



Columbia Elementary School
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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

SEPTEMBER 2025 Edition

SLPS Strategic Values



Arrival

Friendly Reminders:

- **Student Arrival:**
Students may **not enter the building before 8:05 AM.**
- **Arrival Entrances (8:05 AM – 8:15 AM):**
 - **Door #7:** Pre-K
 - **Door #9:** 1st – 5th Grade
 - **Door #13:** Kindergarten / Inclement Weather Entrance
- **Morning Procedures:**
 - Pre-K/KG students will check in and report directly to their classrooms.
 - 1st – 5th grade students will enter the Gym and sit in their designated class lines.
 - Classroom teachers will escort students through the cafeteria line and then to their classrooms for breakfast.
- **Late Arrivals (After 8:15 AM):**
 - Enter through **Door #1** and check in at the **Main Office.**
 - Students will receive a **grab-and-go breakfast** from the cafeteria before heading to class.
- **Parent Access:**
For student safety, **parents may not remain with children** inside the building. To volunteer in classrooms, a **volunteer application must be completed and approved by Central Office** prior to participation.

Dismissal Information:

- All students must **ride the bus or be picked up by 3:17 PM** each day.



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Upcoming Events

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

**2025-2026 Title I, A.
Annual Informational
Meeting**

The purpose of our meeting today is to inform our parents and families of our school's participation in Title I, A, to explain Title I, A requirements, and to state your rights as parents and family members to be involved.

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**Date: September 11, 2025
Time: 3:30 PM
Location: Library**

RSVP Link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/GPjKqB7ik>

2025-2026 Title I, A. Annual Informational Meeting Sign

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♥ Columbia Elementary ♥

**GRANDPARENTS
DAY
CELEBRATION**

Friday, September 12th
8:30 AM
Columbia Elementary School Library

Come and enjoy a special morning honoring our wonderful grandparents!

Stories • Refreshments • Smiles & Memories
WE CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE YOU!

Middle School Here I Come (5th Grade Students)

Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle School is excited to host its “Middle School, Here I Come” event on **Thursday, October 23, 2025**, from **12:00 PM to 1:00 PM**.

During the visit, students will have the opportunity to:

- Enjoy a showcase of the arts
- Touring the school and learning more about the middle school experience

This event is open to all 5th grade students.

Please note Carr Lane is unable to provide transportation for this event.

If you would like your child to attend, please submit your **RSVP by Friday, September 26, 2025**.

For questions or additional information, please contact:

Ms. DeJeanette Williams, Guidance Counselor

DeJeanette.Williams@slps.org

(314) 231-0413



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From the Nurse's Office

Please check with your student to see if they brought home a packet titled “Notes from the Nurse.” Every student should have received one to be completed and returned to the nurse.

Parents of students with asthma, severe allergies, or other medical conditions requiring medication at school should have also received a letter requesting your child’s **action plan** from their doctor.

If you have not received these documents, please contact me at terrie.dawson@slps.org or call 314-533-2750.

FIELD TRIPS AND VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS UPDATE:

Students will attend the 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:

P4, KG, 1 st Teachers	The Magic House
KG-1 st Grade Teachers	Missouri Botanical Gardens
2 nd Grade Teachers	Zoo
3 rd Grade Teachers	Science Center
4 th Grade Teachers	History Museum
5 th Grade Teachers	Art Museum

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. Parents must sign for their child’s technology in Focus. If you have any questions about Focus, please contact our Family Support Specialist, Ms. Davis.

Student Code of Conduct

The 2025-2026 Code of Conduct (Online Version Only; No Print Copies Will Be Available) is ready for students, staff, and families. The Student Code of Conduct outlines the standards by which students govern their actions and behaviors including expectations, consequences, discipline, and communication.

Parents and students can review for themselves and then sign the Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form in FOCUS.

Link: [Code of Conduct 2025-2026](#)



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Parent University

Parent University is a series of workshops offered by the school district, designed to support and empower parents in their role as partners in their children's education.

The goal is to provide parents with tools, resources, and knowledge to help their children succeed academically, socially, and emotionally.

Topics might include:

- Understanding curriculum and academic expectations
- Supporting homework and study habits
- Navigating social-emotional development
- Learning about school policies and resources
- Technology use and online safety
- College and career readiness

Parent University sessions are interactive, informative, and aimed at building strong home-school partnerships.



Parent University

Parent University is designed to empower parents with the skills and confidence to equip parents with the knowledge to become effective advocates and leaders for their children.

5:30PM-7PM (Light Dinner Served at 5PM)

Thursday, Sept 4th

Thursday, Oct. 2nd

Thursday, Nov. 6th

Thursday, Dec. 4th



Childcare Provided

SLPS Central Office
801 N. 11th St. 63101



www.SLPS.org/ParentU



Men2Mentors is a dedicated space for fathers and male caregivers to engage in their children's academic and social success.

