

COLFAX COMMUNICATOR

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IMPORTANT DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

October 1 - Run Shadyside
October 3 - No School
October 10 - No School Parent Teacher Conferences
October 12 - No School

October 27 - Halloween Movie Night
November 8 - No School Election Day
November 9 - PSCC/ PTO Meeting
November 11 - No School Veteran's Day

WELCOME NOTES

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Dear Colfax family and friends:

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! I am honored to begin this year as your PTO President. I look forward to working with you and the Colfax community to make it a fun and productive year.

And this year is certainly off to a great start! Teachers and staff arrived at Colfax the week of August 22-26, to prepare for the students' return. The PTO was pleased to host a Welcome Back Breakfast for them on Tuesday, August 23. Did you know that the PTO gives every Colfax teacher a \$100 gift card to purchase classroom supplies? So many teachers have expressed gratitude for this gift – which is a direct result of the generosity of our Colfax parents, family and friends. Thank you.

Thank you, too, to the Feldstein family for the donation of breakfast foods and coffee. It was delicious!

Back to School Night quickly followed on Thursday, August 25. There is nothing better than seeing friends happily reunite after a summer apart. Or, to see the joy on a child's face when she meets her new "best" friend. I was pleased to meet many new Colfax families at the PTO volunteer table. If you missed the table, make sure to check out the countless ways you can participate at the school at www.colfaxpto.org/ volunteer. Contact VP Volunteer Coordinator Tiffany Stuckey for more information.

Next up on the calendar was Fiesta on Thursday, September 15. I hope you were able to join us to celebrate the beginning of the year with our annual pot luck dinner. It's always a fun time! A big thank

you to VP Special Events Dory Levine for organizing the event.

Finally, be on the lookout for information about Run Shadyside on Saturday, October 1. This 5k race raises money for the Boys & Girls Club of Shadyside, a popular after-school destination for Colfax students. And, as an added bonus, when you register as a member of Team Colfax, you can also raise money for the PTO. Last year, we raised almost \$1,500! I'm confident that we can beat that record this year.

These are just a handful of the many activities planned for the 2016-17 school year. Go to www.colfaxpto.org for a full calendar of Colfax PTO events. While there, be sure to sign up for our weekly email for up-to-date information about what's happening at Colfax. Contact VP Communications Nikole Fiedler with news or announcements.

In closing, I'll leave you with my wish for the year: ***"There are no strangers in here, just friends you haven't met. . . ."*** Roald Dahl.

Though we come from different places, together at Colfax, we are a community of family and friends. I urge you to become an involved member of our community. No role is insignificant, or part too small. Each of us can have a positive impact on Colfax and our students.

Yours truly,

Julie Wilson

PTO President

PRINCIPAL'S REMARKS

Greetings Colfax Families,

Welcome to the start of the 2016-2017 school year! Whether you are new to Colfax or a returning student/family, we look forward to you being a part of the community and hope that you become involved in our school. Each new school year brings with it the promise of what is before us. I believe this new year will present opportunities for our school community to grow closer together and for our school to continue our quest for excellence for every learner. I encourage every student and parent to embrace the many opportunities that make our school great.

In preparation for this school year, teachers and administrators have participated in professional development to improve instructional activities for students. We have several teachers who participated in STEAM trainings funded by a grant that was co-written by a team of Colfax teachers. A team of Colfax staff members has been formed to lead our teachers in weekly school based professional development. Differentiation, Progress Monitoring, and Project Based Learning (PBL) are among the many focuses that our team will continue to provide individual and group professional development. You will hear more details about these instructional strategies and practices throughout the school year.

In closing, I would like to officially welcome the following new members to our Colfax staff:

- ANGELA MUSYT, 3/4 Mathematics/Science
- APRIL FRANKLIN, 3-5 Social Studies
- LORENA MITCHELL, 7 Math
- ANDREW DIXON, 6/7 Science
- CALEB BOHANAN, Instrumental
- KRISTY WELSH, 3-6 Special Education
- BECKY KLINK, Spanish
- KATI MAAS, Art
- MALIKA SINHA, K-4 Counselor
- ROBIN TAYLOR, SDSS

We are expecting to see each of you at the many school and PTO sponsored events. These events are listed in our newsletters, website, and posted on our Colfax PTO Facebook account. I look forward to a successful 2016-2017 school year!

