

Coleman School PTO Meeting
Monday, November 6, 2023
6:00– 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions – Melinda (5 min)

2. Approve October Board Minutes – Anne (2 min)

Link to October PTO Meeting Minutes: [Copy of Coleman PTO Meeting Notes Monday, Oct 2, 2023](#)

Motion to approve: Melinda

Second: Tracy

Number of people in attendance: 32 people

3. Tiger Fund Results - Tracy (5 minutes)

Raised **\$63K** in Tiger Fund, **35% total participation** across the school

Tiger Fund class contest: 42% participation = **1st and 2nd grades won a pizza and popsicle party!!**

YTD almost halfway to the total annual fundraising goal!

4. International Festival Recap/Results - Melinda (5 minutes)

Festival made \$30K in sales (expenses haven't been reconciled yet). Fundraising goal was \$40K but we're hoping expenses will come in low to help preserve net fundraising profits!

Estimate 400 people in attendance!

5. Upcoming Events - Melinda (10 minutes)

- **Davidson Student Panel this Wednesday 6pm in MPR** for Coleman and Glenwood students and parents. We highly recommend 3-5th grade parents and students to attend. DMS Principal will give a brief presentation, Q&A with current Davidson students (Coleman and Glenwood alumni).
- **Turkey Trot - this Sunday, November 12th @ 9 am at Coleman.** Walk/Run/Trot and Pancake Breakfast \$15 each or \$50 for a family of 4. Tickets include tshirt for children. Also, bring canned food items to donate!
- **United Against Hate Event - Monday, November 13th**, more information on this coming soon!
- **Walk and Roll To School in Appreciation of Ruby Bridges - Wednesday, November 15th**
- **Dine and Donate @ State Room - Wednesday November 15th**
- **International Wine and Cheese Party** at Ground Floor Club on 4th Street - buy your ticket today or at the door! - **Thursday, November 30 @ 6:30pm**
- **Book Passage Book Talk (HeadsUp event) - Friday, December 8 @ 11:30am**

6. Community Network Holiday Giving - Stacey (5 minutes)

COLEMAN COMMUNITY NETWORK: HOLIDAY GIVING

The holiday season is here and that means it's time for the Community Network Holiday Giving. For the past 10 years, the Community Network has collected gifts to grant the wishes of Coleman families who could use a little help during the holiday season.

How to donate a gift:

1. Sign up for a gift (the Sign Up Genius link will be sent out in mid-November)
2. Buy and wrap the gift
3. Put the gift's ID# on the gift
4. Deliver the gift to the Coleman Office by Friday, 12/8

Questions? Contact Stacey Farrell (stcyfrll@gmail.com, 831.359.9791)

COLEMAN COMMUNITY NETWORK: DONACIONES NAVIDEÑAS

La temporada navideña está aquí y eso significa que es tiempo para la Red Comunitaria de Donaciones Navideñas. Durante los últimos 10 años, la Red Comunitaria ha recolectado obsequios para cumplir los deseos de las familias de Coleman a quienes les vendría bien un poco de ayuda durante la temporada navideña.

Cómo donar un regalo:

1. Regístrese para dar un regalo (el enlace Sign Up Genius se enviará a mediados de noviembre)
2. Compre y envuelva el regalo
3. Ponga el número de identificación del regalo en el regalo.
4. Entregue el regalo en la oficina de Coleman antes del viernes, 8 de diciembre

¿Preguntas? Comuníquese con Stacey Farrell (stcyfrll@gmail.com, 831.359.9791)

7. Dad's Group - Nick/Matt (3 minutes) **No Dad's Group Meeting in November.**

8. Principal's Report - Alex Peck (15 minutes)

Ways for parents to get involved and learn more about the school:

- **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** - attend monthly PTO meetings (1st Monday of the month), volunteer for a PTO Exec Board position, volunteer to help at events and activities, donate to Tiger Fund.
- **Committees:** Check out the [Coleman Family Calendar](#) for exact meeting dates and times

- **School Site Council (SSC)** - meets monthly on Monday, (also linked in the Principal's update), this group meets to discuss how we use our Title 1 Funds, review and discuss student data and student progress and achievement.
- **English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)** - learn about English Language learners, how to be redesignated as English proficient. It's a great opportunity to learn more about school funds and how we're supporting all learners at Coleman.
- **Budget committee**
- Check out the Coleman website for more information about these parent groups: [Coleman Elementary School - Home \(srcs.org\)](http://ColemanElementarySchool-Home.srcs.org)

Update on future school construction projects. Expect construction to last about a year: June 2024-June 2025, campus will be open during the school year but not over Summer 2024. December PTO meeting the architects and project manager will provide a brief overview of Phase 1 project: 2 TK and 1 ELAC (Expanded Learning After Care) buildings/classrooms. Playground and grass will be completed before school reopens in August 2024.

