



Columbia Elementary School
3120 St Louis Ave.
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(314) 533-2750 (office)

Tiffany D. Houston –Principal



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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

December 2023 Edition



No School

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – January 2, 2024: Winter Break

Attendance Matters

A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at 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 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!

Tissue Needed

As we approach cold and flu season, we are asking all parents/guardians to send a box of tissue to school with their child. This will help to ensure all students have tissue in their classroom! We appreciate you!

AFTERSCHOOL

Columbia's last day of afterschool program before Winter Break is: Wednesday, December 13, 2023. All students must ride the bus home or be picked up at dismissal time.

DreamCenter (community partner who provides afterschool services) – Please contact Ms. Henderson at 314-934-1149 for questions regarding enrollment. Applications are in the office, and they have immediate opening.



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SAVE THE DATE

You are cordially invited to:

"Rockin' the Holidays": Columbia Elementary School Winter Program 2023!

Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Columbia Elementary School Gym (Door #7)

Come, show up to support your child(ren). Every student will perform with their grade level. We can't wait to see you!

****All attendees should come through Door #7 (near the rear playground lot; can park on rear playground). After attendees come through Door # 7, attendees will be required to sign-in and pass through security check.****

*****at the conclusion of the program, parent(s)/guardian(s) may sign students out and students may leave with their parent(s)/guardian(s)*****

Pictures Day Updates:

If you have any questions/concerns regarding pictures, please see the below information:

Picture Company Contact Information:

Ernest C. Sharpe

Sharpe Pictures

<http://www.sharpepictures.com>

(314) 556-5886

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 are not able to use cell phones during the school day and afterschool 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.



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Transportation

Most students now have a bus route if they qualify for transportation. Please be sure to contact the school or your child's classroom teacher for the most up-to-date routing information. Contact our secretary if your child requires an address update. Columbia is not responsible for assigning bus routes. Please see the below contact information needed if you need to speak with someone regarding your child's route:

Bus Company:

Missouri Central School Bus (MCSB)

Call Center:

(314)449-9162 or (314)391-2549

Press 1 for 1000-1999, South Garage and Press 2 for 2000-2009 North Garage

SLPS Transportation: 314) 633-5107 or email slpstrans@slps.org

***it typically takes 5-10 days for a transportation route for new students or any student who requires an address change ***

If you are in transition, please contact our school counselor, Ms. Prechard (shanique.prechard@slps.org) for additional support.

Important December Calendar Dates:

- Monday, December 11- Tuesday, December 19, 2023: 7 Days of Holiday Spirit Week
- Wednesday, December 13, 2023: Operation Warm Coat Distribution
- Wednesday, December 13, 2023: Final Day for Afterschool Activities 2023
- Thursday, December 14, 2023: December Staff Meeting
- Tuesday, December 19, 2023: Winter Music Program @ 1:30 PM
- Tuesday, December 19, 2023: Last Day of School Before Winter Break
- Wednesday, January 3, 2024: Students Return from Winter Break

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

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



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Classroom Teachers:

Grade Level:	Teacher(s) Name:	Room #:	Email Address
PK	Ms. Hearn	001	raquel.hearns@slps.org
	Mrs. Richmond-Brooks	002	lakesia.richmond-brooks@slps.org
KG	Mrs. Brewer-Clemons	101	joann.brewer@slps.org
1 st Grade	Ms. Adams	210	tauwa.adams@slps.org
2 nd Grade	Ms. Brown	207	mecha.brown@slps.org
2 nd -3 rd Grade Gifted/High Achievers	Ms. Vaughn	208	shirley.vaughn@slps.org
3 rd Grade	Mrs. Smith-Rockett	308	annette.smith-rockett@slps.org
4 th Grade	Mr. Moore	304	kennethmoore2@slps.org
4 th -5 th Grade Gifted/High Achievers	Mrs. Wayant	307	kathryn.wayant@slps.org
5 th Grade	Ms. O'Neal	303	angela.oneal@slps.org
Self-Contained/Resource Teacher	Ms. Smith	301	taylor.smith2@slps.org

Happy Birthday to students with a birthday in the month of December!

Staff:

Ms. Gardner
PreK Assistant
December 12

Ms. Brown
2nd Grade
December 23

Ms. Jowers
PreK Assistant
December 27

Happy Birthday to ALL students with DECEMBER Birthdays ☺

Graves Curtis	P4	12/01/2018
Watkins Harmony Kamila-Renae	P4	12/01/2018
Piggee Eric Leon	K	12/04/2017
Moore Jacques	K	12/07/2017
Moore Marques	K	12/07/2017
Cook Rihanna Shanay	02	12/08/2015
Ashford Naleah	05	12/10/2012
Hernandez Semyra R	01	12/10/2016
Oldham Rico Mason	02	12/11/2015
Walker Dalilah	04	12/12/2013
Rowe Mianna Ar'Mya	K	12/20/2017
Bastian Kingston	P4	12/20/2018
Galmore Darr'yl Da'trice	02	12/22/2015
Causey Nevaeh Michelle	K	12/23/2017
Murray Christopher Zion	02	12/24/2015
Brooks Kevonn Brandon	P4	12/28/2018
Dickens Zylah Annette lavon	03	12/29/2014
Hernandez Semaj E	03	12/31/2014
Graves Curtis	P4	12/01/2018