Warm Regards,

Dr. Woods

Principal

NEW TEACHERS



KATI MAAS

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Art

I grew up on a grape farm in Erie County and attended college in Erie at Mercyhurst University for Art Education. I have six years of teaching experience, 2 in rural and urban schools, 4 years being the full time art teacher at a K-8 city school in Erie. I am incredibly excited and grateful to be a part of Pittsburgh Public Schools. I spend my time split between Manchester K-8 and Colfax K-8. My students will learn drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, various 2-D and 3-D arts among many other exciting things! I plan to help each student master basic art skills so they can create their own art work independently with confidence. As students master the basics we will grow and build skills centering around a variety of materials, subject matter, cultural influence and incorporating art history. The 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start already!



CALEB BOHANAN

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General and Instrumental Music

I am a recent graduate of Penn State, earning a degree in Music Education. Last Spring, I spent my time student teaching in Pittsburgh Public Schools. With this great experience in mind, I wanted to continue my career in Pittsburgh Public Schools, and this Fall, I was granted that opportunity. As a trombonist and vocalist, I am using my skill set to teach General and overflow Instrumental Music at Colfax K-8, as well as Chorus at Alderdice High School.



KRISTY WELSH

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3rd-6th Grade Special Education

I am the 4th and 5th grade learning support teacher this year. This is my 9th year of teaching (2nd in PPS). I have a Masters Degree in special education (autism emphasis) and am very excited to be at Colfax. I have varied experience with many different grade levels, content areas, as well as International Baccalaureate training. I'm looking forward to a great year!

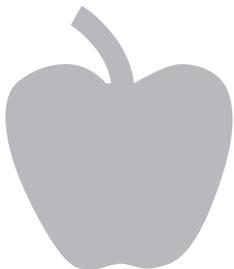


Charles Gambino

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Instrumental Music

Charles Gambino earned his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education in 2005 from Clarion University and Master's Degree in Education in 2014 from Wilkes University. Charles' previous experience includes teaching at Pocono Mountain School District from 2006 to 2016, where he had the opportunity to serve as High School, Middle School, and Elementary School Band Director, and taught instrumental music, general music, marching band, jazz band, pit orchestra, and various other music offerings. Under his direction, the program earned several competitive accolades. Charles has also served as a marching percussion advisor, private percussion instructor, mountain biking enthusiast, and has performed with regional drum and bugle corps.



NEW TEACHERS



APRIL FRANKLIN

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3rd-5th Grade Social Studies

I am the new 3rd, 4th, 5th grade Social Studies teacher. Over the next few weeks, we will work to create a student centered classroom, where the students are actively participating and engaged.

This year we are working through the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade curriculum. In 3rd grade, we will have the opportunity to examine geography and cultures of the world. In 4th grade, we will take journeys by land and sea with geography and history of global exploration from 1200-1500. In 5th grade, we will explore history of Social Justice Movements in the United States beginning with the Native Americans. Student will build on their critical thinking skills and begin to see their role as citizens. I cannot wait to see your child's mind develop into a historian.



DOMINIC WOODS

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6th Grade Social Studies

I am now in my second academic year at Colfax. I currently teach 3 sections of World Geography and 2 sections of World History. Both classes are going great, especially the group work, projects and infusion of the "flipped" learning model and technology. I also have the responsibility of coaching both the inaugural season of Colfax Coed Flag Football and both the girls and boys intermediate level swim teams. I have enjoyed my tenure. The students and parents have really been supportive and excited with how and what I teach and the administration has pushed me to excel.



LITA JACKSON

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Kindergarten

This will be my second year at Colfax. Last year I taught Social Studies in grades 4-6, and this year I am so excited to be teaching Kindergarten. As part of the Colfax STEAM Committee, I attended a Project-Based Learning seminar at the South Fayette School District over the summer. I am eager to bring many of the hands-on ideas I learned there to my students at Colfax.



