

TIGER PRIDE

A LITTLE TASTE
OF WHATS TO
COME!!!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to announce to everyone our new newsletter! TIGER PRIDE PUBLICATIONS!!

Tiger Pride Publications started with a proposal from Mrs. Fuller to create a Coolidge yearbook. At the same time Mrs. Fuller was sending her proposal for the yearbook, Ms. Jones and Ms. Mallicott had the idea to do a student publication/newspaper as well. Ms. Love spoke with Ms. Jones and thought it was a great idea, so she came on board. With the great work Madison is doing with their news program, we wanted to continue that at Coolidge and create something special for our students. We have a YouTube channel, where we will start streaming our news broadcasts.

Students were required to fill out an application, attend an informational meeting as well as interview for the position they wanted for Tiger Pride Publications. Each student took their interview seriously, dressing up in business casual, bringing a portfolio of their work as well as sharing their experience for the job they wanted.

Each grade level participates in Tiger Pride Publications with the 8th graders having more of the senior level roles (i.e., Editor in Chief, Producer, and Web Designer). The 7th graders are taking the lead as photojournalist, editorial writers and reporters. Most of our anchors are led by 6th graders, taking the skills they have learned from Madison and bringing them to Coolidge. Each student has one or more job(s). Our Editor in Chief is an 8th grader, Miss Daiya Johnson.

Tiger Pride Publications will focus on school and community related news along with state and local stories the editorial staff come up with. This is a student led publication, so we empower each student to come up with stories/news they want to highlight and share with the student body.

THE
NEWS
YOU
CAN
USE!!

WHAT'S
NEW?

A New Year with Mrs. Rush

By: Regina Sanchez

After graduating from college, Mrs. Rush worked for the New York Times. She always wanted to be a teacher however, she was more interested in going into the corporate world.

Soon she got married and had a son; she ended up working a corporate job at The New York Times, but always had to leave her son at home, which she did not like. She decided to substitute teach to see if she enjoyed it.

Her first sub assignment was at Coolidge. Mrs. Rush ended up loving it and she subbed for a whole month. After realizing she wanted to teach, she resigned from The New York Times. She then became a teacher at Coolidge for 15 years before becoming the Assistant Principal at Madison. During her time at Madison the Mustangs stole her heart, but she knew it wasn't her final destination.



Madison did however, help prepare her for the position she is in now. When asked what she sees for the future, Mrs. Rush said she sees a lot of programs being run by the students, like Tiger Pride publications. She sees a student leadership building where the students are taking ownership and they are in charge of their learning, where they partner with their teachers and their community.

Mrs. Rush has a message for students, staff, and parents. She said, "I am here for the long haul. I am here to bridge gaps between students, communities, and teachers. It takes an entire village to make sure that children are prepared for the future."



OUR BOOKBAGS!!

With Dr. Hill

By: Daiya Johnson

The 2023-2024 school year has begun and many things have changed. One of these changes is the district implementation of clear book bags. Early this week I sat down with Dr. Hill, the superintendent of schools, to ask about the new policy.

During our interview I asked her how the idea of clear book bags came across the district. Dr. Hill responded that "a lot of school districts are moving to clear book bags".

In fact, Coolidge has had clear backpacks since last year. This school year, the decision was to make it for all the schools in the district to promote safety, according to Dr. Hill. So why is it mandatory now?

Dr. Hill stated it makes school safer because, "students have to think about what they put in their backpack". While everyone may not agree with the use of clear backpacks, students and parents alike can't help but appreciate the district's commitment to safety.



Strings !!!

Interview by: Evelyn Stratton-Mayo



Here at Coolidge Middle School there is a new encore called String Orchestra. String orchestra is where you learn how to play string instruments like the viola, violin, cello, and base. String orchestra is taught by Mrs. Smith, who teaches the students how to play the string instruments by starting with plucking the strings and learning the chords. After you learn the chords and how to pluck the strings then you start to learn how to use the bow. The students learn how to hold the bow and how to move it. Mrs. Smith was in the string orchestra herself and played the violin. One day she asked the teacher if she would make a good string orchestra teacher and he said yes. Later she realized that teaching string orchestra is what she wanted to do.



Before becoming a string orchestra teacher, Mrs. Smith wanted to become a FBI agent for a long time. The teacher Mrs. Smith had inspired her to become one because he enjoyed doing what he did and enjoyed coming to teach everyday. Now Mrs Smith is teaching string orchestra and enjoys teaching it. One reason she enjoys teaching string orchestra is when kids learn how to play something right and they realize how easy it was. Mrs. Smith had been teaching string orchestra for two years before she came here.



Hispanic Culture Club

Interview by: Sofia Escalona

HOW IT STARTED

The club was founded in 2012 and it started off when students would come in Ms.Zavala's homeroom on Friday mornings. She then got the idea to start an after-school club. The club has been in Coolidge for about 11 years, making it one of the oldest clubs in the school and largest, even before C.L.A.S.S. started. When it started, HCC started off with 15-20 students, now there are 50+ students wanting to join. They are divided into 2-3 stations to accommodate the big group.

