



Collier Elementary

August 2022 Newsletter

Principal's Message, Mrs. Lisa Langford

We are thrilled to welcome you back to school at Collier. The staff has prepared for an exciting year of learning and growth. We are so pleased to see so many smiles on the faces of students and parents. We look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience.
- Completes all homework assignments given by teachers.
- Reads daily to develop a love of reading and to improve literacy skills.
- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.
- Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject.

We feel honored to work with our wonderful students and all of our supportive parents.

We would also like to welcome all of our new staff and new students to Collier, we are excited you are here.

Credit Donations: Don't forget that you can make your tax credit donation, this is so important! It pays for Art, Music, Spanish, PE and several other programs. It's so easy to do on the TUSD website! Your contribution will be returned to you when you do your taxes and receive a refund from the state! Thank you so much!

Important Upcoming Dates

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| · August 23 | Open House 6:00-7:30 PM |
| · August 25 | No School-Professional Learning Day for Staff |
| · August 29 | Book Fair |
| · September 2 | Movie Night |
| · September 5 | No School-Labor Day |
| · September 13 | Eat Out Night at Chipotle |
| · September 14-16 | Early Dismissal 11:25 AM-Parent Teacher Conferences |



- September 27 Fall Picture Day
- September 29 PTA Meeting
- October 1 Family Work Day
- October 4 Eat Out Night at eegee's
- October 7 No School-Grading Day
- October 10-14 No School-Fall Break
- October 17 Stories That Soar Introduction Assembly 9:00 AM
- October 18 Progress Reports on ParentVue
- October 20 PTA Meeting
- October 29 Monster Mash



Hello from the PTA,

Welcome back to school, Collier Families!



Did you know?

- The PTA sponsored the Calendar of Events magnet that went home the first week of school.
- We hope this helps you keep track of important dates and activities.
- PTA membership is open to staff, teachers, mom, dads, grandparents, caregivers, and community members. Join us today to support our school.
- Monster Mash is the fall festival and fundraiser that has been happening at Collier for decades. Many volunteers are needed to fix up games, sort decorations and plan festivities before the big day. Please lend a hand if you are able.

Save the Date

- Open House 8/23 - Stop by the PTA table to buy a Collier T-shirt
- Scholastic Book Fair 8/29 – 9/2. Open before school, during lunch and after school.
- Eat Out Night at Chipotle 9/13. Show the flyer or tell them you're with Collier.

Want to join the fun?

- We are looking for volunteers for a variety of roles and activities. See the Collier PTA

website under the Family tab for more information.

Collier Student Council



Student Council would like to encourage students to think about participating this year. It is a fun and exciting way to help people and the Collier Community.

Mrs. DeBough will be leading Student Council.

Watch for information about Student Council in September!

We are Hiring!

We are hiring for

a Monitor position,

an Ex Ed Teacher's Aide position.



If you are interested

please apply at TUSD1.org

If you have questions

please contact the office at 520-584-4800.

Volunteer Help Needed for the Playground



We depend on our monitors to keep the playground safe and to assist students. We have many volunteers on the playground and at the buses but always require more.

PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP US ON THE PLAYGROUND IN THE MORNING OR AT LUNCH TIME.

Ben's Bells Kindness Corner!

A Kind Campus is an innovative school-based program that strives to educate students, families, faculty, and staff about the benefits of kindness, and then empowers them to create a culture of kindness in their school and beyond.

Welcome Back to School! Being back at school is a great time to share kindness with others!

Here are ways to spread kindness at school!

Make a new friend!

Hold the door for someone!

Say Hello and Smile!



TUSD ParentVue Information

Parent Link is our way of communicating with our families at Collier.

All of our newsletters are emailed through Parent Link and events that are happening at the school are sent through this program as well. It is imperative that the school has your correct phone numbers and email address on file, please make sure that you are receiving regular communication from the office. Also remember to update your contact information as it changes. Please call the office at 520-584-4800 if you have any questions. You may also go through your Parent Vue account to make changes as well. Please go into your Parent Vue account regularly, report cards are uploaded there as well as lots of other information.

[Click here for TUSD ParentVue](#)

Please be sure to regularly check out Collier Elementary's Website!

It is updated with all our events and information on a regular basis.

[Click here for the Collier website](#)



Collier Health Office News

The health office would like to ask you to help with a few things:

Keep your student home if he/she has any symptoms of illness. You will need to provide the



school with a negative COVID-19 test result or a doctor's note before returning to campus (pictures of home tests with student's name and date of test is okay).

