



Tiger Tales

Thirty-sixth Edition

May 26, 2023



Important Dates

Please visit the Colfax website at <http://colfax.dpsk12.org/> and you can find our events listed on the calendar section.

May Dates:

- **May 29** No School - Memorial Day
- **May 30** 5th Grade Student BBQ & Continuation at 5pm & 5th grade Last Day of School
- **May 31** ECE Continuations in Cafeteria
 - Mr. Polo @ 10am
 - Ms. Dayana @ 1pm
 - Ms. Nina @ 2pm
- **June 1** Garcia & Serna end of year picnic 12:45 to 2:00
Kinder Continuation 10am
Last day of school for ECE - 4th grade



June Dates:

- **June 12 - July 14** Summer Connections @ Fairview = 9am - 4:30pm
@ Newlon = 8am - 3:30pm

August Dates:

- **August 5** West Colfax Neighborhood Festival @ Paco Sanchez Park 11am - 3pm
- **August 18** Meet the Teacher 4-6pm
- **August 21** First Day of School



Thank You For A Great Year!

Thank you for sharing your children with us each and every day. Staff and students worked hard to make every minute count and every moment matter, and we grew academically, socially, and emotionally. What a fabulous school year we had! We celebrated students this past week by recognizing students who completed ST Math for their grade level, students who made growth and who met grade level expectations on the I-Station reading assessment, and finally students who had 95% attendance for the whole school year. These students received two passes to the Denver Zoo or the Museum of Nature & Science. We also celebrated three students who had 100% attendance all year:

- Saya Fontenot
- Amy Regalado-Corona
- Rory Clucas

These students received 4 passes to Elitch's! We look forward to all the momentum that was started this year, to continue into next year. To help with continued learning, here are summer resources:

Reading:

- Visit the library or bookmobile in your neighborhood and check out books/videos for free with your library card
- Lexia - Students use the same login as ST math. See below.
- Enjoy reading with your child each day! Find books to read out loud that they will enjoy. If they are reading on their own, encourage them to read for 30 minutes every day on their own too! Students who aren't reading yet, can "read" by telling the story by pictures to you.
- Find fun reasons to write: Help your child write and illustrate a book, write a letter to a friend or family member, keep a journal, or help with practical writing like making grocery lists.

- If your child is still working on letter names or sounds, do letter scavenger hunts around the house, while at the grocery store, or while driving.
- Practice reading signs and/ or the grocery list while shopping

Math:

Here are some great ways to keep your student engaged and learning in math over the summer break!

1. **ST Math.** ST Math is our preferred web program to help students grow their conceptual understanding of all the various math standards that they are expected to master by the end of the school year. Teachers assign differentiated work for students who need to work on learning they are catching up on for the previous year. A good goal for students is to complete 10-20 puzzles daily. Students can log in to their account from any web-connected computer or tablet by going to **clever.com** and logging in using their regular school login. The username is the students' lunch number, and the password is their birthday. For example, a student born December 17, 2021 would use 12172021 as the password.
2. **Math at Home Resources** is an amazing website with tons of games and activities you can play with your students to support their understanding of math concepts for grades K-5 in English and in Spanish! You can find it here: <https://mathathome.mathlearningcenter.org/>
3. **Practicing Math Facts for fluency** is a huge help to your student and your student's teacher. Math facts are great to quiz your student on when you are in the car, going shopping, or on commercial breaks from TV. Please see the list below so you know where your student should be (grade level skills) by the end of the school year:
 - a. **Kinder:** Count up to 100 things by 1s and 10s, and name the number of objects in a group up to 10 (for example, dots on a domino or raisins on a plate).
 - b. **1st Grade:** Count to 100+, add and subtract up to 20 in story problems.
 - c. **2nd Grade:** Add and subtract numbers up to 100 in story problems, skip count groups, and know which numbers are even and odd.
 - d. **3rd-5th Grade:** All students should have multiplication and division facts from 0-12 memorized (Ex: $12 \times 12 = 144$, 144 divided by 12 = 12 and all the problems below that).
 - 3rd grade is the year to memorize all multiplication facts. When students have this skill automatically, and know what multiplication represents, they are then able to engage with other levels of math more easily. Test this skill with your child and if you see they don't have this skill YET, please spend some daily practice time with her / him.