MALIKA SINHA

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K-4th Grade Counselor

Hello! My name is Ms. Malika Sinha and I am the new K-4 School Counselor at Pittsburgh Colfax! I graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. double major in Psychology and Economics. I later obtained my M.S.Ed. in School Counseling at Duquesne University. I have been working as a School Counselor for Pittsburgh Public Schools since the 2014-15 academic year. Helping children meet their goals and succeed in school is something I am very passionate about. I absolutely love working with children and am very excited for this upcoming school year. Everyone at Colfax has given me such a warm welcome and I am truly honored to be a member of this team! If there is anything I can help you with please do not hesitate to call at 412-529-6709 or email at msinha1@pghboe.net.



NEW TEACHERS



BRITTANY MCCANN

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4th/ 5th Grade Math

Hello Colfax Family! I am so honored to return to Colfax for a second year! Last year, I had the fantastic opportunity to teach our third graders math and science. This year, I have the privilege to teach math to fourth and fifth grade! Prior to coming to Colfax, I spent 7 beautiful years with Early Intervention working with pre-school children in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. I am a proud Pittsburgh Public Schools graduate, and truly living my dream as a teacher in the best district in the state of Pennsylvania.



LORENA MITCHELL

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7th Grade Math

Lorena joins us at Colfax this year in 7th Grade Math. She has been teaching in the Pittsburgh Public School District for 20 years. Last year she taught 7th Grade Math at Allegheny Traditional Academy. She will be teaching her students Pre-Algebra this year in preparation for high school Algebra. In her free time, Lorena is an avid photographer. She is eager to share this passion with her students and to show them how it relates to Math.



ANGELA MUSYT

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3rd Grade Math and Science

I am coming from Sunnyside Elementary where I was teaching Kindergarten for 2 years. Before that, I was a long term term for both 1st grade and 2nd grade.

The 3rd grade math curriculum will be Everyday Math 4. We are starting by reviewing concepts while also introducing new strategies to solve problems. We will be covering: Numbers and Operations in Base Ten, Fractions, Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Measurement and Data, Geometric Measurement, and Geometry.

I am very excited about the Science curriculum, which is brand new for the district. It is very hands on and exciting for the students. Each grade level will focus on the same three overarching science themes: Life Science, Physical Science, and Earth and Space Science. This gives all students a chance to not only be introduced to a topic, but really delve deep into it, and makes science cohesive across grade levels.

Before becoming a teacher, I was a graphic designer at an ad agency. I loved the creativity and still use it today! My husband and I designed an app called AlphaMaze, which is a maze-style game for all ages involving the alphabet and typography!

I look forward to not only a great first year, but hopefully a long future here at Colfax!



BETSY JUHAS

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Grade 1

I have been an early childhood educator for many years. I have worked in day care, taught Preschool, Kindergarten, First grade, Second grade and Third grade- the entire gamut of Early Childhood education.

I have 7 years of experience teaching First Grade in Pittsburgh Public Schools. This will be my 8th year as a first grade teacher. I am a National Board Certified teacher and I also hold a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. I am also a Montessori certified teacher so I encourage independence in my students. This is my 9th year at Colfax. For the past 8 years I served as the in-house gifted resource teacher for grades 1-3.

In 2006, I received the Roy A. Hunt foundation fellowship for Science teachers. I travelled to Cananea, Brazil to work with a university professor who was studying the ways in which dolphins pass on culture (hunting techniques) to their offspring. I love science and I hope to pass on my love of learning and exploring the natural world with my students.

I make an effort to visit schools wherever my travels take me. I always learn something new that I can bring back to my classroom. I have visited schools in Brazil, Mexico, Puerto Rico, France, Canada, several countries in Central America, and in many cities across the United States



ROBIN TAYLOR SDSS

Robin joins us from the Southside Annex where she worked as the Test Coordinator. Prior to that she worked in the Healthcare field for 18 years. Robin will be our new System Data Service coordinator here at Colfax as well as providing a warm smile for all who stop in the office. Be sure to say hello!



ANDREW DIXON

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6th-7th Grade Science

Andrew may be new to Colfax this year, but he is not new to the Pittsburgh Public School District. Last year he taught Science at South Hills 6-8. This year, he will be introducing his students to the exciting subjects of Life Science and Physics, as well as sharing his enthusiasm for fantasy football.



