

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

# \*SPECIAL SUMMER EDITION\* Issue #1 8.9.24



Our mission at Collins, with the help of the community, 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.

SCHOOL HOURS: 8:25-3:15 DAILY HALF-DAY HOURS: 8:25-11:29 BREAKFAST OPENS @ 8:15-8:25

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website: https://collins.uticak12.org

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**Phone:** 586-797-4200

**Attendance Line:** 586-797-4299 (24 hours)

**COLLINS Facebook:** www.facebook.com/CollinsCubs PTO Facebook: www.facebook.com/BruceCollinsPTO

#### **UCS Parent-Student Handbook**

### **FYI: IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **AUGUST RETURN DATES:**

20: Kindergarten Welcome 6-7pm DODGE PARK

22: Elementary Cashier Training 8-11

26: SUPPLY DROP OFF! 4-5pm

27: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL-HALF DAY DISMISSAL @ 11:29

30: NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY RECESS



#### **SEPTEMBER DATES**

2: NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY RECESS

**3-17**: PTO MUM SALE

9: PICTURE DAY!!! (PLEASE THE ORDER FORM BELOW)

18: NO SCHOOL STAFF PD20: ICE CREAM SOCIAL 5-7pm

#### **OCTOBER DATES**

2: COUNT DAY!!

2: Custodian Appreciation Day-Make a card to say thank you!

16: NO SCHOOL PD

18: Trunk or Treat PTO TBD

30: PTO Little Ceasar's Pizza Kits

31: HALF- DAY DISMISSAL @ 11:29 Parade and Parties-TBD.

#### **NOVEMBER DATES**

1: HALF-DAY DISMISSAL @ 11:29 END OF QUARTER 1

5: NO SCHOOL ELECTION DAY

# **UCS CALENDAR ALERTS**

# **COMMUNITY UPDATE**

#### **Greetings CUBS-**

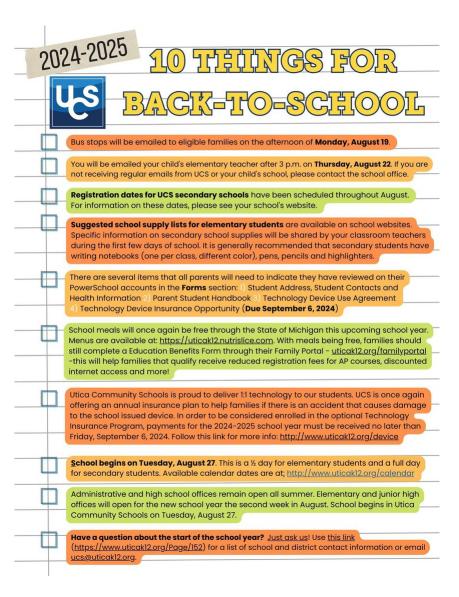
Please see the attached special edition to help your family navigate the next few weeks before our official start of the school year on August 27th. We hope you all are having a wonderful and restful summer vacation. Please see below with some very important information for our community. More details will be posted on our



FACEBOOK page as well as our UCS homepage: Collins Elementary / Homepage (uticak12.org).

We look forward to welcoming our students back on August 27th for a half-day of school. HAPPY (continued) SUMMER VACATION CUBS!

Warm regards, Principal Ciacchella



# SUPPLY DROP OFF S SNEAK PEEK!







We are excited to welcome our Collins Cubs students and families into the building on Monday, 8/26 from 4-5pm. Please bring all of your school supplies, labeled, at that time. Teachers are not required to attend as they are busy prepping for the school year. Classroom doors will remain closed for you to preview and drop your supplies off outside their classrooms.

WHEN: MON. 8/26

TIME: 4-5PM

WHERE: COLLINS!

COLLINS ELEMENTARY







# **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

All registration is digital. Please be sure to update your information in PowerSchool including:

- \*ALL GENERAL FORMS\*
- Emergency Contacts
- MEDICAL INFORMATION including important allergy Information
- Other important information.



