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
April 2024 Edition

SPRING PICTURE DAY- TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024
Please dress your child nicely and the total payment is due at the time of picture taking. Order forms will be delivered to Columbia soon. Every student will receive one.

Payment Method: Cash & Money Orders (payable to: Ernest Sharpe). Checks are not accepted.

Please remember to give your child’s form and money to an adult at school. If you give it to your child, be sure that you email/call to confirm with their classroom teacher that we have received all the needed items. The school will not be responsible for money that has been lost or stolen.

Picture Company Contact Information:
Ernest C. Sharpe
Sharpe Pictures
http://www.sharpepictures.com (314) 556-5886

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.

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)
No Afterschool: Thursday, April 11, 2024 (April Staff Meeting)

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 can 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.
Upcoming FIELD TRIPS:

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). 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.

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Save The Date: Talent Show: Tuesday May 14, 2024

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. Tryouts will begin this month! Ensure that your student is practicing. Again, all students WILL NOT be participating.

Please contact Ms. L. Walker at: lakeisha.walker@slps.org for more details.

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

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

PreK Enrollment (New and Returning Students) 2024-2025

PreK enrollment for new and returning PreK students for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. All seats are first come, first served. All students *(new and returning)* will need to complete registration enrollment at Columbia Elementary School. Seats are not automatic. Seats are first come, first served. Please contact our secretary, Ms. Johnson, to schedule a time to enroll/re-enroll your child.
Missouri Assessment Program
Students in grades 3rd-5th will be engaged in the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) State Assessment beginning the week of Monday, April 15, 2025. Please ensure your child gets a good night's rest and comes to school daily, on time. We are encouraging scholars to do their absolute best. When they are at school on time, we put them in a position to win.
Assessments per grade level:
3rd-5th (English Language Arts and Mathematics)
5th (Science)

CAMP SLPS 2024
Camp SLPS 2024 will be held from Monday, June 3rd through Friday, July 12th at sites across Saint Louis Public Schools (no summer learning on Wednesday, June 19th in recognition of Juneteenth holiday or Thursday, July 4th in recognition of Independence Day).

We are encouraging ALL students to sign up for CAMP SLPS. Please visit www.slps.org/camp or contact the school for enrollment. Do not wait, enroll TODAY!

Columbia Elementary School Students will attend:
Rising KG-6th- Ames Elementary School (2900 Hadley St, Saint Louis, MO 63107)

Rising 2nd -6th (gifted students)-Mason Elementary School (Address: 6031 Southwest Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63139)

Save the Date (Promotion Ceremonies)

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- Participants will be provided a cap and gown for the ceremony (the cap and gown will be collected after each ceremony)
- All persons 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 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) *

More information to come......

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE
Please ensure that your child has returned their IPad to the school. All technology must be returned to the school to ensure students have devices for testing. IPads will not longer go home everyday. Contact our Technology Coordinator (TIC), Ms. Thompson (chantell.thompson@slps.org), if your child’s device has been lost/stolen or you have any questions regarding your child’s technology.
Important April Calendar Dates:
- Entire Month of April: School Library Month
  National Autism Acceptance Month
  National Poetry Month
- Tuesday, April 9, 2024: Spring Picture Day
- Thursday, April 11, 2024: April Staff Meeting (No After School Activities)
- Tuesday, April 16, 2024: Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Test Begins (3rd - 5th graders only)
- Monday, April 15, 2024: Quarter 4 Progress Report Cards Distributed
- Wednesday, April 24, 2024: Secretary Appreciation Day (Thank you for all you do Ms. Johnson)
- Tuesday, May 14, 2024: School-Wide Talent Show (more details to come - Start Practicing 😊)

**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!

Happy Birthday to ALL students with April Birthdays 😊

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