BECKY KLINK

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Spanish

I've been teaching Spanish for over twelve years and truly love my job. I've taught a diverse range of students but have largely worked as an instructor of university-level Spanish. I have a unique passion for all languages which I hope to extend to my students; I try to make learning as fun and engaging as possible. My number one criteria for grading students is simple: they need to try. I like to incorporate music, real life scenarios, and work in groups or as a class as much as possible. The best way to learn a language is to be relaxed, laugh at one's mistakes, and use others for guidance. When students get stuck, I encourage them to shout out "help me" in Spanish rather than stating "I don't know."

I graduated from Indiana University of PA with a B.A. in Honors English and Honors Spanish. I have a M.A. from the University of Pittsburgh in Hispanic literature and expect to earn my Ph.D. in literature this fall after defending my dissertation this November; I am beyond excited to finish over ten years of post-graduate studies! After that, I plan to get back to what I love: art projects, volleyball, running, writing creative non-fiction, gardening, and cooking!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS AT COLFAX (written by Ms. Bickerstaff, ESL Teacher)

The ESL Department is excited to begin the new school year. We have so many countries represented at Colfax again. Chile, China, Japan, Venezuela, Mexico, France, Kazakhstan, Brazil, Turkey, Russia, the Ukraine, Saudi Arabia, the French Congo, Iraq, Korea and we know many more are coming. Although we know the ESL students are at Colfax to learn English and learn about American culture, our American children also learn so much from our ESL students. Welcome to All!

GREETINGS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Welcome to a new school year. My name is Rachel Short and I am assigned to Pittsburgh Colfax K-8 four days a week. I am available by email and phone: rshort1@pghboe.net and 412-529-6714. Please keep me updated on your child's health. Per Pennsylvania law, all medications in the school must be administered by a licensed person or a parent/guardian/family member. Keep eating lots of fruits and vegetables and wash your hands!

FACE COORDINATORS

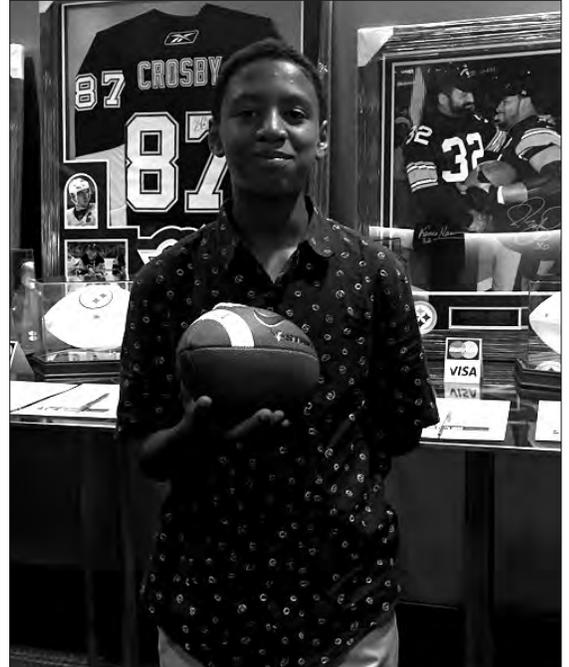
The FACE (Family and Community Engagement) Coordinators for this school year are Mrs. Pozza and Mrs. Balik. As FACE Coordinators, these teachers work with parents, community volunteers, and school staff to build relationships with the larger community and engage parents. They help organize PSCC meetings and assist the PTO with events like Fiesta, Movie Night, Carnival, and the Talent Show. They are excited for a wonderful school year!



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JEROME BETTIS CARING FOR KIDS GALA

On September 15th, Dr. Woods and some of our Colfax students were invited to attend the 11th annual Caring for Kids Gala at the Fairmont Pittsburgh, Downtown. They were guests of Gloria Bettis as well as Jerome Bettis and his wife, Trameka. Hines Ward was also in attendance as the recipient of the 2016 Jerome Bettis Humanitarian Award.



GARDEN UPDATE (written by Farmer Paul)

I've been busy this Summer keeping things happily growing in our school garden. At the start of the Summer, I was hired by Grow Pittsburgh as the full time Farmer at the Montessori school. So I am now splitting my duties between two schools, but my teaching capacity remains just as strong at Colfax.

