



Columbia Elementary School  
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**Our Mission:** Columbia Elementary will be relentless in providing rigorous and robust learning experiences for all students that will empower them to become strategic and independent thinkers who compete globally.

**Our Vision:** Columbia Elementary will be restored to its original prominence as an integral part of the community by partnering with all stakeholders, empowering students and making academics, attendance and character education our priority.

## THE EAGLE ENQUIRER

2025 April Edition

### SLPS Strategic Values



Values Across Our Student Goals



### FIELD TRIPS AND VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS UPDATE:

Students will attend field trips for their grade level. An adult should sign the permission slip. No verbal signatures will be accepted. For a student to go on a field trip, the permission slip must be filled out. *Some students will be required to attend with a chaperone (pending behavior) to attend.* **Parents who chaperone will NOT be able to ride transportation with their students.** Parents are required to drive. Parents, who chaperone, must transport any student who requires a chaperone. **All chaperones are required to have a volunteer application on file.** Contact the child's teacher for more information. **\*Remember P3's can NOT ride school transportation. The parent/guardian must transport the child in order for them to attend\***

### Field Trips by Grade Level:

Grade Level	Field Trip Location	Date Scheduled:	Completed
P3/P4	The Magic House	Thursday, October 10, 2024	X
KG-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Missouri Botanical Gardens	Wednesday, April 23, 2025	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Zoo	Thursday, May 1, 2025	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Science Center	Thursday, March 27, 2025	X
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	History Museum	Tuesday, March 11, 2025	X
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Art Museum	Thursday, May 15, 2025	



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### Missouri Assessment Program

Students in grades 3rd-5th will be engaged in the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) State Assessment beginning the week of Monday, April 14, 2025. Please ensure your child gets a good night's rest and comes to school daily, on time. We are encouraging scholars to do their absolute best. When they are at school on time, we put them in a position to win.

#### **Assessments per grade level:**

3rd-5<sup>th</sup> (English Language Arts and Mathematics)  
5<sup>th</sup> (Science)

### Intent to Return is NOW DUE!

## INTENT TO RETURN

**YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS  
BECAUSE YOUR ONLINE  
FORM IS NOT COMPLETE**

#### **IF YOU NEED HELP**

CALL 314-533-2750 ASK FOR MS. DAVIS OR  
COME TO COLUMBIA MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00-11:00

#### **Logging Into Parent Portal**

1. Go to this website: <https://sis.slps.org/SLPS360x3/login> (type exactly as shown).  
2. Click the Parent tab on the screen (make sure you are under "Parent" or it will not log in).  
3. Enter the email address that is on file in SIS and the password you created.

#### **Intent to Return**

1. A yellow notification should appear, saying you have forms to complete.  
2. Click the notification bar to access and complete the forms for all your scholars.  
3. Complete the form between [redacted] to secure priority transportation routes.

Please follow the steps to secure your child(ren)'s spot for next school year. This registration is good for any SLPS location. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Families must complete now for Middle School. It is better to complete now and change your mind, then risk losing priority by waiting. Completing your registration now makes your child(ren) priority for seating, transportation, and aftercare services. The application process is 100% online. Our Family Support Specialist is available to walk you through the process if you experience any difficulty. Contact Ms. Davis, Columbia's Family Support Specialist, for additional details and/or support ([ebony.davis2@slps.org](mailto:ebony.davis2@slps.org)). Visit [www.slps.org/register](http://www.slps.org/register) for additional information.

[Families of current students, click here to sign into the Parent Portal to register.](#)

### PreK: Now Enrolling for 2025-2026 School Year

Enrollment is 100% online. Please complete enrollment for next year as slots fill up quickly.



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### Saturday School

Columbia Elementary School KG-  
5th Grade Saturday School Interest  
Sign-Up



Saturday School resumes Saturday, March 29, 2025, and will continue through the end of the school year (Saturday, May 17, 2025). Be sure you bring our scholars to take advantage of this opportunity for them to increase their skills Reading, Math, Science, and prepare 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders for the MAP (Missouri Assessment Program) State Test. All students are invited. 9:00AM-1:00 PM. We look forward to seeing your students on Saturdays!

### iPads

A contract needs to be signed by each student's parent or legal guardian. iPads cannot be given out to the students until the contract is signed. As the weather changes, there may be a need for an Alternate Methods of Instruction (AMI) Day and only students with a signed contract will be able to take devices home. Any student who does not have a contract on file signed, will go home with a learning packet.

