



Columbia Elementary School  
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Tiffany D. Houston –Principal



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Elementary School

**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 2023 Edition

### Arrival/Dismissal Clarity

Friendly Reminders:

- Students are not allowed inside the building before 7:50 AM.
- Students should enter through the following doors 7:50 AM - 8:00 AM:

Door #7: PreK

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

Door #13: KG/Inclement weather entrance/exit

- Students arriving after 8:00 AM should check into the Main Office, 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 and volunteer application and it must be processed at Central Office prior to volunteering in the classroom\**

- **All students must ride the bus or be picked up by 3:00 PM daily.** Afterschool applications are now available. **Afterschool at Columbia will NOT begin until Monday, September 11, 2023.** Students in the program will receive an approval letter the week of September 4<sup>th</sup> if they have been approved. Students cannot begin until an approval letter is received. Afterschool transportation will NOT be available until the week of September 18, 2023. Please plan to pick up students by 5:45 PM.

### Sports Update

Columbia will not be participating in Fall Sports this year due to the location/time of games. Our focus will continue to be academics! We look to participating in *WINTER* sports this school year (co-ed basketball/cheerleading). Be sure that your child has a physical on file with the nurse. More information will be available closer to the winter season.

### Uniforms

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.



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### **AFTERSCHOOL**

**Columbia's afterschool services will begin Monday, September 11, 2023.** Columbia's afterschool program runs 3:15 PM- 5:45PM. Students must ride the bus or be picked up prior to 5:45 PM. Any guardian that has a pattern of picking up a student late from the program will risk the child's seat in the program. Students must be picked up on time. ***Afterschool transportation will not be available until the week of September 18, 2023.*** All students will need to be picked-up until transportation is available.

**DreamCenter (community partner who provide afterschool services) - 314-934-1149** Applications are in the office and they have immediate opening.

### **FIELD TRIPS AND VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS UPDATE:**

Permission slips for field trips will begin going home soon. 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 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.* ***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 child's teacher for more information.

#### **Field Trips by Grade Level:**

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

### **PTO**

We are looking to form a PTO at Columbia this year. If you are interested in joining the PTO stay tuned for additional correspondence in the month of September! Please contact Principal Houston ([tiffany.houston@slps.org](mailto:tiffany.houston@slps.org)) if you are interested in running for PTO President, Vice President, Treasure, or Secretary. We look forward to connecting with you!

### **Girl Scouts: Now Accepting Applications**

Columbia's Girl Scout Troop meets twice a month during afterschool activities. Applications are available in the office. Girls must complete an application each year to participate. Be sure the application is completed and returned to the main office.

### **Important September Calendar Dates:**

- Monday, September 4, 2023: No School/School Site Closed (Labor Day Holiday)
- Thursday, September 7, 2023: September Staff Meeting
- Monday, September 18, 2023: Progress Reports Distributed via email
- Friday, September 22, 2023: No School for Students (Staff Professional Development Day)



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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). Please do not hesitate to reach out to Columbia if you have any immediate needs or concerns. Thank you for all you do!**

**Classroom Teachers:**

Grade Level:	Teacher(s) Name:	Room #:	Email Address
PK	Ms. Hearn	001	<a href="mailto:raquel.hearns@slps.org">raquel.hearns@slps.org</a>
	Mrs. Richmond-Brooks	002	<a href="mailto:lakesia.richmond-brooks@slps.org">lakesia.richmond-brooks@slps.org</a>
KG	Mrs. Brewer-Clemons	101	<a href="mailto:joann.brewer@slps.org">joann.brewer@slps.org</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Ms. Adams	210	<a href="mailto:tauwa.adams@slps.org">tauwa.adams@slps.org</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Ms. Brown	207	<a href="mailto:mecha.brown@slps.org">mecha.brown@slps.org</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Gifted/High Achievers	Ms. Vaughn	208	<a href="mailto:shirley.vaughn@slps.org">shirley.vaughn@slps.org</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teachers	Mrs. Smith-Rockett	308	<a href="mailto:annette.smith-rockett@slps.org">annette.smith-rockett@slps.org</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers	Mr. Moore	304	<a href="mailto:kennethmoore2@slps.org">kennethmoore2@slps.org</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Gifted/High Achievers	Mrs. Wayant	307	<a href="mailto:kathryn.wayant@slps.org">kathryn.wayant@slps.org</a>
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers	Ms. O'Neal	303	<a href="mailto:angela.oneal@slps.org">angela.oneal@slps.org</a>
Self-Contained/Resource Teacher	Ms. Smith	301	<a href="mailto:taylor.smith2@slps.org">taylor.smith2@slps.org</a>

**Happy Birthday to students and staff with a birthday in the month of September!**

**STAFF**

**September 16<sup>th</sup> Ms. Houston  
(Principal)**

**September 24<sup>th</sup> Ms. Walker  
(Vocal Music Teacher)**

**September 29<sup>th</sup> Coach Hogue  
(PE Teacher)**

**Happy Birthday to ALL students with SEPTEMBER Birthdays ☺**

Darden Kirk	03	09/02/2014
Dixon Darriell	K	09/02/2017
Marble Trish'Ton Darnell	04	09/04/2013
Butler Da'Kiya Jade	K	09/04/2017
Bowden Zion E	03	09/05/2014
Wrice Savannah Marie Yvette	03	09/05/2014
Griffin-Lovelace Deion Dashawn	P4	09/07/2018
Holloway William	P4	09/10/2018
Driver Zachariah L	05	09/15/2012
Hubbard Alexandra	02	09/15/2016
Tomlin Memari	K	09/17/2017
Dawson David	P4	09/18/2018
Braxton Deon L	P3	09/18/2019
Braxton Dru L	P3	09/18/2019
Frairson Jamarr Mondrell	03	09/20/2014
Wooten Darrick Lamont	05	09/23/2012
Nowden Der'eon Lamont	01	09/25/2016
Taylor Marxel Ur'Rome	K	09/25/2017
Frairson Ja'Mari Arrion	K	09/26/2017
Bohlen Aaliyah D	P4	09/26/2018