



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

March 2023 Edition

WOMEN'S
HISTORY
MONTH

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." (Maya Angelou)

Elementary Sports Return THIS Saturday March 4, 2023

Elementary Sports (3rd-5th grade) return this Saturday. If your child would like to participate on the Spring Soccer Team, please be sure to return their permission slip. All students who participate are required to have a **physical** on file with Nurse Dawson (terrie.dawson@slps.org). All spring games will be played at **Soldan International Studies High School (918 Union Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108)**. All students will practice during afterschool (Monday-Thursday). All student athletes will be provided a snack every game.

Upcoming Games:

- Saturday March 4, 2023 @10:30AM **Field #2** (Columbia (home team) vs. Hamilton)
- Saturday March 11, 2023 @12:30 PM **Field #2** (Columbia (home team) vs. Hickey)
- Saturday April 1, 2023 @ 12:30 PM **Field #1** (Columbia (home team) vs. Dewey)
- Saturday April 15, 2023 @ 11:30 AM **Field #2** (Columbia (away team) vs. Betty Wheeler)
- Saturday April 22, 2023 TBD based upon rank (play offs)
- Saturday April 29, 2023 TBD based upon rank (play offs)

Logistics:

- All games are played at Soldan High School (918 Union Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108).
- \$3 Cash-Only Admission (Families can drop their student athlete off if they do not want to stay for the game. Students typically play for an hour. Students should be picked up on time.
- Gates open **30 minutes before 1st Game**
- Fans can sit on the bleachers (They are not allowed on the field)
- Field 1 is on the left. Field 2 is in the middle. Field 3 is on the right looking at the field from the entrance.
- Tennis shoes or Cleats (No metal) are acceptable to play in. Pennies/Shin Guards will be provided.
- We do play in the rain- if there is lightening/thunder, the referees will make the call to pause the game. Student athletes should dress appropriately for the weather. If the game is cancelled due to the weather after it has started the score at the time the game is called will be official.
- If a Saturday is rained out, it will not be made up
- There is no overtime until we get to playoffs. Games will be recorded as a tie.
- There will be two 23-minute running clock halves and a 3-minute half time.
- Can start the game with 5 players. (5-minute grace period before forfeit)
- Reach out to Coach O'Neal (angela.oneal@slps.org) or Principal Houston (tiffany.houston@slps.org) if you have any questions



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Arrival and Dismissal Reminder

- **Arrival begins at 7:45AM.** Students should NOT report to school before then. There is NO staff on duty to receive students prior to arrival time.
- **Students should be picked up no later than 3:15PM daily** if they are NOT in the afterschool program. **Remember afterschool activities (Columbia/DreamCenter) are Monday-Thursday.**

AFTERSCHOOL UPDATE

The afterschool program at Columbia is now full. If your child needs to be enrolled in an after-school program, there is an option:

DreamCenter: community partner (contact Erricca Henderson 314-381-0700 ext. 8035)

Upcoming Gifted Advisory Committee Meetings:

All parents/guardian(s) and teachers who have students in the gifted program are encouraged to be a part of the Gifted Advisory Committee. Meetings are from 5:00PM-6:00 PM on the below dates and locations:

- March 8, 2023 Betty Wheeler CJA (5031 Potomac St, St. Louis, MO 63139)
- April 12, 2023 Columbia Elementary School (3120 St Louis Ave. St. Louis, MO 63106)
- May 10, 2023 McKinley CLA (2156 Russell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63104)

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences (IN-PERSON)

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences will be held:

Monday, March 13, 2023 3:15PM – 6:45PM

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 3:15PM – 6:15PM

Please be sure to reach out to your child’s classroom teacher to schedule a time to meet to discuss your child’s progress. We cannot wait to see you!

****there will be NO afterschool activities at Columbia Monday, March 13th- Thursday, March 16th, 2023 due to conferences****

Transportation

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



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No School

- ✓ Friday, March 17, 2023 - No Students/Staff (Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences Week)
- ✓ Monday, March 20 – Friday, March 24, 2023 (SPRING BREAK)- No Staff/Students
students/staff return to school after Spring Break Monday, March 27, 2023

Cell Phone Policy Reminder

This is just a friendly reminder that students are not allowed to use cellphone devices at school. If your child brings a cellphone to school, it will be their responsibility not to lose it. Students are able to use the phone in the office if they need to contact a parent/guardian. We have had some phones come up missing recently. **Columbia is not responsible for any cellphone that is lost/stolen.**

CAMP SLPS 2023 NOW ENROLLING P4-Rising 6th Graders

Camp SLPS 2023 will be held from Monday, June 5th through Friday, June 30th at sites across Saint Louis Public Schools (*no summer learning on Monday, June 19th in recognition of Juneteenth holiday*). Registration for students is now open. We are recommending summer learning for all students! Field trips will take place every week! **The deadline for students to register in order to guarantee bus transportation is March 31, 2023.** Early registration is important so that our planning for staffing, transportation, supplies, materials, and enrichment experiences is accurate.

Columbia Elementary School Students will attend Jefferson Elementary School (1301 Hogan Street St. Louis, MO 63106) for Camp SLPS 2023

Please register your child(ren) by completing the below link or QR code:

[Summer Learning Camp SLPS 2023 Elementary & Middle School Registration \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com/SummerLearningCampSLPS2023ElementaryMiddleSchoolRegistration)



FIELD TRIPS AND VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS UPDATE:

Students have begun 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. Contact the classroom teacher directly for more information regarding each grade level field trip.



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Important March Calendar Dates:

March: Women's History Month: commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

- Monday, March 6, 2023 – Thursday, March 9, 2023: Common Summative Assessment 3
- Friday, March 10, 2023: Unit 3 Student Writing Samples Due
- Friday, March 10, 2023: Quarter 3 Ends
- Monday, March 13, 2023: Quarter 4 Begins
- Monday, March 13, 2023: Quarter 3 Report Cards Distributed by Email
- Monday, March 13 - Tuesday, March 14, 2023: Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences (in-person)
- Monday, March 13 – Thursday, March 16, 2023: No afterschool activities at Columbia
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[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!



STAFF Birthdays:

Dr. Bruce
Academic Instructional Coach
March 14th

Happy Birthday to ALL students with March Birthdays ☺

Buress Kar'Moni	04	03/01/2013
Lowary Terriana	04	03/01/2013
Danfort Harmoni	P4	03/03/2018
Horton Dontae	03	03/05/2014
Martin Za'Niah	P3	03/05/2019
Simmson Kaden M I	05	03/07/2012
Smith Terrance	04	03/07/2013
McNairy Ayrin Lynnise	01	03/07/2016
Swift Robert Earl	P3	03/07/2019
Foster Amir D	K	03/08/2017
Raff-Covington Terry	P4	03/08/2018
Kellum Denise	04	03/10/2013
Jasper Nikea Louise	K	03/10/2015
Frairson Jade Sharonda Nicole	05	03/12/2012
Roper Madison	03	03/14/2014
Oldham Roc'kelle M	03	03/15/2014
Patterson-Keys Kaliah Denise	04	03/20/2013
Nowden Ca'Miyah Renee	05	03/30/2012
Givens Ca'mia Jeanice	P4	03/30/2018