All students must have their device to take all mandatory assessments, State Exams, and to complete and submit class assignments. When devices are sent home, students/families are responsible for ensuring that students return with their device. Please note, families will incur a cost for any damaged, lost, or stolen devices. If you have any questions, please contact our building's Technology Inventory Coordinator (TIC), Ms. Brown ([mecha.brown@slps.org](mailto:mecha.brown@slps.org)). Click on the link below to complete the iPad contract.

<https://signnow.com/s/G6fg3PzG>

### PTO MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025

Time: 3:30 – 4:45 PM (immediately following school dismissal)

Location: Columbia's School Library (Room # 203)

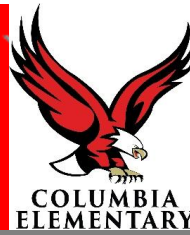
Columbia's PTO needs your voice, opinion, and ideas. Light refreshments will be available.

Contact: Ms. Thompson ([chantell.thompson@slps.org](mailto:chantell.thompson@slps.org)) and/or Ms. Davis ([ebony.davis2@slps.org](mailto:ebony.davis2@slps.org)) for additional information.



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### **No Before Care/Afterschool**

Thursday, April 3, 2025: April Staff Meeting (Before Care ONLY)

### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. Good attendance is also important for students' later schooling and careers. School attendance lays the groundwork and creates good habits for children to take with them into their adult years.

If your child is absent, staff will be reaching to find out to find out what barriers are preventing your child from attending school. It is important for your child to be at school, on time, every day. We want your child to be present at school every day!

### **Save the Date (Promotion Ceremonies)**

**PreK4 Tuesday, May 20, 2025 (9:00AM)**  
**KG Tuesday, May 20, 2025 (10:30 AM)**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, May 20, 2025 (1:30 PM)**

- Participants will be provided with a cap and gown for the ceremony (the cap and gown will be collected after each ceremony)
- All people will pass through a security check prior to taking their seat (seating will be limited and by RSVP only)
- Doors will open 15 minutes prior to ceremony start time
- All guests must enter through Door #7 and park on the back lot near the playground
- Promotion Ceremony participants must be on time to participate

***\*PreK3 will NOT participate in a promotion ceremony\****

***\*Students who consistently display negative behaviors will NOT be able to participate in their promotion ceremony (non-negotiable: contact Principal Houston for questions) \****

***More information to come.....***

### **Save The Date: Talent Show: Thursday May 15, 2025**

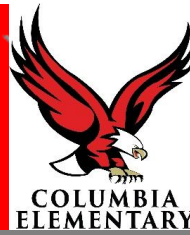
See Ms. L. Walker, our Music Teacher, for more details. The school-wide talent show will ONLY include students who have made the cut. All students will NOT be participating. Tryouts will begin this month! Ensure that your student is practicing. Again, all students WILL NOT be participating.

Please contact Ms. L. Walker at: [lakeisha.walker@slps.org](mailto:lakeisha.walker@slps.org) for more details.



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### Uniforms & Cell Phone Policy Reminders

Columbia is a uniform school. All students must wear their uniforms Monday-Thursday. Dress down day is every Friday. Students may wear any color uniform top or bottom. Students can wear the shoes of their choice. Students/Staff may wear jeans every Friday. If you need help with purchasing uniforms, please connect with our Family Support Specialist, Ms. Davis ([ebony.davis2@slps.org](mailto:ebony.davis2@slps.org)) and she will connect you to our community resources.

Students are not able to use cell phones during the school day and/or during the before care/after school programs. Columbia will not be responsible for lost or stolen phones. If students are caught using a cell phone during the school day, without permission, the phone will be confiscated, and the parent/guardian will be required to pick it up from administration.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade School Options (must apply online at [St. Louis Public Schools | SchoolMint Enroll](#) for all Magnet School Options)

School Name	Neighborhood/Magnet School	Grade Levels	Address	School Hours	Phone Number	Principal's Name (contact person)
AESM Middle School at L'Ouverture	Magnet	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	3021 Hickory Street St. Louis, MO 63104	7:15 AM - 2:12 PM	314-932-1464	Larry Robinson
Busch Middle School of Character	Magnet	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	5910 Clifton St. Louis, MO 63109	8:15 AM - 3:12 PM	314-352-1043	Robert Lescher
Carnahan STEAM Middle School	Magnet	6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	4041 S. Broadway Blvd St. Louis, MO 63118	7:15 AM - 2:12 PM	314-457-0582	Jonathan Griffin
Carr Lane Visual & Performing Arts	Magnet	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	1004 N. Jefferson St. Louis, MO 63106	7:15 AM - 2:12 PM	314-231-0413	Darwin Young
Compton-Drew ILC Middle School	Magnet	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	5130 Oakland St. Louis, MO 63110	7:15 AM - 2:12 PM	314-652-9282	Susan Reid