If your child tests positive for COVID, notify the school immediately. He/she will remain home for at least 5 days. Our office will help decide what day to begin counting and advise on when your student may return.

Any gently used clothes you would like to donate to our health office would be appreciated, please contact health assistant Maryluna.

Please send your child's updated immunization records. The Arizona Department of Health Services requires certain routine childhood immunizations for school attendance. Please check that your child is up-to-date and that we have the most updated record. This includes COVID-19 vaccines.

COLLIER OMA GOLD NEWS – August



I would like to introduce myself to the Collier Family. My name is Wendy Joy, and I am the OMA (Opening Minds through the Arts) teaching artist for the school this year. Now that Collier is an OMA Gold school, I will be integrating the arts into the curriculum for every student in the school and will also serve as its artistic director. In August, we are concentrating on understanding what arts integration looks like in the OMA classroom.

- Preschool has OMA twice a week. We use music and movement to focus on our theme of the day.
- Kindergarten has OMA twice a week. We are using movement and text to understand counting and cardinality.
- First grade has OMA once per week. We are working on identifying main ideas in text and using an art form to express these main ideas. In addition, first grade has a musical theatre team of professional artists coming twice a week to focus on language acquisition.
- Second grade has OMA twice a week. We are using movement to increase our spatial awareness as we review the attributes of geometric shapes.
- Third grade has OMA twice per week. We are currently using art forms to paraphrase the main idea and key details of a written work.
- Fourth and fifth grade has OMA once per week. We are learning about themes in writing, and how these themes can translate to other areas of our lives. We are currently writing a theme song for our class. In addition, fourth grade has violin classes twice per week, and fifth grade has band twice per week.

I am so happy to now be a full time member of the Collier family. We're off to a great start to the school year. Be sure to ask your student what they learned in OMA each week! -Ms. Wendy

Transportation for 2022-2023 School Year



Drop Off and Pick Up in Parking Lots-Safety First!

Safety First: Each year we take the opportunity to remind parents to slow down and take their time when they are dropping off or picking up students. First and foremost, we want to keep everyone safe. With this in mind, we ask that you observe the no parking signs in the turnaround. Secondly, slow down and be respectful of each other. If we all follow these safety measures, everyone will be safe, and we will arrive and leave the school in a timely manner.

Parent Drop Off: Is the north parking lot sidewalk leading towards the bus bay. Students will follow the sidewalk to the playground on the south side of the building.

Parent Pick Up: You may remain in your car, drive around the cul-de-sac and pick up your child on the north side of the school. Please pull forward in the cul-de-sac so that other cars have room to stop as well. If you wish to get out of your car, please park on the north side of the parking lot so that you don't get blocked in. Anyone that has signed up to take the bus, please know the Transportation Department is working very hard to get all of the students a schedule. Please contact them at 225-4800

or visit the [transportation department website](#)

if you need assistance or have any questions.

Collier Counseling News!

Meet Ms. Hehn and Mango!



I was born in Ashland, Oregon. I have lived in many different countries growing up. I recently moved to Tucson and cannot wait to get to know you all. I have a service dog that is with me always names Mango. I love spending my free time exploring this beautiful state we live in with my children, grandchildren, and Mango of course!

I am here to support all of the wonderful children and families at Collier Elementary! I provide classroom lesson and individual and small group counseling. I support students through social-emotional lessons and skill building. If you would like support for your child's social-emotional needs, please don't hesitate to reach out to me any time- I am here to help you!

Phone: 469-640-0977 Office Phone: 520-584-4869 [Click here to email Ms. Hehn](#)

Character Strong!

Collier Elementary focuses on a character trait each month using our curriculum, Character Strong.

This month we are working on RESPECT.

"Seeing the value in all people and things and treating them with care"

Parents Can Pay for Lost or Overdue Library Books, Technology and Tax Credit Donations Online! Tucson Unified Secure Pay

Parents and guardians can use this portal to pay: Student fines, Student fees and Tax credit eligible contributions.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. Where do I go to pay online my student's fees and fines?

A. [Click here to go to the Online Payment Portal](#)

Q. How do I pay open fines for my child?

A. Click the "Your Family" button. Select a student from your list. Under "Shop," select "Pay Fines/Fees" from the list of links. Click the checkboxes of the fines you'd like to pay, and click the "Pay Selected Fines" button. The fines you have chosen will be added to your shopping cart.

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