For additional forms to be completed, please click on the Registration Forms in UCS:

- Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan
- Transportation Health Information Card
- UCS ASTHMA Health Care Plan
- UCS Authorization for Medication
- UCS Diabetes Health Care Plan
- UCS General Health Care Plan
- UCS HEART CONDITION Health Care Plan

- UCS SEIZURE Health Care Plan
- · UCS Special Diet Statement

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

- We highly recommend paying the optional \$20.00 technology device insurance to cover possible damages that may occur.
- \$20.00 \*optional\* fee is due by SEPTEMBER 6, 2024 through PaySchools.

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE AT: PowerSchool / Home (uticak12.org)

UCS COLLINS POWERSCHOOL ACCESS for REGISTRATION

#### **UCS REGISTRATION FORMS**

PAYSCHOOLS LOGIN FOR TECHNOLOGY FEES & FREE REDUCED LUNCH FORMS

#### **PAYSCHOOLS DIRECTIONS**



**PAYSCHOOLS DIRECTIONS.pdf** 

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**UCS General Health Care Plan.pdf** 

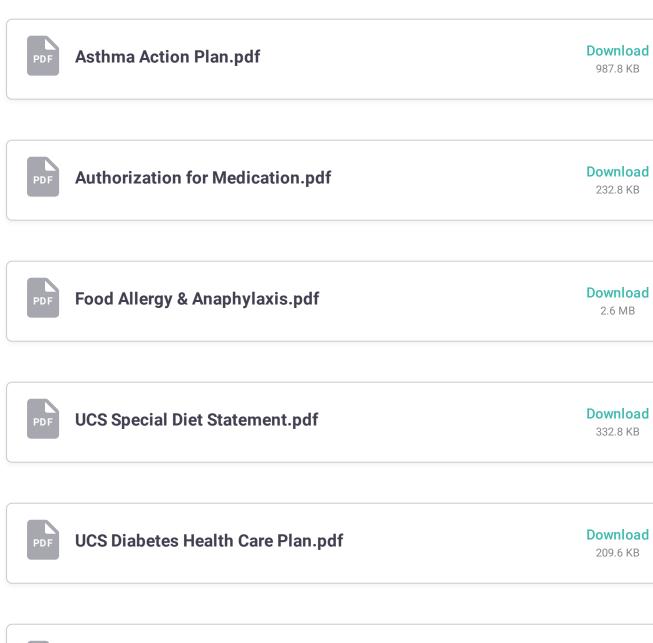
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# **VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK**

Are you interested in volunteering at our school? If so, please be sure to complete the background check and volunteer form below. A REMINDER THAT A NEW FORM MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR!:)



# PICTURE DAY IS SEPTEMBER 9th!

### School Pictures Digital Order Form

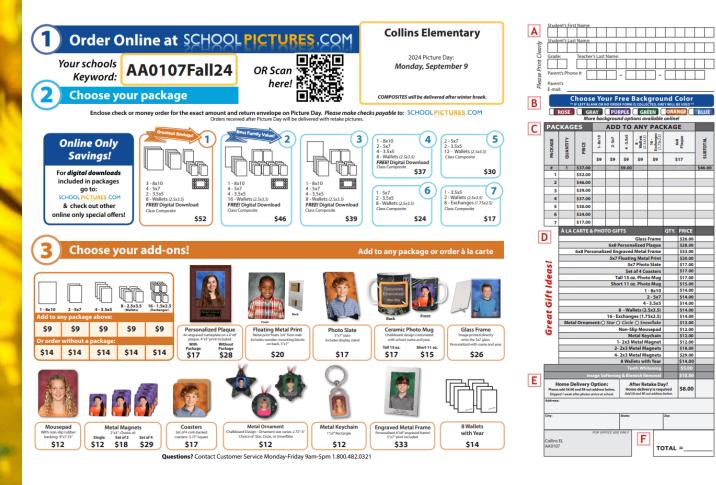
#### SAY CHEESE CUBS!! PICTURE DAY IS SEPTEMBER 9th!

Picture day at Collins will be held on September 9th with <a href="SchoolPictures.com">SchoolPictures.com</a>. Please use the QR code below to scan and pre-order your pictures now. In addition, the paper copies will be sent home with your student at the beginning of the school year. However, if you would like to view the order form to prepare in advance, we have included that as well. Orders are accepted both DIGITALLY and via PAPER.