MORE MATH IDEAS

- **Great board games** that involve math:
Yahtzee, Card Games, Monopoly, Battleship (Graphing), Racko
- **Bring your child shopping:** Talk about the discounts at stores, Percent off coupons (20% etc.), tipping at restaurants, how to count change (Even if they are slower than you... let them do it!)
- **Gas station math:**
How many gallons does your gas tank hold? How much does gas cost per gallon? Have your son/daughter guess the dollar amount at the pump!
Quiz your child on their multiplication facts while you are in the car wash. =)
- **Estimate just about anything!**
How far is a mile? How many steps to the mailbox? How many ounces does that glass hold? How many cookies do we need for your party, etc..
- **Cooking**
Measuring food, weighing food...
doubling recipes
- **Like technology?**
Here is a site with free math ideas:
<https://blog.tcea.org/11-free-math-sites/>

Oral Language Practice:

- Encourage your child to practice using complete sentences when asking for something or explaining something to you.
- Have conversations during meal times about the day or things that they are interested in

Fine Motor Skills practice:

- Tying Shoes: We have a lot of untied shoes daily, where adults work with students to fix. Try using a video with visuals that shows how to tie shoes the most efficient way OR model tying your own shoes and practicing with your child.
- Zipping practice- jackets, sweatshirts
- Button/Snap- practice, practice, practice



Staffing Updates for the 23-24 School Year

We have just a few changes for this upcoming school year that we want to update our community about. First, It is with bittersweet news that we say goodbye to our beloved Ms. America. Ms. America has been at Colfax for the last four years as the Kinder / 1st / 2nd grade ELA-S teacher. She became a homeowner at the start of the school year, and the commute is very far. She will be teaching at a school closer to her home which will give her more personal time with her family. We will miss you, Ms. America and appreciate all you have invested in our Colfax Family.

We are happy to introduce the new teacher, Zulma Murcia Paredes. We are also changing the structure to an ELA-S Kinder / 1st grade classroom, and will have a 2nd / 3rd grade class taught by Ms. Resendez and Mr. Julian.

Here is a note from our new teacher, Ms. Murcia:

Hola Colfax family!

My name is Zulma Murcia Paredes. I'm from Neiva - Colombia and I'm so excited to work with all of you and the little ones! I have a Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education - English language, and a Master Degree in TESOL. My experience in Colombia was for 6 years working from kindergarten to fifth grade and I have been working in the United States for five years in elementary school with second graders. I currently live in Charlotte NC, but soon I'm moving to Denver CO. I'm feeling so grateful to Mrs Koyama and the rest of the Colfax family for this opportunity and can't wait to work with you and the little ones!.

See you soon,

Ms Murcia.

Next, we will be adding a special education teacher to our team next year. Ms. Kellie Pickney has worked in Denver Public Schools for 20 years and will be coming to us from Cowell Elementary. For twelve of these years, she has taught diverse special education students reading, writing and math.

We look forward to another great year building off the momentum we have started as a Colfax team and family!

Final Week:



We have **optional** Covid Testing taking place at Colfax for all students who have a permission on file. ADULTS can get tested, too!

Registration and permission forms are available in the main office between 7:30am - 3:30pm.

There is a monetary incentive for your child to participate. The first test is awarded \$25. Each following test is awarded \$10.

ABC Countdown to Summer

Monday	Tuesday 5/30	Wednesday 5/31	Thursday 6/1	Friday
Memorial Day - No School	eXtra Recess Day - 	Year End Clean-up Day - clean out desks and the classroom! 	HuZZah Birthday Luau! - Celebrate June, July and early August birthdays! 	No School for Students!



Community Hubs

Colfax Community Hub
720-423-1180, 720-415-0751 (cell)
Hours for June: 8:30am-4:30 p.m.
Closed in July/some days in August
We will email/text other hub opportunities for June when available

Ongoing hub services in June, 2023

Service	Contact information
Energy Outreach of Colorado Assistance for past due Xcel bills	Must have an appointment, 720-423-1180 (can only receive help once between the months of October 2022-September 2023)
Book library program	Can check out books from our hub library. Call to make an appointment 720-423-1180
Community and district resource navigation	call/text for resources. 720-423-1180, 720-415-0751