All the crops at Colfax's garden did fantastic this season and with the exception of flea beetles attacking the kale/cabbage/collard seedlings, there were very few pests putting pressure on the food. I want to send a big word of appreciation to all the families who stepped up for Summer Garden Care. They spent a week managing weeding/watering/harvesting duties and making sure the garden had a strong human presence all Summer long, something the squirrels and rabbits surely noticed.

This school year we are changing the garden program up at Colfax. I will now offer 3rd grade regular garden lessons during the Winter, with a focus on garden and cooking science. I will continue to offer a robust program of regular garden lessons to K - 2. We will start the garden lessons this year with 2nd grade in the Fall. 1st grade will have garden lessons in the Spring. Kindergarten will have lessons at the end of the Fall and the Start of the Spring. It's a bit confusing but the way it will work, first graders will plant the garden in the Spring, second graders will harvest the garden in the Fall, and third graders cook up the harvest in the winter. Kindergarten will have sort of an introduction to the garden space, to get ready for more intensive lessons during the 1 - 3 grades.

The garden club that has been offered to 3rd - 5th graders in the Fall and Spring will no longer be running as it once did. The student demand to be involved completely outpaced our capacity to make it work in a meaningful, consistent way. Also, the sponsoring faculty member is not able to facilitate the club this year. With my additional teaching duties at Montessori and more grades served at Colfax, I won't be able to dedicate my work hours to the club. That said, if a parent is interested in making it happen and we can find a faculty member to facilitate, I am more than happy to help get the club up and running.

Our annual Chef in the Garden is tentatively scheduled for the first week in October. So far we have three chefs signed up to teach cooking lessons in the garden. If you, or anyone you know, cook professionally and would be interested in joining us for this fun event, please e-mail eva@growpittsburgh.org. I will be announcing more details once they are confirmed. I'm looking forward to another great year of growing our own food at Colfax!

If you are interested in volunteering in the garden or simply want to find out more info, please e-mail me at paul@growpittsburgh.org. I can use help during the school day and beyond.



MIDDLE LEVEL UPDATES

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(written by Leslie Grodin and Sukanya Srinivasan,
Middle Level Parent Committee Co-Chairs)

Welcome Middle School Parents!

It looks like the students will have a great year with many activities planned including dances, movie night, the spring musical, ski club, science squad, and student council to name a few. One major event is the annual middle level end-of-year trip, which is open to all 6th, 7th & 8th graders who wish to participate.

This year's 2-day/1-night trip is scheduled for May 18-19, 2017. Students will travel to Cincinnati, Ohio to visit the National Underground Railroad Museum, Great Wolfe Lodge, the Cincinnati Zoo, and King's Island. The cost of the ML trip is \$310 per student (including food, transportation & lodging). More information will be sent home soon.

There will be several opportunities for students to raise funds for the trip. A Sarris Candy fundraiser will be held in December. Please let us know if you would like to help with this fundraiser or if you have some new fundraising ideas.

Colfax Student Council will hold its first meeting after students have a chance to circulate their applications to join. Student Council is open to any student in grades 6, 7 or 8 who is willing and able to take on the responsibilities that come with being a student leader. Interested students should see Mr. Schmiedlin (at rschmiedlin1@pghboe.net) or Ms. Dawson (at kdawson1@pghboe.net) for applications and for more information.

Want to receive more Middle Level news by email? Contact Sukanya Srinivasan at dr.sukanya@gmail.com and Leslie Grodin at leslie.grodin@verizon.net to stay involved and informed!

COLFAX SPORTS

Middle level sports are offered to all middle level students with good classroom behavior and above a 2.0 GPA on their report card. We have three different seasons. The first begins on September 19th and includes Coed Flag Football and Cross Country. Our second season begins in November and includes Swimming and Basketball. The third and final season includes Soccer and Wrestling. If you ever have questions or need resources please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Malvin at kmalvin1@pghboe.net

COED FLAG FOOTBALL (written by Coach Woods)