• SCHOOL KEYWORD: AA0107Fall24





\$26.00 \$28.00 \$33.00 \$20.00 \$17.00 \$17.00

# **COLLINS ELEMENTARY IS HIRING!!!**

#### **EDUSTAFF APPLICATION APPLY HERE**

Collins Community, we would like to hire you! Our CUBS community is one that is inclusive, inviting, warm, and friendly. Our school thrives because of the parent volunteers, such as yourself. Besides our wonderful and hardworking PTO, we would like you to work for us. If you have thought about getting involved with the school and continuing to help our village grow with support, please consider applying for the following positions:

#### **AVAILABLE PAID POSITIONS:**

- Cashier
- LUNCH/RECESS SUPERVISOR (4 positions available)
- ISM TEACHER

#### **AVAILABLE VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:**

• MAIN DOORS CROSS WALK CROSSING GUARD



# Support the educational needs of students

- Facilitate an environment that fosters the learning of all students.
- Establish and maintain positive and effective relationships

  with students, peers, parents, and of the students of the st
- with students, peers, parents, and community.
- Should possess strong interpersonal skills, advanced problem-solving approaches, and a strong desire to promote student success.



### Compensation

- Daily Substitute (Certified and Non-Certified) - \$100/day
  - Monthly bonus for additional days worked up to \$400
- Long-term/ISM/Building Substitute - \$160/day
- Retired UCS Teacher- \$160/day

Questions?
Contact Calvin Freeman at EDUStaff:

(877) 974-6338 x132 or cfreeman@edustaff.org

#### **EDUStaff Application Procedures**

1.Log on to www.edustaff.org and click

- on "Start Application."
- Be sure to select your appropriate position
- Continue the application.
- Complete all the state required GCN Training modules.
- 3. On the last step, please print out your completed application. Once you have printed your application, please view the final "EDUStaff Non-Classroom Based Applicant Meeting." This module walks you through your application with you page by page to show you where to sign and date.
- Make your fingerprint appointment as soon as possible. Directions and forms can be found on the EDUStaff website.
- 5. Substitute Teachers: Register to attend a substitute teacher meeting. You will need to bring your two forms of acceptable ID which you indicated on your EDUStaff application (Driver's License, Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, Passport). Print your entire EDUStaff packet and bring to the meeting. The meeting lasts approximately two hours. Be sure to upload your transcripts to your EDUStaff account.
- 6. Lunchroom Supervisors, Cashiers, Substitute Paraprofessionals, other: Submit your signed EDUStaff application along with two forms of acceptable ID (Driver's License, Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, Passport) to the Utica Community Schools Administration Office to be forwarded to EDUStaff for approval. Contact Human Resources at (586) 797-1130 to set up an appointment to bring in your paperwork.

Please follow instructions regarding the Livescan fingerprinting process. You will need to carry out the process after you have submitted your application. Be sure to send a copy of your completed Livescan Fingerprint Request form to EDUStaff once you have completed the process with Apple Screening or Michigan State Police Department.

Final approval by UCS and EDUStaff must be completed before working. You will receive a confirmation email.

Utica Community Schools Administrative Service Center 11303 Greendale Sterling Heights, MI 48312



QUESTIONS: Calvin Freeman at EDUStaff (877) 974-6338 x132 cfreeman@edustaff.org

# INTERESTED IN WORKING FOR UCS?

We have several positions that will be open and available for Utica Community Schools for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have every considered getting involved in this amazing community, this is the time to do so! Please be sure to check out the website FREQUENTLY!!



https://uticak12.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx

If you'd like to SUBSTITUTE TEACH in our building, please visit the website below!!

https://www.edustaff.org

# HELP IS AVAILABLE OVER THE SUMMER (\*\*)

Even though your school doors will be closed, **our Care Match site is always running.** At anytime, students, staff, or families can submit an anonymous request to care through your district's custom link <u>caresolace.com/utica.</u>

#### **CARE SOLACE HELP**

## **IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION**



(5C) School Requirements and Resources for Parents- FINAL 4.23.24.pdf

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(5B) Immunization Clinic Hours updated 2-14-24.pdf

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(5A) MCHD Letter to parents of school aged children 2024.pdf

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# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**UCS KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION** 

#### Kindergarten Skills Checklist.pdf



Below is a checklist of developmental skills children need exposure to and knowledge of before they enter Kindergarten.