5:30PM-7PM (Light Dinner Served at 5:15PM)

Wednesday, October 8th

Wednesday, December 17th

Please register or call 314-345-4444 for more information.



SLPS Central Office
801 N. 11th St. 63101

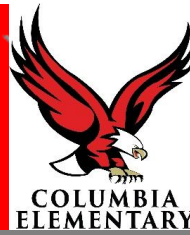
Donald R. Malone II
Manager, Family and
Community Engagement





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Uniforms

All students are required to wear uniforms **Monday through Thursday**. Uniform guidelines are as follows:

- **Tops and Bottoms:** Any **color** uniform top or bottom is acceptable.
- **Shoes:** Students may wear **shoes of their choice**.

Fridays are Jeans Days!

Students and 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) and she will connect you to our community resources.

Character Education Word of the Month: Respect

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

Our students are learning all about R-E-S-P-E-C-T this month. What is respect?

Respect is treating others well even if they look, act, or believe differently than you do. Please continue to encourage your children to show respect to themselves and everyone around them.

Why is PTO Important?

The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) plays a vital role in creating a supportive and enriching school environment for our children. By working together, parents and teachers can:

- **Enhance Educational Opportunities:** PTO funds help provide resources, technology, and special programs that directly benefit students' learning experiences.
- **Build Community:** PTO events and meetings foster a strong sense of community among families, staff, and students.
- **Support Teachers:** Through fundraising and volunteer efforts, PTO helps supply teachers with classroom materials and recognition.
- **Advocate for Our Students:** PTO serves as a voice for parents and helps address important school issues and initiatives.

Getting involved with PTO is a great way to stay informed, contribute to meaningful projects, and make a positive impact on our children's education.

Together, we can make a difference!

The PTO is looking for more members (parents/guardians) to add to the Columbia Eagles PTO Squad. The next PTO Meeting has been scheduled for: Tuesday, September 16, 2025.



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Before Care & After Care Update

Columbia's Before/Aftercare Programs are now full.

- Both programs are now FULL. If your child did not receive an approval letter, they should not stay for the afterschool program or arrive to school prior to 8:05 AM. If an application was submitted, they will be placed on the waitlist.
- If you have any questions, please contact Principal Houston (tiffany.houston@slps.org/314-379-8133).

Sports Update

I am sorry to share some disappointing news from the district; the Fall Soccer Season will be postponed until the Spring. The only field available to use is unfortunately not in playable condition. While we had hoped to make it work, the recent use by the high school has further worn down the field, creating safety concerns for our student athletes. Because of this, the district cannot move forward with the season as planned. However, students will participate in Soccer in the Spring.

Transportation

We appreciate the ongoing support and patience of our families as we work together to ensure a smooth transition to these new routes. Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated as our drivers adapt to these changes.

If you have further questions or need additional support, please contact our Transportation Department at 314-633-5107 and/or slpstrans.org.

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

Important September Calendar Dates:

- Monday, September 1, 2025: Labor Day (No School)
- Thursday, September 11, 2025: Title 1 Meeting
- Friday, September 12, 2025: Grandparent's Day Celebration
- Tuesday, September 16, 2025: PTO Meeting
- Friday, September 19, 2025: No School for Students (Staff Professional PD Day)



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Happy Birthday to ALL students and staff with September Birthdays ☺



SEPTEMBER STAFF Birthdays:

Ms. Sechrest
September 13th
(Social Worker)

Ms. Houston
September 16th
(Principal)

Ms. Hogue
September 27th
(5th Grade Teacher)

Student	Grade	Birthday
Bland, Karli Shariah	P4	01
Dawson, Jamila Frances	02	01
Dixon, Darriell	02	02
Sleet, Damien Lavall	K	02
Bowden, Zion E	05	05
Jones, Nariya (Naâ€™™Riya)	05	05
Wrice, Savannah Marie Yvette	05	05
Swapshire, Chynaa'Rae	05	07
Holloway, William	01	10
English, Mila Michaela	01	11
Coats, Ariyah Annice	05	12
Robinson, Dakota Janae	P3	12
Walton, Da'Shay	04	12
Hopkins, Kaleah	P4	14
Sampa, Kay'Vion	02	14
Hubbard, Alexandra	04	15
Tomlin, Memari	02	17
Braxton, Deon L	K	18
Braxton, Dru L	K	18
Dawson, David	01	18
Henderson, Josiah	04	19
Jones, Chloe Erica	02	19
Frairson, Jamarr Mondrell	05	20
Roberts, Kiylan A	02	20
Frazier, Nyla	03	25
Jefferson, Stephon Eugene	01	25
Nowden, Der'eon Lamont	03	25
Frairson, Ja'Mari Arrion	02	26
Tate, Zakari	01	27
Frazier, Mhir	01	29
Austin, Lianna Joelle (Yanna)	K	30