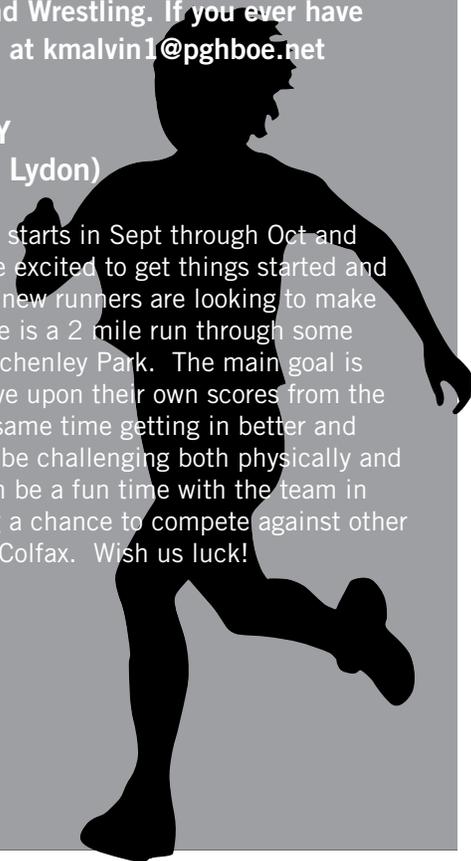
The inaugural season of Pittsburgh Flag Football League (PFFL) season starts in September and ends with the championship week during the beginning of November. We will be practicing on Mondays and Wednesdays 3-4:30. Our games usually fall on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The goal of practice is to improve our athletes' physical fitness and provide tutorial sessions about the game of flag football. Tryouts are mandatory and the league has set the team size of 15 participants.

It should be a great learning experience as we develop and grow throughout the season. As always we love the support of our fans. We are ready to let team cobra strike and start our season.

CROSS COUNTRY (written by Coach Lydon)

Cross country season starts in Sept through Oct and the kids returning are excited to get things started and I already know many new runners are looking to make the team. The course is a 2 mile run through some trails and woods in Schenley Park. The main goal is for the kids to improve upon their own scores from the time before. At the same time getting in better and better shape. It can be challenging both physically and mentally but also can be a fun time with the team in practices and getting a chance to compete against other schools on behalf of Colfax. Wish us luck!



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FIRST CROSS COUNTRY MEET OF THE YEAR

The first Cross Country Meet of the 2016 Season was held on Tuesday, September 20th at the Schenley Oval. The weather was fantastic and our Cobras ran strong!



RUN SHADYSIDE

Be part of Team Colfax at RunShadyside and raise money for Colfax and the Boys & Girls Club!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 8 am for RunShadyside 5K Run & 1-mile Family Fun Walk.

This fantastic event benefits The Boys & Girls Club of Shadyside. When you register as a member of Team Colfax, you can also raise money for the Colfax PTO.

Last year, nearly 150 registrants for Team Colfax (including 100 students) raised almost \$1,500 for the Colfax PTO. Let's do it again!

Register now online at www.runshadyside.com. Under Team Information, click "YES" and then select TColfax2016. You must enter this team to benefit Colfax.

Register as soon as you can and join Team Colfax!

If you don't want to run, but you are interested in helping out on race day, contact Anne Marie Kuchera at amkuchera@yahoo.com. We want you too!



STAY CONNECTED

COBRA STORE (written by Heather Sendera)

Welcome back to the Cobra Store!!

The Cobra Store has returned to Colfax this year with just a few changes. For those who may not know, the Cobra Store is a way that teachers and staff can reward kids for good behavior and the best part is that they get to shop for their own rewards!

We have done away with “cobra cash” and this year the kids will get stamp cards. They can then use these cards to shop for items like pencils, goggles, snacks, legos, binders and much more. This year, kids will be able to shop every other week. Another change is that kids will be able to come to the store starting in 2nd grade...they are thrilled!

The days the Cobra Store will be open the next few months will be as follows: September 30, October 14, October 28, November 4, and November 18.

Thanks to all of our volunteers for helping the store run so smoothly! If you would like to help out, the store will be open during periods 4 - 6 (10:59am - 1:20pm) every other Friday with 15 min setup/cleanup on either end. You can volunteer for part of the time, the whole time, every week or once a month. We will take whatever time you are able to give!

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Heather Sendera (512-470-7743, hsendera@gmail.com)

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PTO DIRECTORY

It's not too late to get your child's name into the COLFAX PTO STUDENT DIRECTORY! Lost the form? You can find a copy on our website: www.colfaxpto.org

Please return the form to your student's homeroom teacher. Or email the information (student name, homeroom teacher, grade, parent's name, address, email and phone number) directly to: colfaxptodirectory@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER UPDATE (written by Tiffany Stuckey, Volunteer Coordinator)

Looking to learn more about Colfax? Want to meet some fun people? Just want to get out of the house? Volunteer!

