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Corbin Independent Schools

WELCOME BACK!

Corbin Schools welcomed students back in style this year! Corbin Primary hosted a Super Hero Day while Corbin Elementary hosted an Olympics theme.

Corbin Primary students were greeted at the door by the Incredibles. The Incredibles encouraged students to have an incredible school year. Kindergarten students had the opportunity to get a photo posing as a super hero, "Soaring into Kindergarten". Corbin Primary staff dressed as super hero's and planned themed activities throughout the day.

Corbin Elementary students were greeted by the Redhound outside the first day. All staff members sported "Team CES" shirts to promote working together. The students were able to get an Olympic photo with the Redhound.

The themed days were planned to help students transition easily back to school. Corbin Schools strive to promote a fun and comfortable atmosphere for learning.



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Corbin Schools Hosts Former Columbine Principal Frank DeAngelis

The Corbin School District hosted former Columbine Principal Frank DeAngelis as the district's opening day speaker.

DeAngelis addressed all Corbin School District staff as well as administrators from local districts regarding the day that changed his life forever. DeAngelis was the principal of Columbine High School during the tragedy of 1999. Following the tragedy, DeAngelis continued to serve as principal until June of 2014.

"I had to stay," Frank told the Corbin Schools staff. "The things that happened that day are just too difficult to explain... Those students needed someone who could relate to what they had been through, someone to help them through the turmoil."

Despite getting emotional, DeAngelis's message was one of hope. He spoke to the staff regarding triumph over tragedy and how the events showed him there is nothing in life too difficult to overcome. He added that all students no matter their background or social status are equally important. He stated the best thing educators can do is to be aware of their students and build positive relationships.

DeAngelis also touched on school safety, stating that all students and teachers need to learn and be prepared in case of an emergency. DeAngelis has assisted as a consultant in a number of violent school events throughout the years. He presently serves as a consultant for safety and emergency management for the Jeffco School District in Colorado. He continues to deliver speeches at conferences and schools nationwide as part of a promise he made to his students.



"There is nothing I can do to bring back those 13 students who lost their lives; but I made a promise to them that I was going to continue to speak on their behalf to keep their memories alive," he said.

DeAngelis served as a teacher, coach, dean, assistant principal, and principal during his 35 years at Columbine High School.

MCCONNELL PRESENTS FLAG TO CMS



United States Senator Mitch McConnell presented a flag to Corbin Middle School at a recent Meet and Greet held in Barbourville, Kentucky.

McConnell had the flag flown over the Capital for Corbin Middle School. Donna McClure, McConnell's Field Representative, attended the Corbin Middle School ground breaking and requested the Senator to have the flag flown over the Capital. CMS Principal, Cindy Davis, and Assistant Principal, Christi Lefevers, attended the event.

McConnell visited Barbourville and London, Kentucky during his visit to the region. He discussed health care as well as other issues within the community and at the nation's capital.



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Corbin Schools Hosts Professional Development Conferences



The Corbin Independent School District hosted two conferences for Corbin Schools staff members. Corbin Administrators planned and organized the Together for Education Conference for all classified employees and the Strengthening Student Engagement Conference for all teachers.



“These sessions have been very informative,” Corbin Intermediate Instructional Monitor Yvette Tolliver said. “Anyone who comes in contact with a child should have these trainings. They have been very beneficial. I believe it is important to refresh each year especially on safety procedures.”

This is the first year the district has hosted a classified employee conference.

The conference lasted three days and consisted of sessions regarding safety in the workplace, customer service, student behavior interventions, reading strategies, safe crisis management, first aid mental health, and CPR certification.

Speaker Michael Denny addressed the classified employees. Denny spoke about how every person a child comes in contact with, from the teacher to the bus driver, is involved in the educational process. He informed the staff they each play an important role in the lives of students. Denny has 20 years of experience in Family Resource Youth Services Centers. He retired as the State Director for the FRYSC program.

The teacher’s conference, Strengthening Student Engagement, is held each year by the Corbin District. All teachers attended the two day conference. The sessions consisted of topics such as novice reduction, creativity in the classroom, visible thinking strategies, public speaking in the classroom, co-teaching, discussion techniques, personalized learning, and much more.

Many of the sessions were instructed by outside professionals from educational organizations as well as the state. The district also utilized their own resources using Corbin staff members with expertise in certain areas to lead sessions.

The school district plans to continue hosting conferences prior to the start of each school year. The conferences help to prepare all staff members to provide the best education possible to Corbin Schools students.

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Three Corbin Schools selected for CEP Program

The Corbin School District is now providing breakfast and lunch at no charge to students at Corbin Primary School, Corbin Preschool Center, and Corbin Educational Center.

The Corbin Schools were approved to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision, CEP, under the National School Lunch/National School Breakfast Program. The Schools had to meet certain criteria, apply, and be accepted before being able to join the program. Corbin Preschool and Corbin Educational Center were part of the program last year with Corbin Primary being added this school year.

All students attending the three schools will receive free breakfast and lunch throughout the school year. The Corbin District also encourages parents of the aforementioned schools to complete a Household and Income form. The form helps Corbin Schools to receive additional benefits for students as well as determines school eligibility in numerous programs including CEP. The Household and Income Forms are located on the Corbin District website, www.corbinschools.org, under the parents tab.



Student All Sports Season Pass!

The CHS Athletic Department is offering to students of any Corbin Independent School and their siblings an **ALL SPORTS PASS**.

The pass is good for admission to **ALL** home regular season Corbin High School athletic events for the entire 2016-2017 school year.

1st student per family - \$25

2nd student per family - \$20

3rd student any subsequent students - \$15

Passes available at CHS during school hours.

This **PASS IS NOT** transferable.

Replacements will be \$5.

*Passes are only good for regular season home games, & will not work for tournaments or post season contests.

CPS Announces Attendance Challenge

Corbin Primary School is hosting a September High Attendance Challenge.

The Corbin Primary Parent Teacher Organization in partnership with the Family Resource Center is organizing the event. They will be creating a "Redhound Prize Zone" awards store where students can bring their attendance points and shop for prizes. The store will be modeled after the Mr. Gattis point system. Each week a student can earn up to 25 points for being in attendance Monday through Friday. Prizes will range from 5 points to 25 points and include selections for male and female students.

The students points will be banked each week and if a student has perfect attendance through the month of September they will earn a 100 points total. The grand prize for 100 points is a pizza and inflatable party sponsored by the Corbin Primary Parent Teacher Organization.