

# Family Connections

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Collins Elementary

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Important Dates:

8/11/15-Open house

8/13/15-1st day of school

9/21/15-9/25/15-Health Week

9/21/15-9/25/15-

Hygiene Drive

9/29/15-Say Cheese Night

### Back to School



#### Open House/Readi-fest

Collins Elementary will host an open house on Tuesday, August 11th from 5-7. Come meet your child's teacher anytime between those hours. Vendors will be here in the gym with important information for families for the next school year between the hours of 5-7. You can sign up to receive school supplies (these will not be given to your child at the open house/Readifest), but will be delivered to your child's classroom the first day of school. A raffle to win some back to school prizes will be drawn! Please join us for this fun, exciting event!

#### ABC's of Parenting

The Family Nurturing Center is offering a free 6 week class here at Collins starting on Monday's Oct. 19th and ending on Monday, November 23rd. The class will start at 5:30(a free dinner will be provided), and end at 8:00. Free Childcare will be provided for children under the age of 3, as well as a child's facilitation group for school-aged children pre-k-5th grades. This class could qualify you if you are in need of holiday assistance this year. Space is limited! Please call: Kathy Oehler or Bridget Otto in the Family Resource Center if you are interested in signing up at: (859)282-3247.

You must attend 5 out of the 6 sessions in order to qualify for holiday assistance. Parents learn effective parenting skills as well as school aged children learning effective social and communicative skills! Prizes and incentives for the families will be awarded!

Please join us!

#### Health Screening week

During our Health Screening week of September 21st-25th, we will be screening students here at Collins for vision, hearing, height, weight, and head checks. We are in need of Volunteers to help out with weighing and measuring our students here at Collins. Look for sign up sheets to come home for volunteer times!



#### Hygiene Drive

- During our Health Screening Week (Sept. 21st-25th), we are asking our students at Collins to bring in hygiene items. We use these items to help our families in need and for our 3rd-5th grade hygiene lesson. We make this a fun competition for our classes. These are the items that we are in need of this year:
  - Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)
  - Toothpaste (small tubes)
  - Soap (bar)/body wash
  - Shampoo/conditioner
  - Deodorant

The Classroom that collects the most products in each grade level will win a wonderful PEII package for their class! (preschool will compete with Kindergarten) Please note: We have plenty of travel size products. Please feel free to donate these items but they will not be included toward the competition. If you have any questions about our hygiene drive, please contact the FRC at: 282-3247



#### Say Cheese Night

On Tuesday, Sept. 29th, we will be having our Say Cheese Night here at Collins! This is a fun

Fun family night where each family will be photographed and receive an 8X10 the night of parent teacher conferences. Cheese pizza and a drink will be served that night! We will have important school information along with a fun fall craft for families to do that night! Look for flyers to come home to sign up for this event!

#### Free Store Food Bank

The Free store Food Bank provides our school with 114 "power packs" of food each year to 114 of our students here at Collins. If you are in need of food and would like your child to receive a sack of food each Friday in their back pack, please call: 282-3247. If your child is already on the list and received a sack last year, you will be receiving a form home to reapply.

#### Box Tops

Parents! Please cut and collect Box Tops and send them in with your child! We do collections two times a year. The winning classrooms in each grade level receives a ice cream/popcorn celebration! Last year we collected: \$1,662.50 for the FRC. This money goes toward programming throughout the year!