



Columbia Elementary School  
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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

2025 MAY Edition

### SLPS Strategic Values



### FIELD TRIPS AND VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS UPDATE:

Students will attend field trips for their grade level. An adult should sign the permission slip. No verbal signatures will be accepted. For a student to go on a field trip, the permission slip must be filled out. *Some students will be required to attend with a chaperone (pending behavior) to attend.* **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. **All chaperones are required to have a volunteer application on file.** Contact the child's teacher for more information.

### Field Trips by Grade Level:

Grade Level	Field Trip Location	Date Scheduled:
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Art Museum	Thursday, May 15, 2025
PreK3-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Playscape	Thursday, May 22, 2025



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### Talent Show: Thursday May 15, 2025

**Date: 5-15-2025**

**Time: 1:30 PM**

**Location: Columbia Elementary School Gym**

**\*\*All guests must enter through Door #7 and park on the back lot\*\* (Doors will open at 1:20 PM)**

See Ms. L. Walker, our Music Teacher, for more details. The school-wide talent show will ONLY include students who have made the cut. All students will NOT be participating but will have the opportunity to attend (pending behavior). Students who have been selected have already been notified! Ensure that your child is practicing if they have been chosen to participate. Please contact Ms. L. Walker at: [lakeisha.walker@slps.org](mailto:lakeisha.walker@slps.org) for more details.

*\*any student who consistently display negative behaviors will NOT be able to participate*

### Intent to Return is NOW DUE!

## INTENT TO RETURN

**YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS BECAUSE YOUR ONLINE FORM IS NOT COMPLETE**

**IF YOU NEED HELP**  
CALL 314-533-2750 ASK FOR MS. DAVIS OR  
COME TO COLUMBIA MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00-11:00

**Logging Into Parent Portal**  
1. Go to this website: <https://sis.slps.org/SLPS360x3/login> (type exactly as shown).  
2. Click the Parent tab on the screen (make sure you are under "Parent" or it will not log in).  
3. Enter the email address that is on file in SIS and the password you created.

**Intent to Return**  
1. A yellow notification should appear, saying you have forms to complete.  
2. Click the notification bar to access and complete the forms for all your scholars.  
3. Complete the form between [redacted] to secure priority transportation routes.

Please follow the steps to secure your child(ren)'s spot for next school year. This registration is good for any SLPS location. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Families must complete now for Middle School. It is better to complete now and change your mind, then risk losing priority by waiting. Completing your registration now makes your child(ren) priority for seating, transportation, and aftercare services. The application process is 100% online. Our Family Support Specialist is available to walk you through the process if you experience any difficulty. Contact Ms. Davis, Columbia's Family Support Specialist, for additional details and/or support ([ebony.davis2@slps.org](mailto:ebony.davis2@slps.org)). Visit [www.slps.org/register](http://www.slps.org/register) for additional information.

**[Families of current students, click here to sign into the Parent Portal to register.](http://www.slps.org/register)**



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### **Saturday School**

Columbia Elementary School KG-  
5th Grade Saturday School Interest  
Sign-Up



Saturday School resumes Saturday, March 29, 2025, and will continue through the end of the school year (Saturday, May 17, 2025). Be sure you bring our scholars to take advantage of this opportunity for them to increase their skills Reading, Math, and Science. All students are invited. 9:00AM-1:00 PM. We look forward to seeing your students on Saturdays!

### **iPads**

A contract needs to be signed by each student's parent or legal guardian. iPads cannot be given out to the students until the contract is signed. As the weather changes, there may be a need for an Alternate Methods of Instruction (AMI) Day and only students with a signed contract will be able to take devices home. Any student who does not have a contract on file signed, will go home with a learning packet.

All students must have their device to take all mandatory assessments, State Exams, and to complete and submit class assignments. When devices are sent home, students/families are responsible for ensuring that students return with their device. Please note, families will incur a cost for any damaged, lost, or stolen devices. If you have any questions, please contact our building's Technology Inventory Coordinator (TIC), Ms. Brown ([mecha.brown@slps.org](mailto:mecha.brown@slps.org)). Click on the link below to complete the iPad contract.

<https://signnow.com/s/G6fg3PzG>

### **No Before Care/Afterschool**

Monday, May 5, 2025 – Friday, May 9, 2025: Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week  
*(In honor of Teachers and Staff Appreciation Week, there will be no before care/afterschool activities.)*

**After school will resume Monday, May 12, 2025.**

**The last day for afterschool activities will be Thursday, May 15, 2025\*\***

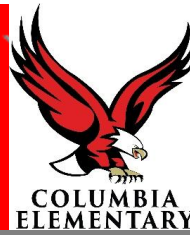
### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

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



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If your child is absent, staff will be reaching to find 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!