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Gateway Math, Science & Technology Middle School	Magnet	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	1200 N. Jefferson Ave St. Louis, MO 63106	8:15 AM - 3:12 PM	314-241- 2295	DaMaris White
Long International Middle School	Neighborhood	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	5028 Morgan Ford St. Louis, MO 63116	7:15 AM - 2:12 PM	314-481- 3440	Benicia Nanez- Hunt
McKinley Classical Leadership Academy Middle and High School	Magnet (Gifted Learners)	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	2156 Russell Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63104	7:15 AM - 2:12 PM	314-773- 0027	La'Ron Haymore
Yeatman- Liddell Preparatory Middle School	Neighborhood	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	4265 Athlone St. Louis, MO 63115	8:15 AM - 3:12 PM	314-261- 8132	Christopher Crumble

### **Character Education Word of the Month: RESPONSIBILITY**

Each month our students will learn the definition of a character education word. Students will be able to understand the meaning and know how to display this trait daily.

Our students are learning all about responsibility this month. What is responsibility?

Responsibility means you do the things you are supposed to do and accept the results of your actions.

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- A responsibility: something you are expected to do
- Being responsible: doing the things you are supposed to do
- Accepting responsibility: taking the praise or the blame for something you have done





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## Camp SLPS

**CAMP SLPS 2025**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**JUNE 2 - JUNE 27**

**CAMP SLPS 2025**  
**CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!**

**Who's Eligible?**

- All current and incoming St. Louis Public School students in grades **PreK4 - 12th** for the 2024-2025 school year
- Must be 5 yr old by 7-31-25 (Current PK-4/rising Kindergarten)
- Must be St. Louis City resident

**Why Camp SLPS?**

- KG- 8th grade students will **Choose Your Own Adventure** for the 2025 Camp SLPS experience!
- Example adventures include: The Mic Drop, Dash Robotics, Basketball/Volleyball/Soccer clinics, Cheer Camp, AstroInnovators, Young Entrepreneurs, Theatre, Aspiring Authors, Stop-Motion-Animation, Movie Making
- Personalized learning for just right intervention and enrichment
- High school students can earn credits through credit recovery and accelerated learning

**What to Know...**

- Complete your enrollment application now - April 18, 2025 ([www.slps.org/CAMPSLPS](http://www.slps.org/CAMPSLPS))
- Transportation available
- Free breakfast and lunch
- Aftercare available at all elementary schools (9:00am - 5:00pm, limited availability)

### CAMP SLPS 2025

Please be sure to scan the QR code on the flyer to register your child for CAMP SLPS 2025. Be sure to sign them up by Friday, April 18, 2025.

- This enrollment form is an application for Camp SLPS 2025. Completing it does not guarantee placement.
- The enrollment application window is open from **February 3, 2025 - April 18, 2025**.
- You will receive a **Confirmation Form** via email no later than **April 25th** to **finalize your child's enrollment**.

The **Confirmation Form** will allow you to:

- ✓ Confirm your child's enrollment and secure your spot for Camp SLPS 2025
- ✓ Select your child's "**Choose Your Own Adventure**" camp theme
- ✓ Confirm **transportation needs**
- ✓ Request **aftercare (elementary students only)**

- **Priority Placement** is given to SLPS students who:
  - Have a Reading Success Plan
  - Require summer learning to advance to the next grade.
- Only families who complete the Confirmation Form will receive final placement details before camp begins.

### CAMP LINK BELOW:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=az3jCF5makiA4yCxxK4i10uLW3oDAmhMgujbvbripotUNDFBQII0QjJaNktZMzAyMlAwS0hRSzJQRy4u>



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### **Sports Update**

Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> are invited to practice and participate on the Columbia Elementary Soccer Team. Students **MUST** have a physical on file with the nurse prior to participating. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) should complete the Soccer Team Participation Forms and Student Code of Conduct Forms and return to Principal Houston (tiffany.houston@slps.org), Coach Sechrest (ashtin.sechrest@slps.org), or the main office.