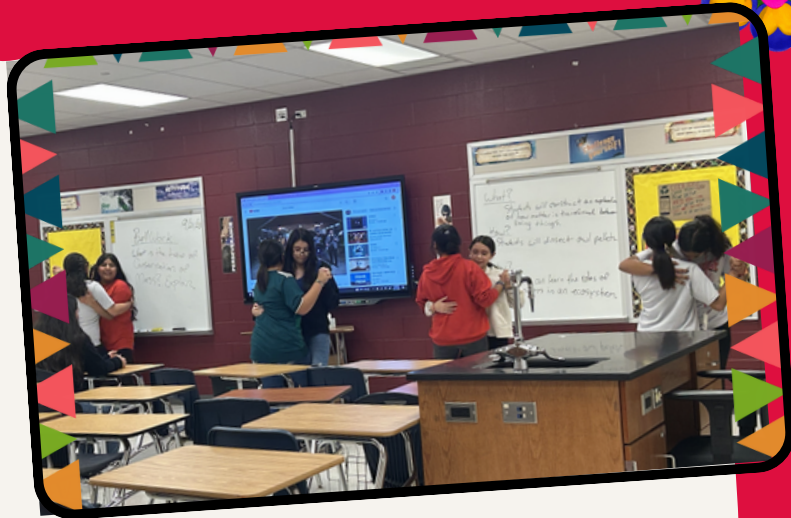
HOW SPONSORS JOIN

Ms.Zavala usually looks for, teachers that are interested in the culture and then they collaborate. The club first started with 2 sponsors, but the most they have had is 7.

ASSEMBLIES AND DANCES

For assemblies, HHC showcase different dances that the sponsors mix between something popular and something traditional. They look for clean versions of songs and student suggestions. They started off with a Cinco de Mayo assembly then, they switched to Hispanic Heritage Month assemblies. It's been about 8 years since they switched. They do repeat or "recycle" dances, like every 2-3 years, but only traditional dances.

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated September 15th through October 15th





Lady TIGERS

An Interview by Tramani Wesley

Indya Carpenter- How long have you been playing basketball?
"I have been playing basketball since 2nd grade. I really like to be able to play with others and it is a fun sport to play. I do not believe I will play basketball in high school."

Damiyah Mitchell- Why do you like playing basketball? "I like to meet other people and play with my classmates. My favorite move is a crossover between the legs! I have been playing basketball for 5 years."

Kourtne Rice- What is your favorite position to play in basketball? "My favorite position is being able to guard! I like playing defense and I have been playing basketball for 2 and a half years."

Desiree Benford- Why do you like playing basketball? "I like to be able to travel with the team and meeting new people. It's a place where I can express myself. I have been playing since 6th grade. I would also like to learn how to dunk one day!"

Dianna Parks- How long have you been playing basketball?
"I have been playing basketball for about 2 years. I like to be involved with my teammates. I'm going to learn how to dunk!"

OUR 6th/7th GRADE LADY TIGERS TEAM

Coaches: Mr. Baranski and
Mr. Lemon

Nevaeh Fisher- 6th
Mariah Walker- 6th
Shaniece Julious- 6th
Daylie Banks- 6th
Lichelle Durr- 6th
Makiyah Davis- 6th
Terriah Darty- 7th
Jamaryia Barnes- 7th
Kelis Cook- 7th
Amiya Leonard- 7th
Maleiya Hardiman- 7th
Wynter McClelland- 7th
Kamari Land- 7th

OUR 8th GRADE LADY TIGERS TEAM

Coaches: Ms. Allen, Ms. Ball, and Mr. Dildy

Kourtne Rice- 8th
Jada Prince- 8th
Damiyah Mitchell- 8th
Desiree Benford- 8th
Indya Carpenter- 8th
Diana Parks- 8th
Terriah Darty- 7th
Jamaryia Barnes- 7th
Kelis Cook- 7th
Amiya Leonard- 7th
Maleiya Hardiman- 7th
Wynter McClelland- 7th
Kamari Land- 7th



Letter From the Editor

Welcome to the first issue of Tiger Pride! I am 8th grader, Dayia Johnson and I am honored to be the editor-in-chief across all of our platforms. We are working hard on creating an interesting newsletters and a fun and inclusive yearbook. Our 6th graders are taking the lead on our Tiger Pride news station, Tiger 10 News.

We are working hard to get informative interviews for each issue. Our investigative reporter, Evelyn Stratton-Mayo, is hunting down the answers to the things you were curious about. 6th grader, Abigail Ayala will be interviewing 8th graders in her special column "Ask an 8th Grader".

We thank you and we hope you look forward to each issue of Tiger Pride!

Dayia Johnson

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