



Colfax K-8 PTO

News and Updates
Sunday, December 3, 2023

Stay Informed. Get Involved.

Important Dates

This Week at Colfax

- Monday, December 4: Day 3
- Tuesday, December 5: Day 4
- Wednesday, December 6: Day 5
- Thursday, December 7: Day 6
- Friday, December 8: Day 1; Ice Skating Night, 6:00-8:00pm @ Hunt Armory

Upcoming Dates

- Friday, December 15: Half Day for Students; Holiday Potluck for Teachers and Staff
- Friday, December 25-Tuesday, January 2: NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

[Click here to see the full School Year Calendar at a glance](#)

Holiday Teacher and Staff Appreciation

This year the PTO will once again host a potluck lunch for all Colfax teachers and staff. The potluck will be held on Friday, December 15 (half day), and we need YOU to make it a success!

Bring in your favorite dish, side, or dessert. Too busy to make something? You can help by bringing in paper cups/plates/cutlery. Alternatively, you can volunteer or make a monetary contribution.

[Sign up here by Monday, December 11!](#)

Holiday gifts for specials teachers and staff

The PTO will be collecting money to purchase holiday gifts for all specials teachers, along with all staff, including custodial, cafeteria, security, social workers and etc. If you would like to make a contribution, you can use:



Deadline for contributions is December 19.

Holiday Food Drive

COLFAX HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE 2023

Please help support our Colfax Food Drive. It will be held from December 1 - December 20th. Please send non-perishable food items into your child's homeroom. Middle Level Envoy students will use many of these items to make baskets for some of our families in need. Monetary donations will be used to purchase perishable items that will go in the baskets. The rest of the food will be donated to the Pittsburgh Food Bank and 412 Rescue

Thank You Cobras for All Your Support!

Donation of non-perishable food items/ monetary donations are welcomed.

Examples may include but are not limited to: canned goods, rice, beans, mashed potatoes, soups, macaroni and cheese, stuffing mix, fruit cups, cereal, snacks/treats, juice packets etc.



Math Kangaroo

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What is Math Kangaroo?

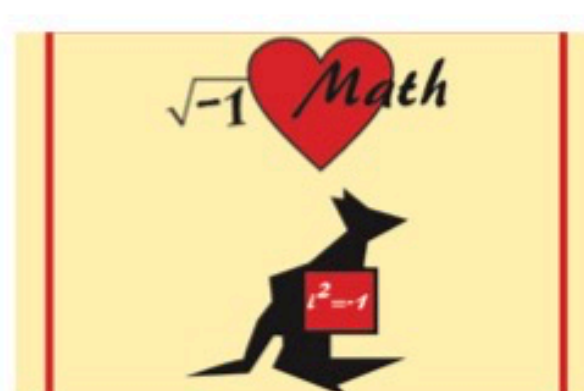
- A once yearly math competition
- Colfax students will take the exam at Colfax on March 24, 2024.
- Test length depends on grade level (varies from 75-90 minutes)
- Number of questions depends on grade level (varies from 24-30)
- Most questions are word problems; they are chosen by The International Math Kangaroo Committee annually
- <https://mathkangaroo.org/mks/>

Who should participate?

- For kids who love math, this is a fun way to engage with peers and to showcase their talents
- Your child has to be competent at grade level math**
- Must be self-motivated to do math at lunch and recess once a week**
- This NOT a TUTORING program.

When will Math Kangaroo meet?

- Fridays
- during LUNCH & RECESS
- Location: TBD (Likely teacher classroom)
- Parent volunteer teachers (You?)



Why should my child participate?

- The club will help kids in the application of math concepts
- Kids have FUN working on math TOGETHER
- Top awards include all-expense paid international summer camps and college grants.

How do I get my child to participate?

- Sign up in our form: <https://forms.gle/dChTe8blCW3ZpPHg>
- Have your child attend our group meeting each Friday.
- Once you register for the CLASS (using our google form), then we will send you the link to register for the MK EXAM at our Colfax site on March 21, 2024.
- The exam fee is \$21.00

Questions or parents interested in being volunteers please contact parent volunteer Azi Block at a.masalehdan.block@gmail.com

[Sign up for Math Kangaroo here](#)

Parent volunteers are needed to bring this math program back to Colfax. Please contact Azi Block if you are interested in helping: a.masalehdan.block@gmail.com

Useful Links

Here are some more links you may find helpful in navigating life at Colfax!

- [Colfax Directory 2023-2024](#)
- [School breakfast and lunch menus](#)
- [Early dismissal form](#)
- [Full Year School Calendar at a Glance](#)
- [Colfax website](#)
- [Student Handbook](#)
- [When to keep your child home from school](#)
- [Suggest topics for PTO meetings](#)
- [Schedule a Building Tour](#) (for prospective families)

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