### **District Soccer Team Information**

1. All games will be played at Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience High School (located at 4939 Kemper Ave.).
2. There is an admission charge of \$4 for anyone who wants to attend the games. (the district remains 100% cashless)- Please purchase single tickets the morning of the games before arrival so it is a seamless entry.
3. Fans must bring their own chairs/seats as bleachers are not available.
4. Security Policy- Only small clutches for bags are allowed.
5. Students must have a physical on file with Nurse Dawson.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
<b>Sat. April 5, 2025</b>	Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience High School 4939 Kemper Ave. <b>Field 1</b>	<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>Humboldt Elementary</b>
<b>Sat. April 12, 2025</b>	Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience High School 4939 Kemper Ave. <b>PLAYOFFS</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Sat. April 9, 2025</b>	Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience High School 4939 Kemper Ave. <b>PLAYOFFS</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>

### **Transportation**

Many students have begun receiving bus routes. If you would like to see if your child has been assigned a bus route, please contact the school (314-533-2750). If you have questions or need additional support, please contact our Transportation Department at 314-633-5107 and/or by email at slpstrans.org.

*If you are in transition, please contact The Office of Students in Transition for additional support at: 314-345-5750.*





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### Arrival

Friendly Reminders:

- Students are not allowed inside the building before 8:05 AM (unless they are enrolled in Before Care). **Please do not leave students unattended anywhere on our school grounds. If this happens, the school will be required to make a hotline call, as we are mandated reporters. Students must always be supervised.**
- Students should enter through the following doors 8:05 AM - 8:15 AM:

Door #7: PreK

Door #9: 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Door #13: KG/Inclement Weather Entrance/Exit

- PreK students check-in and report to their teacher's classroom. 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students should enter the Gym and be seated in their class lines.
- Classroom teachers will escort students to the cafeteria, through the food service line, and then to eat breakfast in their classroom.
- Students arriving after 8:15 AM should check into the Main Office (enter through Door #1), receive grab-and-go breakfast from cafeteria, and report to class.

\*Due to safety, parents are NOT allowed to stay with children. Parents must complete a volunteer application, and it must be processed at Central Office prior to volunteering in the classroom\*

**\*\*All students must ride the bus/alternate transportation or be picked up by 3:17 PM daily.\*\***

### Important April Calendar Dates:

- Entire Month of April: School Library Month  
National Autism Acceptance Month  
National Poetry Month
- Thursday, April 3, 2025: April Staff Meeting (No After School Activities)
- Monday, April 14, 2025: Quarter 4 Progress Report Cards Distributed
- Tuesday, April 16, 2025: Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Test Begins (3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders only)
- Wednesday, April 23, 2025: KG/1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip (Missouri Botanical Gardens)
- Thursday, May 15, 2025: School-Wide Talent Show (more details to come- Start Practicing 😊)

**\*\*[Click Here to Connect With Columbia on ClassDojo](#)\*\***



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**Update your contact information with the school if anything changes (be sure we have a current phone number & email address). We will continue to send updates via email and ClassDojo. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Columbia if you have any immediate needs or concerns. Thank you for all you do!**

**Happy Birthday to ALL students and staff with April Birthdays 🎉**



Student Name	Grade	Birth Date	HR Teacher
Horton Deon'tae	04	04/01/2015	Brown, Mecha
Winston Da'Kiyah Aunyel	05	04/02/2014	Hogue, Alexandria
Lee Khalani	P4	04/02/2020	Richmond-Brooks, Lakesia
Sams Mar'che S	01	04/05/2018	O'Neal, Angela
Thompson Kaylie Inez	K	04/06/2019	Brewer, Joann
Willis Zoe'I Renee	01	04/11/2018	O'Neal, Angela
Rhimes Skylar T	05	04/12/2014	Moore, Kenneth L
Jones Dream J	02	04/13/2017	Dunbar, Brittani
Hill Jeffrey Raynard	03	04/15/2016	Vaughn, Shirley
Robinson Zakoria	05	04/16/2013	Hogue, Alexandria
Marshall Dai'aon	01	04/18/2018	O'Neal, Angela
Valentine Tyriah D	05	04/19/2014	Hogue, Alexandria
Reed Denym	P4	04/20/2020	Hearns, Raquel
Gipson Rafeal De'Von	03	04/23/2016	Smith-Rockett, Annette
Jones Jade Ann marie	05	04/24/2013	Hogue, Alexandria
Howard Kylie Rae Jean	05	04/27/2014	Moore, Kenneth L
Silva Moya Christopher Mathias	K	04/27/2019	Schaefer, Cynthia
Clark King De'Shaun	01	04/28/2018	O'Neal, Angela
Fisher Jarvis	02	04/29/2017	Dunbar, Brittani