Update on changes to After School programming: The program will be rebranded with a new name to represent the new single After Care program at Coleman. FAQ will be sent out to families. The deadline to sign up for Afterschool care will be earlier than in past years to secure enough staff and space for students who need it. 180 spots for students (currently 105 students enrolled in LEAP and 60-70 students enrolled in SR City After Care program), the intention is to provide priority enrollment to students currently registered in either after school program at Coleman.

Parents for Racial Equity with Dr Lori Watson. This is a four part series, the third session will take place on Wednesday, December 6th at Davidson at 5:00pm. Come learn how to explore your own understanding of and views on race, and how to talk about race with your students and community members. This is a great opportunity for all of us to do this work. Teachers and Staff are also doing this work in separate sessions with Dr Lori Watson.

Hate Speech - unfortunately, we are experiencing racial hate speech on Campus towards black students at Coleman and also district wide. This is impacting our community. Staff is doing continuing education with Dr Lori Watson but we have more work to do with our students. This is one of the reasons it's so critical for adults in our community to attend the Parents for Racial Equity sessions with Dr Lori Watson so we as adults are prepared and ready to have these conversations about race and guide and support our students through difficult situations.

1. Condemn hate speech and share with parent community when it takes place
2. Hold Community Circle in all 4th and 5th grades. Talking about what Community is, what makes Coleman so special, and what is hate speech, what are the impacts of that towards our student body.
3. Discipline matrix - Progressive actions, options for alternative means of corrections (restorative projects) and, depending on the severity, up to 5 days suspension.

Youth Truth Survey - will be sent out November 7-17. Seeking 100% participation across students and parents. Please complete the survey, your feedback helps staff and administration understand areas of growth they need to address. Responses are used to create our SPSA (School Plan for Student Achievement) goals and shape future plans for Coleman regarding Social Emotional, Academics, and Safety.

PIQE (Parent Institute for Quality Education) - provides English as a Second language families with education on how to navigate the school system and feel empowered to connect within our school system (ie: what are the resources available to them, how to read and understand report cards, how can they be involved in their child's school), it was a 7 session series that is about to wrap up.

School Tours for potential incoming families (mostly for families considering Coleman for TK/K). November 7 and December 5 are already full but tours in January and February still have space available. Direct friends and family who are interested in touring Coleman to the [Google form](#) to sign up for a tour, it's available on the Coleman website: [Coleman Elementary School - Home \(srcs.org\)](#)

Dave Nettle - provides collaborative play with students to address social emotional work (learn to resolve conflicts and problems through doing puzzles and activities). This is PTO funded, each class gets 1 Fall half day and 1 Spring half day. Dave Nettle is a favorite among teachers and students!

9. Open Forum/Questions (10 minutes)

- Crabfeed kickoff planning meeting will take place after Thanksgiving! Please reach out if you'd like to help make Crabfeed happen! If you attend this kickoff planning meeting you get to help pick the theme for Crabfeed! Crabfeed will take place January 27, 2024
- Christal's comment: School calendar is showing up as CT rather than PT. This will be fixed!
- Christal's question: Is capacity for Aftercare next year planned to be less than capacity for Aftercare this year? There are 180 spots planned for aftercare for next year which is slightly more than current combined enrollment in both aftercare programs.
- Julie's question: are there materials from the first two sessions of the Parent's for Racial Equity series? Principal Peck will ask for materials and share them out. If parents are interested in attending the full 4 sessions if the series were offered again, they should reach out to our Superintendent Carmen Diaz Ghysels cghysels@srcs.org to express interest and request that additional sessions be offered. The next session will be December 6th at 5pm at Davidson. Melinda's recommendation is for PTO to explore providing babysitting at Coleman so parents can attend the workshop at Davidson.
- Add the [Coleman Community Google Calendar](#) to your personal Google calendar so you never miss a school or PTO event or meeting!

Reminders:

- School closed this Friday, 11/10 for Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Break (school closed) Monday, November 20 - Friday, November 24

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, December 4, 2023 on Zoom