- *Classroom volunteers*
- *After-school tutors*
- *Morning bus supervisors*
- *Breakfast/Recess/Lunch supervisors*
- *School tours*
- *Office assistance*
- *Babysitting cooperative*
- *Fundraising*
- *Special Events (Fiesta, Party for Play, etc.)*

Contact VP Volunteer Coordinator Tiffany Stuckey at tcstuckey18@me.com for more information. Note that some opportunities require that volunteers have state criminal and child abuse clearances. If your clearance is more than three years old, it must be renewed to be valid. See the PTO website for more information on obtaining a new or renewed clearance.

STAY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COLFAX!

(written by Nikole Fiedler, Communications)

Are you on Facebook? Come “like” us on our Facebook Page to receive up-to-the-minute information, connect with other parents, and communicate with your PTO. You can find us at www.facebook.com/pghcolfax.

We are only as successful as our audience. Please encourage others to sign up for the PTO's weekly emails. It's easier than ever! Just go to the Colfax PTO website, at www.colfaxpto.org and click on the big blue “Sign Up” button at the top of screen.

COLFAX FIESTA



FIESTA (written by Dory Levine, PTO VP Special Events)

On September 15th, the Colfax community gathered for Fiesta. The potluck dinner was amazing! Each dish was delicious and unique, it was hard to decide what to try. And the company was even better! The fantastic weather gave friends both old and new the chance to laugh and play, as well as enjoy the great clay project provided by the Union Project. Finally, thank you to all the volunteers for your hard work. We couldn't have done it with out you.

Be sure to come to our next event, Halloween movie on October 27, 2016.



Pittsburgh Colfax K-8

2016-2017 Bell-Schedule

	Begin Time	End Time
Breakfast	7:45 AM	8:07 AM
Homeroom	8:07 AM	8:15AM
Enrichment	8:15 PM	8:45 PM
Period 1	8:45AM	9:28AM
Period 2	9:28AM	10:11AM
Period 3 K-1 Lunch	10:11AM	10:59AM
K-1 Lunch Transition	10:56 AM	10:59 AM
Period 4 2-3 Lunch	10:59AM	11:47AM
2-3 Lunch transition	11:44 AM	11:47 AM
Period 5 4-5 Lunch	11:47AM	12:35 PM
4-5 Lunch transition	12:32 PM	12:35 PM
Period 6 6-8 lunch	12:35 PM	1:20 PM
Period 7	1:20 PM	2:03 PM
Period 8	2:03 PM	2:46 PM
Transition to Dismissal Rooms	2:46 PM	2:51 PM
Dismissal to buses	2:51 PM	3:00 PM

COLFAX PTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

2016

August 25	Back to School Night	December 23-30	NO SCHOOL/ Winter Break
August 29	First Day of School (except Kindergarten)		
		<u>2017</u>	
August 29-31	Kindergarten Assessments	January 2	NO SCHOOL/ Winter Break
September 1	First Day of Kindergarten	January 11	PSCC/PTO Meeting
		January 16	NO SCHOOL
September 5	NO SCHOOL	January 23-24	NO SCHOOL
September 6	Mad Mex Fundraiser	January TBD	Ice Skating Night
September 14	PSCC/PTO Meeting	February 8	PSCC/PTO Meeting
September 15	Colfax Fiesta	February 25	Colfax Annual Fundraiser, Party 4 Play
October 1	Run Shadyside		
October 3	NO SCHOOL	March 8	PSCC/PTO Meeting
October 10	NO SCHOOL/Parent- Teacher Conferences	March TBD	Talent Show
		April 6	Spring Movie Night
		April 10-14	NO SCHOOL/ Spring Break
October 12	NO SCHOOL		
October 27	Halloween Movie Night	April 19	PSCC/PTO Meeting
November 8	NO SCHOOL	May 1-5	Teacher Appreciation Week
November 9	PSCC/PTO Meeting		
November 11	NO SCHOOL	May 10	PSCC/PTO Meeting
November 24-25	NO SCHOOL/ Thanksgiving Vacation	May 12-14	ML Musical
		May 29	NO SCHOOL
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* The primary user of the computer must also be over 18 and cannot be active military personnel.