### **Promotion Ceremonies**

**PreK4 Tuesday, May 20, 2025 (9:00AM)**  
**KG Tuesday, May 20, 2025 (10:30 AM)**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, May 20, 2025 (1:30 PM)**

- Participants will be provided with a cap and gown for the ceremony (the cap and gown will be collected after each ceremony)
- All people will pass through a security check prior to taking their seat (seating will be limited and by RSVP only)
- Doors will open 15 minutes prior to ceremony start time
- All guests must enter through Door #7 and park on the back lot near the playground
- Promotion Ceremony participants must be on time to participate

***\*PreK3 will NOT participate in a promotion ceremony\****

***\*Students who consistently display negative behaviors will NOT be able to participate in their promotion ceremony (non-negotiable: contact Principal Houston for questions) \****

### **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/Staff may wear jeans every Friday. If you need help with purchasing uniforms, please connect with our Family Support Specialist, Ms. Davis ([ebony.davis2@slps.org](mailto:ebony.davis2@slps.org)) and she will connect you to our community resources.

Students are not able to use cell phones during the school day and/or during the before care/after school 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 from administration.



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### Character Education Word of the Month: INTEGRITY

Each month our students will learn the definition of a character education word. Students will be able to understand the meaning and know how to display this trait daily.

Our students are learning all about responsibility this month. What is integrity?

Integrity refers to honesty, trustworthiness, and adherence to strong moral and ethical principles. It is about being true to oneself and others, and consistently acting in alignment with one's values, even when no one is watching. Integrity is a cornerstone of building strong character, as it fosters trust and reliability, essential for healthy relationships and successful outcomes means you do the things you are supposed to do and accept the results of your actions.

### Camp SLPS

**CAMP SLPS 2025**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**JUNE 2 – JUNE 27**

**CAMP SLPS 2025**  
**CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!**

**Who's Eligible?**

- All current and incoming St. Louis Public School students in grades **PreK4 - 12th** for the 2024-2025 school year
- Must be 5 yr old by 7-31-25 (Current PK-4/rising Kindergarten)
- Must be St. Louis City resident

**Why Camp SLPS?**

- KG- 8th grade students will **Choose Your Own Adventure** for the 2025 Camp SLPS experience!
- Example adventures include: The Mic Drop, Dash Robotics, Basketball/Volleyball/Soccer clinics, Cheer Camp, AstroInnovators, Young Entrepreneurs, Theatre, Aspiring Authors, Stop-Motion-Animation, Movie Making
- Personalized learning for just right intervention and enrichment
- High school students can earn credits through credit recovery and accelerated learning

**What to Know...**

- Complete your enrollment application now - April 18, 2025 ([www.slps.org/CAMP/SLPS](http://www.slps.org/CAMP/SLPS))
- Transportation available
- Free breakfast and lunch
- Aftercare available at all elementary schools (9:00am - 5:00pm, limited availability)

### CAMP SLPS 2025

Please be sure to scan the QR code on the flyer to register your child for CAMP SLPS 2025. Be sure to sign them up by Friday, April 18, 2025.

- This enrollment form is an application for Camp SLPS 2025. Completing it does not guarantee placement.
- The enrollment application window is open from **February 3, 2025 - April 18, 2025**.
- You will receive a **Confirmation Form** via email no later than **April 25th to finalize your child's enrollment**.

The **Confirmation Form** will allow you to:

- ✓ Confirm your child's enrollment and secure your spot for Camp SLPS 2025
- ✓ Select your child's "**Choose Your Own Adventure**" camp theme
- ✓ Confirm **transportation needs**
- ✓ Request **aftercare (elementary students only)**

- **Priority Placement** is given to SLPS students who:
  - Have a Reading Success Plan
  - Require summer learning to advance to the next grade.
- Only families who complete the Confirmation Form will receive final placement details before camp begins.

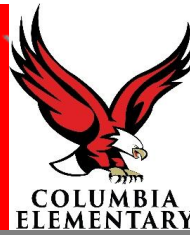
### CAMP LINK BELOW:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=az3jCF5SmakiA4yCxxK4i10uLW3oDAMhMgujvbripotUNDFBQII0QJJaNktZMzAyMIAwS0hRSzJQRy4u>



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### Transportation

Many students have begun receiving bus routes. If you would like to see if your child has been assigned a bus route, please contact the school (314-533-2750). If you have questions or need additional support, please contact our Transportation Department at 314-633-5107 and/or by email at [slpstrans.org](mailto:slpstrans.org).