June 2023 NW Hub Calendar

Monday, June 5	Tuesday, June 6	Wednesday, June 7 Denver Public Library Bookmobile on-site at hub 10:30am-11:30am Come by and check out books!	Thursday, June 8	Friday, June 9
Monday, June 12	Tuesday, June 13	Wednesday, June 14 Tepayac dental clinic 9am-1pm Free cleanings. Call to sign up 720-423-1180	Thursday, June 15	Friday, June 16
Monday, June 19 Hub closed in observance of Juneteenth	Tuesday, June 20	Wednesday, June 21 Denver Public Library Bookmobile on-site at hub 10:30am-11:30am Come by and check out books!	Thursday, June 22	Friday, June 23
Monday, June 26	Tuesday, June 27	Wednesday, June 28	Thursday, June 29	Friday, June 30

COLFAX COMMUNITY HUB

On June 1st at student end of school day pick up, the hub will be on the playground distributing any remaining groceries from Goodr. We will have summer resource guides and June hub calendar available. If you won't be at pick up but would like a summer resources guide, please call or email us: jbelle@dpsk12.net, 720-423-1180 or text 720-415-0751. We wish all families a fun, healthy and safe summer! We look forward to hosting a back to school event offering school supplies in August. More details will be shared over the summer.



What's For Lunch?

Week of:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
05/29 - 06/02 	NO SCHOOL	Crispy chicken sandwich or grilled cheese sandwich fruit & veggies & milk	All beef hot dog chickpea sandwich fruit veggies & milk	Cheese burger or chickpea sandwich fruit veggies & milk	NO SCHOOL



Small School Survey

The survey from DPS regarding declining enrollment can be confusing. During our community meetings, we talked about additional ideas to add in the survey, but at minimum, we are recommending a

boundary change. Please take a few minutes to give your feedback and if you are not sure, please call the main office so we can support you with getting your voice heard.

The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

[Here is the survey link.](#) Please take the survey today or call our **Family and Community Helpline at 720-423-3054** through Friday, May 19 to ensure that your voice is heard!

**ORDER YOUR
COLFAX CHRONICLE
TODAY!
COST: \$10**



This year was so dynamic! We made every minute count, Every moment matter, And had an excellent year of learning!

It's all in the Colfax Chronicle....

Pay in the main office with cash.

Info from School Nurse

If your child has medication at school, please make arrangements with me to pick up all medications used by your child during the school year. Colorado Guidelines state that medications **are not permitted to be sent home with your child.** If your child is participating in a summer program, their medication will not automatically be transferred to the site of the program. It is up to the parent/guardian to pick up the medication from the school and transport it to the summer program site.

IF ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE FOR MEDICATION PICK-UP, REMAINING MEDICATIONS WILL BE DESTROYED ON: 6/2/2023.

It has been a pleasure to work with you and your child this school year and I look forward to next year. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 720.424.8744. Thank you



JOIN US for TIGER HUDDLE

Huddle takes place from 8:05 - 8:30 every Friday. Come celebrate with us in the gym!

Core Value Winners

Our School Core Values are: **Community, Positivity, Curiosity, Responsibility, & Perseverance**

THIS week students who demonstrate the Colfax Core Values are nominated by students and teachers and two are selected to be recognized as our Friday Tiger Huddle.



Hajer Elghoul

This week's Core Values winner is Hajer! Hajer has grown SO much this year. While her level of sassy has increased, she showed me that she can make good choices to be a leader and a strong learner. She loves giving sass but can also be a memorable part of our community. Her calm demeanor and passion for her friends shows strongly and I will miss her in my class. Hajer has become a responsible 5th grader who I know is ready to handle any challenges in middle school. Her inseparable bond with her friends has made our community stronger. Hajer persevered when she was nervous about giving a continuation speech and has written an amazing piece to share with us on Tuesday! Way to go Hajer! We love you!

Eimy Natalia Barco

This week's Core Values winner is Natalia. She displays all the Colfax values by being a leader. One of her best qualities is being a very good friend and companion. When one of her classmates is sad, she gives them a hug, sits down with them and tries to help them feel better. Ceila is very good at reflecting on her actions. She is willing to admit when she is not doing the right thing and can think about what she needs to do to improve. When I ask him to do something he does it instantly with a "Yes miss!" He has grown tremendously in his reading and writing already reading and writing at the first grade level. She always treats others the way she wants to be treated. When faced with a difficult task, she does not give up. He does his best and asks for help if he needs it. No doubt Natalia is a big part of our classroom community and a very good example for her peers. We love you so much Natalia!



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