



# The Colt Connection

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Dear Parents:

We are already at Midterms for the 1st Quarter of this new school year! It has been a great start to the year and we are very excited about several positive things happening at the school.

By now, I hope you have had an opportunity to see the new grading scale in Skyward and that you've noticed the consistency in scoring with the 4 point scale across the building. This has been a big help for students to only learn one grade scale and it has allowed teachers to more accurately identify levels of learning. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to communicate directly with your student's teachers.

We are also very excited about the Golden Gate Initiative to Be The Change! In August the kick-off assembly was held to establish the purpose of the initiative and help student get excited to flood the school with kindness. Over 1200 students signed the kindness pledge during lunch that week! Students who sign the pledge commit to abide by 10 principles of kindness and we will provide them with a t-shirt to remind them of the school-wide commitment. Hi-Five Fridays and daily kindness challenges have also been a part of the faculty's efforts to participate in the movement and have been a success.

The Why Try Resilience program was initiated in September as well. Students participated in an introductory discussion regarding a definition and examples of resilience. This is part of an ongoing curriculum that teachers will share during TA on Fridays throughout the year.

Thank you so much to the members of the PTA and School Community Council for your service and support! We have had great opening meetings to kick off the school year and set the tone for a great year.

Sincerely,

Cody Curtis  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

### October 3

Picture Retakes  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
4:00 – 8:00 pm

### October 4

Parent Teacher Conferences  
4:00 – 7:30 pm

### October 16

Brown Bag & a Book  
(See page 2 for details)

### October 25

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Reality Town  
8:45 – 11:30 am

### October 30

Orchestra Concert  
7:00 pm

## After School Tutoring

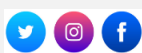
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
3:00 – 4:00 pm  
Students should ask their teachers or look for posters around the school for details and subject locations.

## Open Gym

Mondays and Wednesdays  
3:00 – 4:00 pm in the Gym

## Stay & Play

Wednesdays  
3:00 – 4:00 pm  
Media Center  
Board games & card games



## Know Your Why?

Our school theme this year is "Know Your Why?" This is based on some lessons and activities that will be done with students throughout the year. These activities will teach the four whys: Academic, Social, Personal, and Future, in an attempt to help students find the motivation and reason for why they are doing what they're doing. Every student received a rubber bracelet to remind them of the theme and to help them "find their why!"



## Counselors' Corner

Counselors met with each **7<sup>th</sup> grade** student on September 6 & 7 for our annual Meet & Greet event. This is a great opportunity for counselors to get to know our new 7<sup>th</sup> graders, see how they are transitioning into middle school, and get to know them a little better.

We will also be meeting with 7<sup>th</sup> graders at the end of this month for a Plan for College and Career Readiness (PCCR) meeting during your student's College and Career Awareness class. This meeting is designed to help students start planning their future career and explore opportunities that await them after high school. Parents are invited to attend.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade** PCCR meetings are starting soon. In this meeting, counselors meet with each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student individually with their parents to discuss career options, high school graduation requirements, scholarships, and assist students with creating a four-year plan for graduation. More information will come on how to schedule your 30 minute appointment with your student's school counselor.

Mark your calendars! 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Job Shadow is on October 25. This is a fantastic opportunity to help your student explore a career they are interested in by arranging for them to shadow someone for the day who has that career. Students love this career exploration activity!

Come join us for **9<sup>th</sup> Grade** Reality Town on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:45-11:30 am. This is a fun career learning activity our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in each year. In this activity, students fill out a job application, are assigned a career and family situation, and learn how to budget expenses for the month. Volunteers are greatly needed to make this event a success. If you would like to volunteer, go to <https://www.volunteersignup.org/9BFWD> and sign up!

## In the Media Center

### Book Fair

Online – now through Oct. 7



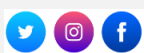
All purchases benefit our school. Shop online or at the Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences.

### Brown Bag & a Book

First 20 students per lunch get a free book to read then they come on the designated day with their lunches for a book chat.

### Battle of the Beehive Books

Students read a book from a list of 19 Beehive Nominees, pass the quiz, and get the title signed off. Read 5 and come to the end of year activity. Top 5 readers and one alternate will be eligible for the district battle in the spring against other middle schools. (Optional program.)



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