



Columbia Elementary School
3120 St Louis Ave.
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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 2024 Edition



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

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Music Program

You are cordially invited to:

Columbia Elementary School Spring Music Program 2024!

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024

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). Door #7 will open at 1:15 PM. 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). Please see the classroom teacher to sign students out for dismissal*****

Arrival and Dismissal Reminder

- **Arrival begins at 7:50AM.** 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 3:12 PM daily** if they are NOT in the afterschool program. **Remember afterschool activities (Columbia/DreamCenter) are Monday-Thursday.**



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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 FIELD TRIPS:

An adult should sign the permission slip. No verbal signatures will be accepted. In order for a student to go on a field trip, the permission slip must be completely filled out. ***Some students will be required to attend with a chaperone (pending behavior). 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. Contact the child's teacher for more information.

Field Trips by Grade Level:

Grade Level	Field Trip Location	Date Scheduled:
3 rd , 4 th , 5 th graders	St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station	Thursday, March 28, 2024

PreK: Now Enrolling for 2024-2025 School Year

Please contact the school at 314-533-2750 to schedule an appointment to enroll a PreK student. All families must enroll/re-enroll for next school year. No spots are guaranteed. Spots are first come, first served. Contact Columbia today to schedule an appointment to secure your child's spot for next year!

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences (IN-PERSON)

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences will be held:

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 3:30PM – 6:45PM

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 3:30PM – 6:45PM

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 11th- Thursday, March 14th, 2024 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 or 314-391-2549

Press 1 for: 1000-1999 South Garage

Press 2 for: 2000-2999 North Garage



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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 counselor, Ms. Prechard, (shanique.prechard@slps.org) or The Office of Students in Transition for additional support at: 314-345-5750

No School

- ✓ Friday, March 15, 2024 - No Students/Staff (Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences Week)
 - ✓ Monday, March 18 – Friday, March 22, 2024 (SPRING BREAK)- No Staff/Students
- *students/staff return to school after Spring Break Monday, March 25, 2024**

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 2024 NOW ENROLLING Rising KG-Rising 6th Graders

Camp SLPS 2024 Camp SLPS offers 27 days of summer FUNdamentals from June 3 - July 12 for students in kindergarten through 12th grade in St. Louis City. With knowledgeable staff and high-quality learning experiences, including field trips and STEM activities, students can brush up on basics, advance in core subjects, earn credits, or meet graduation requirements. The program caters to various grade levels and interests, providing site-specific programming, transition programs, enrichment pathways, and reading instruction.

To register for Camp SLPS 2024 visit www.slps.org/camp or use the QR code on the brochure.

Join us at Camp SLPS for an unforgettable summer of learning, growth, and fun! Enroll your student today and let's make this summer one to remember while they explore, discover, and thrive with us. Let the adventure begin!

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*



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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.

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 11, 2024- Friday March 29, 2024: MAP Practice for grade 3rd-5th
 - Monday, March 11, 2024: Quarter 4 Begins
 - Monday, March 11, 2024: Quarter 3 Report Cards Distributed by Email
 - Monday, March 11 – Thursday, March 14, 2024: No afterschool activities at Columbia
 - Tuesday, March 12, 2024: Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences (in-person) 3:30 PM- 6:45PM
 - Wed., March 13, 2024: Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences (in-person) 3:30 PM- 6:45PM
 - Thursday, March 14, 2024: Spring Music Concert (Door#7 will open at 1:15PM)
 - Friday, March 15, 2024: No School: Students/Staff (Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences Week)
 - Monday, March 18 – Friday, March 22, 2024 (SPRING BREAK)- No Staff/Students
- *students/staff return to school after Spring Break Monday, March 27, 2023**

[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:

Ms. Thompson
In School Success Monitor
March 26th

Happy Birthday to ALL students with March Birthdays ☺

Lowary Terriana	05	03/01/2013
Ricks Seaghan Dorsha	P3	03/02/2020
Horton Dontae	04	03/05/2014
Martin Za'Niah	P4	03/05/2019
Smith Terrance	05	03/07/2013
Swift Robert Earl	P4	03/07/2019
Raff-Covington Terry	K	03/08/2018
Jordan Jream	P3	03/09/2020
Kellum Denise	05	03/10/2013
Jasper Nikea Louise	02	03/10/2015
Oldham Roc'kelle M	04	03/15/2014
Givens Ca'mia Jeanice	K	03/30/2018
Morris Brylee	P4	03/30/2019
Winston Khyree A'mir	P4	03/31/2019