#### Language Skills

- Talks in sentences
- Follows one and two step oral directions
- Uses sentences that include two or more ideas
- Recites some common nursery rhymes and songs
- Tells or retells stories and/or everyday

#### Reading Skills

- Looks at books or pictures on their own
- Pretends to read books by reading the pictures
- Understands left to right movement of reading Tries to read in everyday situation (signs, labels,
- Recognizes rhyming words
- Blends sounds into words
- Recognizes some common words in print
- Recognizes many uppercase and lowercase letters Recognizes some letter sounds
- Describes characters actions and feelings in a
- Relates stories to personal experiences
- Puts events of a story in order

#### Writing Skills

- Tries to write, scribble or draw
- Asks you to write words or notes to others
- Attempts to write own name and recognizes own
- Uses pictures to communicate ideas

#### Math Skills

- Compares the size of groups of objects using language such as "more", "less", and "same as"
- Arranges objects in size order (big to small, or small to big)
- Uses comparison words, like "bigger", "smaller", "heavier", etc.
- Understands concept of none, some, and all and more than and less than
- · Identifies and draws a square, circle, and triangle
- Correctly counts four to ten objects
- Knows that the final number counted represents the total number of objects in a set

- Recognizes some numbers, 1-10
- Can distinguish numbers from letters, and understands that numbers relate to quantity
- Understand the effects of addition and

#### Reasoning: Concept Development

- Matches or groups objects according to size, shape, or color
- Groups objects that are the same
- Understands concepts of in/out, under/over, on/off, front/back, etc.

  Describes how objects are the same or different
- Experiments enthusiastically with new games and toys, sometimes in a trial-and-error manner

#### Motor Skills

- Cuts with scissorsPuts puzzles together
- Builds using blocks
- · Tries to tie own shoes
- Bounces, kicks, throws, and catches a ball
- Holds and uses crayons, markers, pens, and pencils correctly

#### Interaction with Others

- · Plays well with others
- Takes turns and shares
- Cleans up after playing
- Participates in group activities
   Interacts easily with familiar adults
- · Considerate of other people's feelings · Respects items belonging to others
- Listens when others speak Seeks adult help during conflicts
- Uses manners







#### A HEALTHY MOUTH IS IMPORTANT



New UCS kindergarten/Young Fives students are encouraged to have a dental assessment before the start of the school year.

Dental problems can cause pain and make it difficult for children pay attention in school, prevent them from eating and sleeping well, and can even affect their ability to speak and socialize. All of this can affect a child's ability to learn and do well in school. Children benefit from having a dental assessment (screening) before starting school to check for any dental problems that need to be fixed so that they start school ready to learn.

#### **QUESTIONS ABOUT DENTAL ASSESMENTS**

#### How can I get the dental assessment done?

Provide the form on the next page to your child's dentist to complete.

#### Do my older children need a dental assessment, too?

It is highly recommended that all children see a dentist at least once a year.

#### What does a dental assessment entail?

A dental professional will look into your child's mouth and note what they see on the assessment form. No treatment is done, it is simply a quick look in the mouth.

#### What if I don't have a dentist to conduct the assessment?

The local health department can provide you with a list of dental providers in your area. Check the Michigan Oral Health Directory for a list of low- and no-cost dental providers by county: <a href="https://www.uticakl2.org/Mloralhealth">www.uticakl2.org/Mloralhealth</a> Your child may be able to enroll in the Michigan Healthy Kids Dental Program if they don't have insurance. For information about Healthy Kids Dental, visit. If your child does not have dental insurance, they may be eligible for the Michigan Healthy Kids Dental Program: : <a href="https://www.uticakl2.org/healthykidsdental">www.uticakl2.org/healthykidsdental</a>.

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### How-To Guide for School Meals ELEMENTARY

#### **Allergies**

Students with allergies must fill out an allergy form and return it to the office and the department of Food Service.

