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.

8/1/2022

Our City - Our School - Our Future: From Surviving to Thriving!

Hello, Columbia Elementary School Family and Friends!

My name is Tiffany D. Houston and I am so excited to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year! All scholars, parents, and staff deserve an environment where they feel a sense of belonging. I have a strong belief that all children can learn in an environment that includes bonding, high expectations, and a belief in their success. My staff and I will spend a lot of time with your scholars; getting to know their personalities, learning styles, and interests. We will celebrate their successes, both small and large. We will encourage them every day to do their very best and let them know they are valued and have a special place in our school community.

The theme this year is: “From Surviving to Thriving”! I am excited to begin working with your scholars and collaborating with you as we do this work together. I am a firm believer that, “It takes a village to raise a child”. I am excited to see your scholars through your eyes. My staff and I look forward to sharing with you the great things your scholar will accomplish during their time here at Columbia Elementary School. Our team will be here to work with you should your scholar need any help navigating any aspect of the school day. Our goal is to ensure that all Columbia Elementary School children are healthy, happy, safe, and learning. It is our desire that all of our students learn as much as they can. We look forward to seeing you/your child(ren) very soon! Let’s go EAGLES!

Announcements

- We are now registering, at Columbia Elementary, NEW and RETURNING PreK students for the upcoming school year. New and Returning PreK students are required to complete paperwork to register/re-register. There are 40 slots, which are first come, first served.
- Returning students (KG-5th) who attended Columbia Elementary School last school year (in-person) do not have to complete the entire registration process. All returning students (KG-5th) will receive documents that need to be completed on or before their first day of school. If your address, phone number, and/or email address has changed, please contact the school (314-533-2750) or Principal Houston (tiffany.houston@slps.org) to update this information.
- New Kindergarten students must turn 5 years old by July 31st. If you would like to register a NEW student, Kindergarten student, or a PreK student please contact the school (314-
533-2750) or Principal Houston (tiffany.houston@slps.org) to schedule an appointment to register them. Please bring your child’s birth certificate, shot records, guardian(s) ID, and a proof of residence (unpaid utility bill or lease agreement).

- The first day of school for our scholars is Monday, August 22, 2022
- We will be requiring all students to wear uniforms this year (non-negotiable). The uniform policy will be the same as it was pre-pandemic. Students are able to wear any color polo shirt, uniform bottoms (blue, black, khaki), and any color shoes. Uniforms are required Monday thru Thursday. Please contact our Family Community Specialist to be connected to resources if you need support with getting uniforms for your scholar(s).
- **2022 Urban Expo with St. Louis City Public Schools** (click on link to see invitation)! COLOUMBIA IS LOOKING FOR COLUMBIA STUDENTS TO SHOW UP TO THE FAIR AND REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL! Students should wear their Columbia T-Shirts or school colors (red, white, touch of black)! If you would like to be a feature family for the Back to School Urban Expo, interested families would have to be present at the event by 9:30 AM and guardian(s)/student(s) may be asked a few easy questions from media regarding back to school planning etc. All students/families that participate would receive a backpack with supplies for each student as well as additional prizes. Principal Houston will also enter all families that participate, as a feature family, into a raffle for a GAS gift card! Be sure to arrive by 9:30 AM to participate. WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022! Contact Principal Houston if your family will be participating.
- For the most up-to-date information, please connect with us on ClassDojo by clicking on the link below:
  https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?s=53e82ab67596863238002f30

As we embark upon the upcoming school year with a focus on increasing student achievement and personalizing the educational experiences for each student, we will continue to uplift and encourage each member of our school community. Collectively we will serve Columbia Elementary School. I look forward to a positive and productive school year full of high expectations as we move our school to even greater heights. I will send more information as it gets closer to the first day of school. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us. We are here Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. I look forward to seeing your child(ren) VERY soon! Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

Tiffany D. Houston

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Principal

Columbia Elementary School