*If you are in transition, please contact The Office of Students in Transition for additional support at: 314-345-5750.*

### Arrival

Friendly Reminders:

- Students are not allowed inside the building before 8:05 AM (unless they are enrolled in Before Care). ***Please do not leave students unattended anywhere on our school grounds. If this happens, the school will be required to make a hotline call, as we are mandated reporters. Students must always be supervised.***
- Students should enter through the following doors 8:05 AM - 8:15 AM:

Door #7: PreK

Door #9: 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Door #13: KG/Inclement Weather Entrance/Exit

- PreK students check-in and report to their teacher's classroom. 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students should enter the Gym and be seated in their class lines.
- Classroom teachers will escort students to the cafeteria, through the food service line, and then to eat breakfast in their classroom.
- Students arriving after 8:15 AM should check into the Main Office (enter through Door #1), receive grab-and-go breakfast from cafeteria, and report to class.

\*Due to safety, parents are NOT allowed to stay with children. Parents must complete a volunteer application, and it must be processed at Central Office prior to volunteering in the classroom\*

**\*\*All students must ride the bus/alternate transportation or be picked up by 3:17 PM daily.\*\***

### Happy Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week!

**Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week runs from Monday, May 5, 2025- Friday, May 9, 2025!**

Please take this opportunity to make our teachers and staff feel truly seen and celebrated. Whether it's a heartfelt note, a colorful drawing, kind words, or a small token of appreciation, every gesture matters and is deeply valued.

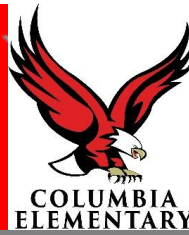
Please Note: There will be no before care/ after-school programs this week, as our amazing teachers and staff are being honored and celebrated.

To all educators around the world—thank you. You are deeply appreciated, loved, and valued!



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#### **Important May Calendar Dates:**

- Entire Month of May: Mental Health Awareness Month
- Monday, May 5-9, 2025: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
- Wednesday, May 7, 2025: School Nurse Appreciation Day
- Thursday, May 15, 2025: School-Wide Talent Show
- Friday, May 16, 2025 : Columbia's "Day of Love" (Field Day)
- Tuesday, May 20, 2025: PreK4, KG, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion Ceremonies
- Thursday, May 22, 2025: Student's Last Day of School (Report Cards Distributed via Email)  
School Wide Field Trip (Forest Park: Playscape)

**[\\*\\*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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**Ms. Vaughn**

1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Teacher (Gifted)

May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Ms. O'Neal**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher

May 4<sup>th</sup>

**Mr. Leon**

School PM Custodian

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Ms. Curtis**

STEM Teacher

May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Birthday to ALL students and staff with May Birthdays 🎉**



Student Name	Grade	Birth Date	HR Teacher
Tomlin Marrionna	03	05/03/2016	Smith-Rockett, Annette
Hall Devyn	02	05/04/2017	Dunbar, Brittani
Marshall Aunistee Kristyan	04	05/05/2015	Brown, Mecha
Mike Denim Duane	03	05/05/2016	Smith-Rockett, Annette
Gray Lyrik DeSean	05	05/09/2014	Hogue, Alexandria
Higgins Johnnisha Katherine	05	05/11/2014	Hogue, Alexandria
Richmond Bella Neco	02	05/13/2017	Dunbar, Brittani
Davis Delilah Alise	K	05/17/2019	Schaefer, Cynthia
Owens Damarionn	K	05/20/2019	Schaefer, Cynthia
Shelby-Pope Ronnell	K	05/20/2019	Brewer, Joann
Jarvis Tari Rashad	03	05/24/2015	Smith-Rockett, Annette
Thomas Rozaelynn	04	05/24/2015	Brown, Mecha
Robinson Mekiya Danyale	04	05/25/2014	Brown, Mecha
Wilkins Xinoda Deniro Ari	02	05/30/2017	Dunbar, Brittani
Branom Naomi Monick	K	05/30/2019	Schaefer, Cynthia
Tomlin Marlin Lamont	04	05/31/2015	Brown, Mecha
Falls Santini Maurice	02	05/31/2017	Dunbar, Brittani
Smith Syncir	01	05/31/2018	O'Neal, Angela