



Collins

Elementary

Family Resource
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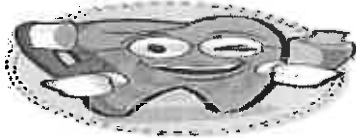
Fall Family Fun
Event

Important Dates:

Oct. 13th-26-Big
Smiles

Oct. 28th-Fall Fam-
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Nov-25th-27th-
Thanksgiving
Break



Big Smiles

If your child is on the dental list to be seen at Collins through the Big Smile program, they will be seen Oct. 13th-26th unless you choose to opt out. Once your child is signed up for Big Smiles program, they will continue to be seen unless in that time you obtain a dentist or decide you don't want the programs services anymore. If this happens, please contact Kathy or Bridget at: 282-3247. Please send updated form yearly to us that way your child will receive all services. If you do not want your child to be seen because of COVID in October, please contact Kathy or Bridget at: 282-3247 and they will not see this time around. Big Smiles comes to Collins every 6 months. Please be assured that Big Smiles will use all safety protective equipment/precautions when seeing your child in October.



Coat Drive

If your child is in need of a coat this winter, please contact Kathy or Bridget at: 282-3247. Coats are new or gently used that are donated to the FRC. Coats are distributed by need and are given on a first come first serve basis.



Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution

If you are in need of a Thanksgiving meal for your family, please call the FRC at 282-3247 after Oct. 30th for sign ups! We want to thank 7 Hills church for providing us with Turkey vouchers/can goods this Thanksgiving holiday!



Holiday Assistance

If you are in need of Holiday Assistance, please contact the FRC at: 282-3247 and talk to Bridget or Kathy. You will be required to fill out some paperwork and to attend parent/teacher conferences(no exception) in order to receive the help. Please remember that we do share lists with other agencies and if your family is chosen, you are not eligible to ask another agency/ church for help. We will only be able to take 25 families this year. The first 25 families who turn in their paperwork and qualify will receive help this holiday season!



Florence Christian Church

Florence Christian Church in partnership with the Free store Food-bank offers a bi-weekly Food Distribution through the end of the year due to COVID. This distribution is on every other Tuesday at 2:30. The next date of the distribution is: Oct. 6th, Oct. 20th, Nov. 3rd, 17th, and Dec. 1st, 15th, and 29th. They also offer a "food pantry" that anyone can visit 24/7 in the parking lot off the Main St. side. It's stocked daily by volunteers! They also offer a shower ministry that enables local families to use their shower facilities.

This was shut down due to COVID but is reopening soon!



FRC Needs Assessment

Every other year the FRC distributes a needs assessment to families here at Collins to collect important information for our FRC Grant. This helps us so much to understand the needs of our families here at Collins. We are going to start doing this every year and need your help! Please fill out this survey for each of your children and submit it so we can use it to help with programming for our families here at Collins. Please copy and paste the link below to your browser!

<https://forms.gle/8scGVZ7nmywg73BbA>



Fall Family Fun Fest!

On Wednesday, Oct. 28th from 5:30-7:00, we will have a drive thru fall themed family fun event! Please join us while remaining in your car for a fun night of literacy and math information, a free family fall book, pumpkin, crafts and special coupon to take home and enjoy with your family! Watch for signs that night directing you where to go and come see some dressed up staff members here at Collins and join in the fun!

You must register for this event whether in person or virtual! Look for flyers to come home! Please call the FRC at: 282-3247 to sign up if your child is doing remote learning!



Happy Halloween!

I hope everyone has a Happy and Safe Halloween and Thanksgiving!