



Columbia Elementary School
 3120 St Louis Ave.
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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

January 2023 Edition



Afterschool Update

Happy New Year! Afterschool activities at Columbia will resume Monday, January 9, 2023. There will be no afterschool activities for Columbia on January 4th and January 5th 2023. We also will have our **January Staff Meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. There will NOT be any afterschool activities this day. The afterschool program at Columbia is now full. If you would like to enroll your child into an afterschool program, you may join our waitlist or you can reach out to our community partner, The Dream Center. You can contact them at: 314-934-1149 to see if there are any seats available for their afterschool program. We have Columbia students that already attend their program.**

Classroom Changes

Parents and guardians, due to an increase in our enrollment, we will be opening an additional classroom this semester. Some students may be transferred to the new classroom or another classroom. If you have any questions regarding roster changes, please contact Principal Houston.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Please ensure that you have signed for your child's I-Pad device. Contact our Family and Community Specialist, Mrs. Linda Jackson (linda.jackson@slps.org), if you need to schedule a time to sign for a student's device. ***As we approach the winter season, if/when we pivot to an Alternate Method of Instruction (AMI/Virtual/Snow) day, only students who have a signed device acknowledgment form on file with the school will be able to take their devices home. Please do not wait until the last minute.*** If you are unsure if you have signed for your child's device, contact Ms. Jackson as soon as possible to check your child's status.



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FIELD TRIPS AND VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS UPDATE:

Students will begin receiving field trip forms for this semester. We are trying to provide as many students an opportunity to attend a field trip this year as possible. There is a QUICK turn-around time. An adult should sign the permission slip. No verbal signatures will be accepted. In order for a student to go on the field trip, the permission slip must be completely filled out. *Some students will be required to attend with a chaperone (pending behavior) in order to attend. Some students will not be able to attend (based on behavior).* **Parents who chaperone will NOT be able to ride transportation with their students.** Parents are required to drive. Parents, who chaperone, have to transport any student who requires a chaperone. All chaperones are required to have a volunteer application on file. Call Columbia School for more information.

Districtwide Assessment

We are happy to announce that as a building students showed growth on all STAR Assessments last month (Early Literacy/Reading/Math) in Grades PreK thru 5th! Kudos to our hardworking students and their teachers/families! Please connect with your child's classroom teacher or our Academic Instructional Coach, Dr. Bruce (rosemary.bruce@slps.org), if you would like to know your child's individual scores.

Upcoming Assessments:

Common Formative Assessment (Grades KG thru 5th) Wednesday, January 4th – Tuesday, January 10th, 2023

Please make sure that your student gets a good night's rest and arrives to school on time. We want to ensure that every student does his or her best.

No School

Monday, January 16, 2023 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

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

SLPS Transportation: 314-633-5107

**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 social worker, Ms. Bradford (brittnay.bradford@slps.org) for additional support



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Important January Calendar Dates:

Wednesday, January 4th – Tuesday, January 10th: Common Formative Assessment (Grades KG thru 5th)

Wednesday January 4th and Thursday January 5th : No Afterschool Activities

Monday, January 9th: Quarter 2 Report Cards Disseminated (Emailed to all Guardians- please ensure the school has an email on file)

Monday, January 16, 2023: No School (Martin Luther King Day) Quarter 2 Ends

Tuesday, January 17, 2023: January Staff Meeting (**No Afterschool Activities at Columbia**)

[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). 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!



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Happy Birthday to ALL students with JANUARY Birthdays ☺

Peterson Raymond	03	01/02/2014
Johnson Mar'Shae Latosha	03	01/03/2014
Smith Tajah L	03	01/04/2014
Williams Ava J	K	01/04/2017
Swanigan Malachi Lamont	04	01/06/2012
Thaddies Harmony L	02	01/06/2014
Jackson Robert Austin	02	01/07/2015
Hair Honesty Amill	P4	01/07/2018
Doss Bryan	04	01/08/2013
Howard Dariah L	02	01/08/2015
Hall Khloe	04	01/10/2013
Holliday Jariyah	03	01/10/2014
Hair Mahogany Jamil	01	01/11/2016
Richie Ja'Niyah L	01	01/13/2016
McNairy Ayriel	02	01/14/2015
Mike Devyn Sekina	02	01/14/2015
Shields Kornell Thomas	03	01/16/2014
Sledge Baili Rose	03	01/19/2014
Hayes De'Vonte J'Shon Lee	P3	01/23/2019
Taylor Elizabeth	K	01/26/2017
Turner Lyric Ilayah	02	01/27/2014
Graham Bailey M	02	01/27/2015
Boxley Missahkia	03	01/28/2014
Haywood Janiyah	02	01/29/2015
Whitehead Aireon J	01	01/30/2016

STAFF Birthdays:

Mrs. Richmond-Brooks
 PreK Teacher (Rm. # 002)
 January 3rd

Ms. Adams (Rm. # 210)
 1st Grade Teacher
 January 15th