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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.







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Happy Retirement Mrs. Schaefer!



We recognize and celebrate the distinguished career of Cynthia Schaefer, a devoted educator whose contributions to Columbia Elementary have been both profound and enduring. She retired from one district and transitioned to St. Louis Public Schools where she's taught/educated students for the past 12 years at Columbia Elementary School.

Throughout her tenure, Mrs. Schaefer has exemplified professionalism, integrity, and commitment to academic excellence. Her classroom has been a place not only of learning, but of encouragement, character-building, and intellectual curiosity.

As an educator, Mrs. Schaefer has shaped minds, nurtured talents, and guided generations of students toward success. The impact of Mrs. Schaefer's work will continue to resonate within these halls for many years to come, carried forward in the achievements and aspirations of the students whose lives she touched.

As we bid farewell to her professional journey, we express our deepest gratitude for her dedication, and we extend our warmest wishes for a retirement filled with health, happiness, and well-deserved rest.

On behalf of the entire school community of Columbia Elementary School, thank you, Mrs. Schaefer for your extraordinary service.

Enjoy your retirement!

SAVE THE DATE (DATE CHANGE): Columbia's Open House 2025-2026

You are Invited to Columbia Elementary's Annual Open House!

- 📰 Date: Friday, August 15, 2025
- 🔯 Time: 12:00 PM- 3:00 PM
- P Location: Columbia Elementary School (3120 St. Louis Ave.)

Join us for a fun and informative event to kick off the new school year! This is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Meet your child's classroom teacher
- Learn about academic goals for the year
- Connect with community partners
- Discover ways to get involved at school





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Bonus! Our school nurse will be working to get clinic representatives to provide on-site immunizations for students.

Enjoy snow cones, popcorn, refreshments, door prizes, and more fun for the whole family!
We cannot WAIT to welcome you and your child(ren) to a fantastic new year at Columbia Elementary!

2025–2026 School Year Registration Reminder

Now Enrolling PreK3-5th Grade

If you have not registered your child(ren) for the upcoming school year, please take a moment to complete the process online:

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<u>St. Louis Public Schools Registration - St. Louis Public Schools</u> (or scan QR code with phone camera)



This site has the most up-to-date information for the 2025–2026 school year.

& Need help?

If you are unable to reach someone at our school by phone, please contact:

- **Principal Houston:** (314) 379-8133
- **SLPS Central Office:** (314) 231-3720

As the district moves toward a **paperless registration process**, we deeply appreciate your patience and flexibility. We are here to support you through every step and most of all, **we want your child at our school!**





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Transportation

SLPS Transportation Commitment is: 100% Safe. 100% Reliable. 100% On Time.

At Saint Louis Public Schools, the 2025-2026 goal is clear:

To serve 100% of our students, 100% of the time, with 100% on-time performance.

Transportation will be dedicated to providing **safe**, **reliable**, and **timely transportation** for every student, every day. By setting ambitious, but achievable goals, they are raising the standard of excellence in transportation services.

Because the belief is that every student deserves a **smooth**, **secure**, **and punctual** journey to and from school.

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 The Office of Students in Transition for additional support at: 314-345-5750 **Reimaging SLPS**

Thank You for Joining Us for Phase 1 & 2 of Reimagining SLPS!

We are deeply grateful to every community member who participated in **Phase 1 and Phase 2** of *Reimagining Saint Louis Public Schools* with Superintendent **Dr. Millicent Borishade**. Your insightful questions, thoughtful feedback, and steadfast commitment to our students were instrumental in laying the foundation for this transformative journey.

What's Next? Welcome to Phase 3

We are excited to move into Phase 3!

Looking Ahead: Phase 3 is scheduled to begin in **September**. We encourage you to review the graphic provided for a full schedule of events for Phases 3.

We are committed to working together to build a stronger,

more innovative future for our students.

Join us in Reimagining SLPS and RSVP at the below link today!

Reimagining SLPS: Community Presentation Registration

	PHASE 3				
	DELIVER				
	Home Schedule Fact Sheet Rei				
Phases 3.	Communicate Recommendations Based on Data and ALL Input SOUTH				
	Mon. Sept. 29 5:30-6:30 PM Gateway STEM High School				
	CENTRAL				
	Sat. Oct. 4 10-11 AM Soldan High School				
	Mon. Oct. 20 5:30-6:30 PM Central Office				
	NORTH				
		Mon. Nov. 3 5:30-6:30 PM Sumner High School			
	Mon. Nov. 17 5:30-6:30 PM Clyde C. Miller				





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<u>Click Here to Connect With Columbia on ClassDojo</u>

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 Birthdays in JULY 😊

			Gifted/High Achiever Teacher
Student Name	Grade	Birth Date	July 3 rd
Lawrence Cassius Donelson	02	07/07/2018	
Tomlin Marvin Lamir	01	07/08/2019	Mrs. Schaefer
Jones Aryanna N	04	07/09/2015	Teacher July 7 th
Wilson Blessing	02	07/09/2018	
Muhammad Serenity	06	07/13/2014	
Piggee Emorri	К	07/20/2020	Mr. Nicholson Custodian July 22 nd
Brisco Jhace Alexander	01	07/22/2019	
Debose Charles Branson	06	07/23/2014	
Patrick Sammirose M	06	07/24/2014	
Moore Hailey	01	07/24/2019	
Lambers Rain A' Riah	02	07/26/2018	
Johnson Ay'rihanna Nicole	06	07/29/2013	
Willis Mekhi	01	07/29/2019	
Grayson Aurora Ann Marie	К	07/29/2020	
McDowell Partiara	06	07/31/2013	