



Colin Powell Elementary School

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Learning Today...Leading Tomorrow

Hull's Highlights

Dear Colin Powell ES Community,

As we rapidly approach the final month of this school year, it gives us immense pride in the many accomplishments that we all have made as a school and community. When we first opened our doors nearly seven years ago, our vision was set on what we wanted our school, our instructional program, our PTA, our parent involvement, and above all, what our students to be able to accomplish. We set our sights high and continued to raise the bar for excellence each year. As a result of everyone's tremendous efforts, the pride we currently hold is a mere reflection of the pride we all have as we continue to build this vibrant school community, person by person and family by family.

On April 30th, we honored our wonderful volunteers with a "thank you" breakfast gathering in our library. It was shared that morning that, without a doubt, our many successes at Colin Powell ES would not be possible without the enthusiastic support of our volunteers who generously give of their time and many talents to support our instructional and support staff. By years end, literally thousands of volunteer hours will be tallied. We sincerely thank those of you who actively assisted in our classrooms, those who supported our chaperone needs on grade level and class field trips, and those who might not have had the chance to assist in the classrooms or daily programming but respond so willingly to special tasks that can be completed at home in the evenings and/or on the weekends to help. Regardless, these actions have made a difference in the lives of our students and staff members.

We congratulate our dedicated PTA officers, chairpersons, and committee members who served with such passion this year. The outstanding leadership that Mrs. Michelle Trainor, Mrs. Eileen Mathes, Mrs. Amy Heimbach, Mrs. Sue Kim, and Mrs. Rose Kim demonstrated as they guided the organization is truly noteworthy and valued by all. Their individual and collective efforts served to continue building upon a strong legacy that was initiated in the early days of our school. We are proud of them and thank them for

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This Month...

May 3	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
4	PTA Meeting (7-8pm) Puma Post Posted Online
8	Puma Pounce
28	2-hr. early dismissal
31	No School - Memorial Day

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their commitment to excellence. We look forward to working closely with Mrs. Amy Heimbach, Mrs. Sheri Walker, Mrs. Sree Prabhakar, Mrs. Saritha Mankala, and Mrs. Padmaja Bevera, our soon-to-be installed PTA officers, as we begin to develop exciting plans for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year.

Most sincerely,

Brian Hull
Principal

Linda Clifford
Assistant Principal

Adam Erbrecht
Assistant Principal

Energy Zone

Let's Have a Picnic Food Safety Tips

1. **Preparing, serving, and eating safe food is important whether we are at home, or on a picnic. We must constantly practice safe food handling to avoid illness.**

2. **Keep cold foods cold (below 41° F)**

- Chill all meats, egg products, starchy salads, and custards to below 41° F before packing for the picnic.
- Put cold food into a well insulated, lidded cooler with ice around it.
- Put the cooler in the passenger area of your car rather than in the hot trunk.
- Keep your cooler in the shade and avoid opening and shutting the lid too often.



3. **Don't spread the bacteria, which may infect the food and ultimately you.**

- Wash your hands before working with food.
- Wash your hands again after working with raw meat or poultry.
- Put the cooked meat onto a clean place for service.

4. **Cook meat thoroughly to an internal temperature of 160° F and serve immediately.**

- Put leftovers in the refrigerator immediately when you get home if you have not been gone more than 4 hours.
- Providing you have practiced all the above safety tips, your food should be safe to keep and eat the next day.

Pack your picnic basket and cooler and enjoy a safe picnic.