

# COLQUITT COUNTY SCHOOLS

## COMMUNICATIONS BULLETIN

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### VISION | MISSION | BELIEFS

TOGETHER, WE EDUCATE AND SUPPORT THE WHOLE-CHILD AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

[Click here for Vision | Mission | Beliefs and Strategic Plan.](#)



#### 2022-2023 PRIORITIES

#### **A<sup>+</sup>** ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

##### INCREASING RIGOR IN THE CLASSROOM

In a rigorous classroom, every student is continuously challenged to put in maximum effort and reach his/her full potential.

##### Five Ways to Increase Rigor in Math Classrooms

- Prioritize Understanding over Memorizing
- Encourage Risk-Taking
- Integrate Group Work
- Set High Expectations
- Make Real-World Connections

##### Five Ways to Increase Rigor in Language Arts Classrooms

- Ask Questions that Require Higher-level Thinking
- Teach Students to Craft Good Questions
- Use Higher-level Vocabulary
- Provide Appropriate Wait Time
- Choose Quality, Rigorous Texts

##### Five Ways to Increase Rigor in Science Classrooms

- Interpret and Analyze Data
- Developing Well-reasoned, Persuasive Arguments
- Devising Imaginative Ways to Solve Complex Problems
- Questioning Evidence and Assumptions to Reach Novel Conclusions
- Observe, Infer, Explain, Question

##### Five Ways to Increase Rigor in Social Studies Classrooms

- Teaching with Documents
- Analyzing Issues
- Engaging Visual and Audio Media Artifacts
- Researching Topics Using Multiple Sources
- Requiring Students to Take and Defend Positions

## RIGOR

"EVERY OBSTACLE IS DESTROYED THROUGH RIGOR."  
LEONARDO DA VINCI



INTERPRETER AND TRANSLATION

LanguageLine is a district-provided resource to assist you in communication with your non-English speaking students and families.

Interpreter | Call: 1-866-874-3972  
Translation | Email: [Translation@LLTS.com](mailto:Translation@LLTS.com) AND cc: [jbove@LLTS.com](mailto:jbove@LLTS.com)

Include the Client Code: 681115 and the language needed in all requests.

#### OPEN ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 17 - NOVEMBER 4



Benefits representatives from Totem Solutions will be available on **October 25, 26, and November 3rd** in the Colquitt County Board of Education Board Room | 1800 Park Avenue to assist employees in completing benefits elections or changes.

There are no premium changes or major benefit changes this year. This is your opportunity to add, update, or change your elections for 2023.

More information is to come by employee email.

##### Questions?

The Colquitt County Schools Benefits Service Center is available to help you. Benefits Specialists are available from 8 am to 6 pm Monday – Thursday and 8 am to 5 pm on Friday. **Please call 844-635-0709.**

**PACKER PERKS** Don't forget to check the [Packer Perks website](#) regularly for updates.

#### COLQUITT EMC BRIGHT IDEAS GRANT WINNERS



Congratulations to the Colquitt EMC Bright Ideas Grant Winners for 2022! Forty-two teachers from 11 schools were awarded teacher grants totaling almost \$40,000. We want to thank Colquitt EMC for its continued commitment to our students, teachers, and community. Teachers will use these grant funds to provide additional instructional opportunities for students and enhance learning. What a Packer Point of Pride! [Click for a list of grant winners.](#)



#### PACKER BUSINESS PARTNERS

Colquitt County Board of Education recognizes Packer Business Partners at September Board Meeting.

Left (pictured left to right): Colquitt County High School Principal Dan Chappuis, Chick-fil-A owner Wesley Rogers, and Colquitt County Board of Education Chairman Robby Pitts.

Right (pictured left to right): Odom Elementary School Principal Marlon Daniels, Candice Gay, Impulse owner Adam Giles, and Colquitt County Board of Education Chairman Robby Pitts.



#### STRINGFELLOW ELEMENTARY RECOGNIZED FOR CREATING HAPPY HIPPOS

Each month a school will be recognized for its attention and dedication to creating Happy Hippos. As you recall from the 2022-2023 Convocation speaker, information passes through the brain first through the amygdala, which controls emotion, and then to the hippocampus, our short-term memory. All information must pass those two places to get to long-term memory. If we are in a heightened emotional state of fear, anxiety, or stress, our hippocampus shrinks, affecting our ability to process and retain information. This relates to education on several levels. If a child is in a stressful state of mind, they are less able to learn. They can't retain the information because the hippocampus can't hold it, and every time a child becomes highly emotional, you lose, on average, 27 minutes before you can regain their attention fully. As an adult, if we are stressed, unhappy, emotionally drained, or anxious, our hippocampus also shrinks. The great thing about the hippocampus is that it can regrow. The more we "feed" it by creating supportive, stress-free, and positive interactions, the larger it gets, thus holding more information.

#### ANNUAL CRITICAL ISSUES REVIEW

Compliance Director link | [Colquitt County School District](#)

All Colquitt County School District employees must complete the modules at the link above. The deadline is **October 3rd**. Please save the emails of completion for your records.

All schools/offices will be closed  
October 20th & 21st.  
Classes resume Monday, October 24th.