some decision. We meet once a month at a time to be determined by the Council. **PTO** is a new group. We are looking for a group of parents who just want to help out and be involved. This group can help fundraise for programs, sell concessions at our intramural games, and help us create a welcoming climate for new families. Meeting dates are: 11/10, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/13, & 5/12. Please 462-8888 if you want more information!.

Checkout During the School Day

Parents must come to the front office directly to sign a student out, and the student will be notified to come to the office. Teachers are not allowed to dismiss students from the classroom, cafeteria, or playground without prior notice from the office.

There will be no dismissal of students allowed after 3:30 p.m. unless there is a documented family emergency. Parents must send a written note to school to let the teacher and office know the student will be leaving early.

Students will only be released to adults whose names appear on the emergency card. Parents must notify the office **immediately** of any changes in legal custody. Anyone checking out a student may be asked to show identification if they are unknown to the office staff.

VOLUNTEERS

We have seen excellent results when students receive individual help and we would like to be able to offer this educational opportunity to more students. If you feel that you could volunteer to work with students in a classroom, or help prepare materials for instruction, we would be happy to hear from you. You can reach our volunteer coordinator by calling 462-8888. We ask that all of our volunteers dress professionally while working in our school. Volunteers are not allowed to volunteer in their own child's class or bring younger siblings that are not school aged to school while volunteering.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Just a reminder that students may not use their cell phones during school hours. Students who use their phones (for calls, texts, music or other activities) may have them confiscated. It will then be the responsibility of the parent to come to school to get the device.

We do not permit electronic devices on campus. This includes PSPs, Tablets, etc. We do not accept responsibility for these items. If a student uses one of these at school it will be confiscated. It will then be the responsibility of the parent to come to school to get the device.

Please note; administrators and deans **WILL NOT** investigate missing devices. We assume no responsibility in monitoring these electronics.



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