This project is being conducted by researchers including Drs. Lorrie Cranor and Nicolas Christin at Carnegie Mellon University and is approved by the CMU Institutional Review Board (IRB).



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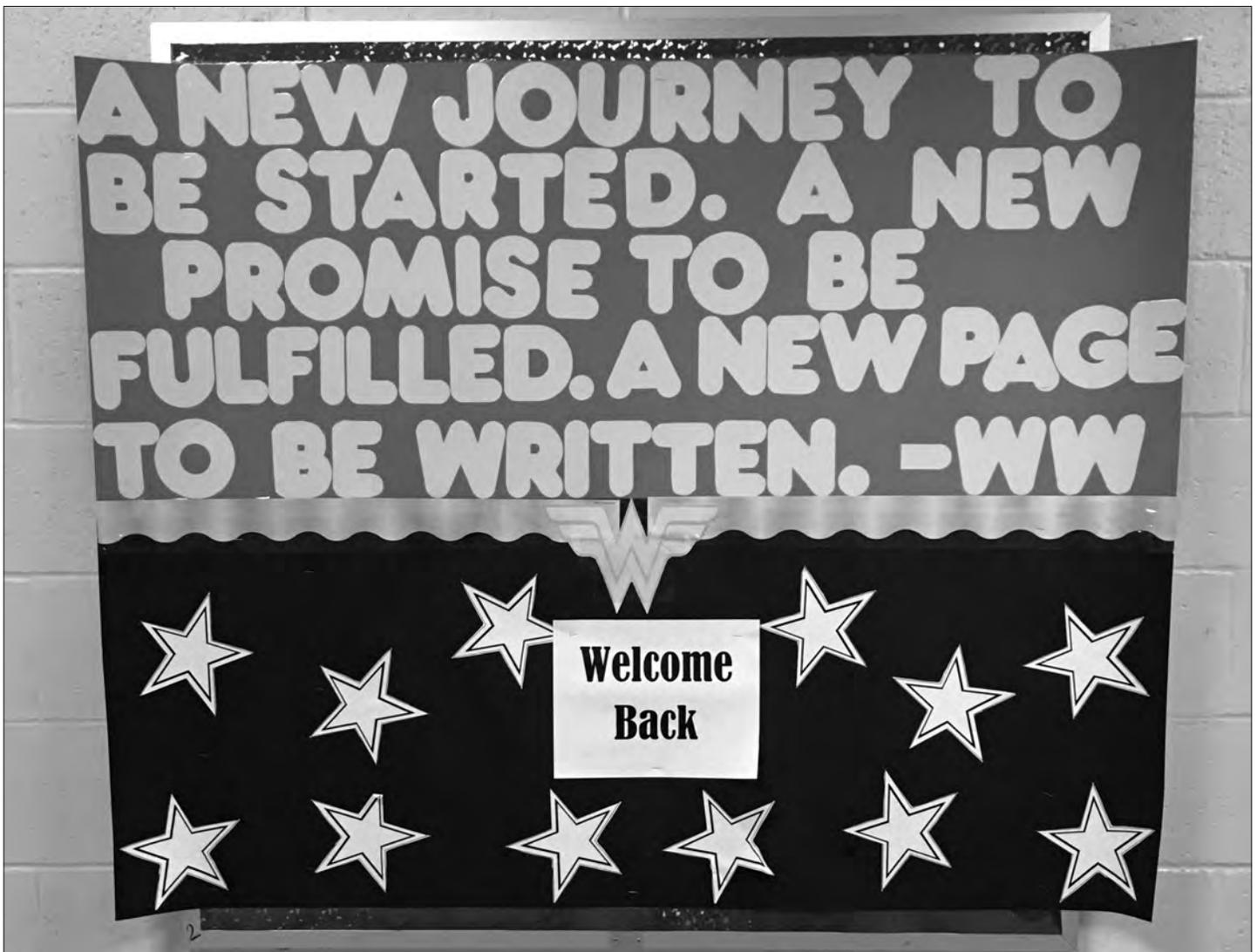
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