Substitutions cannot be accommodated without this form. Access the form at <a href="https://dicak12.org/foodservice">Uticak12.org/foodservice</a> under the 'Allergen Form' section.

#### Breakfast

**Available to all students, times vary by school.** Schools will have breakfast in the gym 20 minutes before school starts.

#### Lunch

Lunch will take place in the lunchroom. There are two options to choose from: daily hot or daily cold vegetarian. Please refer to the menu online at <a href="Uticak12.Nutrislice.com">Uticak12.Nutrislice.com</a> or the Nutrislice app.

Students will order lunch at the start of each day with their teachers. Please have your student let their teacher know if they will be eating that day and which option they would like to eat.



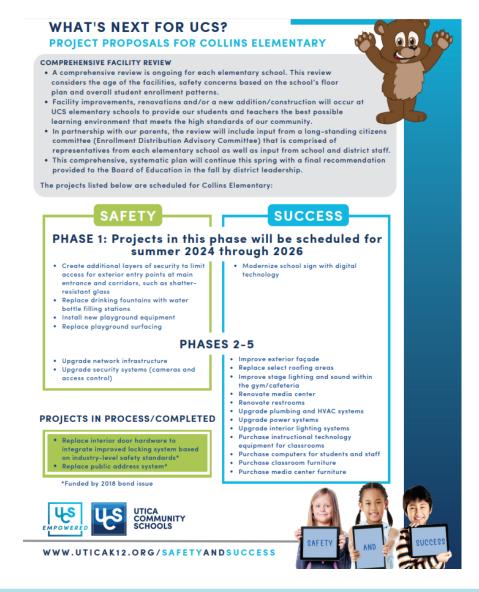
Students will come down to the lunchroom by class. Those that order school lunch will be directed to the cafeteria lunch line. The cashier will ask each student for their LAST NAME and will ring them into the register.

Questions? Contact your school or visit www.uticak12.org/foodservice.



# **UCS 2024 BOND INFORMATION**

Bond Issue Updates / Bond Issue Updates (uticak12.org)



## **COLLINS BEHAVIOR POLICY FYI**

#### P.A.W.S.

SUPER CUBS SHOW THEIR P.A.W.S!

P: Positive Choices
A: Act Responsibly
W: Will be Respectful

S: Shows Integrity

All Collins Cubs are expected to follow protocols and procedures while showing their PAWS! That includes inside the classrooms, during the hallways, on the playgrounds, and for arrivial/dismissal as well. Teachers will be on the lookout for ways to celebrate students showing their PAWS and have a chance to earn incentives.



# UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARENT HANDBOOK FOR BEHAVIORS

Please review all Utica Community Schools behavior policies in the Parent Handbook attached to the link below. It is expected that all UCS policies and procedures will be adhered to at any/all school functions and on school properties. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



#### 2023-2024 Parent/Student Handbook



#### **Parent Hand Book**

Please be sure to check out the UCS parent handbook for student discipline and any other information.

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### **UCS BOARD POLICY REVIEW**

# SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATE

Safety remains a priority for our school. **Collins Elementary** is once again providing training to our students on our safety protocols. The protocols identify actions that students may be asked to take in the event of a potential incident: hold, secure, lockdown, evacuate and shelter.

The training is provided through a short, animated video. In the video, the teacher – Mrs. Appleton – and her students walk through the different responses in a very relaxed and engaging way for younger children. The script was written by our staff.

The protocols will continue to be part of the training while practicing our regular school safety drills, such as fire drills, security drills, tornado drills, evacuation procedures, etc.)

The video is available for you to review at this link: <u>UCS School Safety: Standard Response Protocol - Elementary - YouTube</u> If you have any questions, please contact our office.

# COMMUNITY CLASSES & OPPORTUNITIES



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# BRUCE COLLINS PTO COMMUNICATION

SIGN UP FOR COLLINS PTO COMMUNICATION

PTO COMMUNICATION FACEBOOK PAGE

### PREVIOUS CUB COMMUNICATION

FINAL 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR CUB ISSUE #38 6.10.24

#### **Bruce Collins Elementary**

Mrs. Meghan Ciacchella, Ed.S. Principal of Collins Elementary

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