

Colchester School District

NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating Our Faculty and Staff



Each year during the first full week of May, communities across the country take time to celebrate and honor the commitment of our outstanding faculty and staff. When I think about the nearly 500 employees who make up our outstanding district I'm reminded of the African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." None of us could do it without the person standing beside us. We are all here to encourage, grow, and influence the next generation and our faculty and staff are dedicated to that mission. I would like to formally thank everyone in our district for their hard work and commitment to the youth of our community.

FREE Summer Lunch Program: New This Year!

We are very excited to announce that for the first time ever, Colchester School District will be offering FREE lunch to ANY school-aged child all summer long! Even though summer is still a bit away, we're trying to get the word out as soon as possible so families can take advantage of this. Children of all ages and income levels can eat for free, there is no application or information required from the family. Simply show up and enjoy a fresh lunch!



Location

Colchester Middle School Cafeteria

(At this time, meals will not be offered at any other school locations)

Dates and Times

Monday - Friday

Service Time: 11:00 AM thru 1:00 PM

Start Date: June 25th **End Date:** August 17th

(Closed on July 4th. No meals provided that day.)

Continuing the Safety Discussion

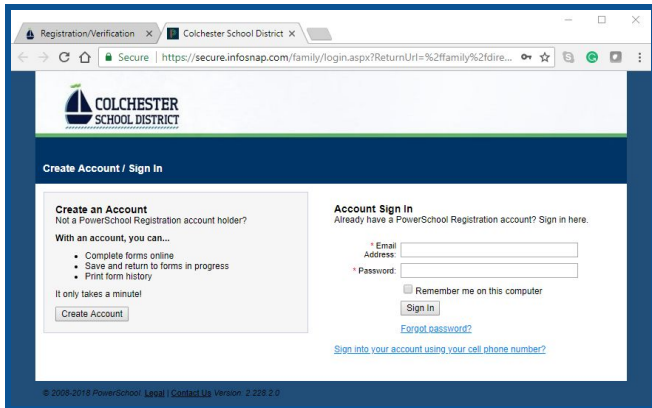
Safety planning and training remain a strong focus of our work in Colchester. Monthly, the administrators in the district meet as a group to further improve the district as a whole. Part of that time is used to assess our current safety plans and determine any changes, adjustments, or modifications that may be needed based on suggested best practices. Over the past several years, we have developed a mass communication system, a visitor management system, a universal set of crisis commands, a camera surveillance policy, and a systematic plan for connecting with our community resources. This work was completed in close collaboration with the Colchester Police Department.

As we head into the home stretch of the school year, we'd like your help in remaining vigilant. We ask all of our parents and visitors to respect our locked door policies by using the audio/video doorbells set up at each building's entrance and we ask that you not hold doors open for people following behind you. Our best policies and procedures can only be effective if they are followed properly. Everyone plays a part in keeping our school communities safe, and we thank you for doing yours!



Registering for Next School Year

This year we'll be requesting returning student verification forms a little earlier than normal. Expect an email at some point during the first two weeks of June with your child's "snapcode" and log-in link to complete your student's PowerSchool InfoSnap Returning Student Verification.



As a reminder, the verification form is mandatory. Last year we didn't ask for these forms until August and it made it tough for the bus company to turn around and convert that data into bus schedules in a timely manner. For this reason, we're hoping our families can help us out by completing the form as soon as they receive it. Much of the form will be pre-populated with last year's information and shouldn't take long to complete. We know a lot can change over the summer, but just fill it out with next school year's information to the best of your knowledge and if there are any changes come this fall (address, phone number, medication, etc...) we can adjust it at that time. Filling the form out in June will also take you off our reminder email list! We will send out

reminder emails on a weekly or bi-weekly timeline until a form is received.

