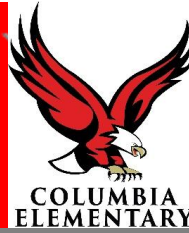




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Tiffany D. Houston -Principal



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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

July 2024 Edition



Save the Date: ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOL'S URBAN EXPO. BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024

Location: The Dome at the America's Center (701 Convention Plz, Saint Louis, MO 63101)

Time: 10:00AM- 6:00 PM

..... stay tuned for more details

Now Enrolling: Prek3-5th Grade

Columbia Elementary School is NOW Enrolling PreK3 through 5th graders who live in the St. Louis City area. All returning students have been mailed the re-enrollment packet. It is VERY important that the enrollment packet is completed and returned (hand delivered, emailed, mailed) back to Columbia Elementary School (3120 St Louis Ave). Classrooms fill up quickly and we want to ensure that we have resources and staff ready to support your child(ren).

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of new students should come to Columbia Elementary School to enroll their child(ren) on site. Please ensure that you bring the following documents with you:

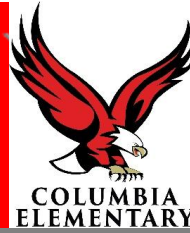
- child(ren)'s birth certificate
- immunization records (with proof of lead testing, also needed for PreK students)
- proof of address (lease or bill)
- parent/guardian's identification

Please contact the school at: 314-533-2750 if you have any questions or need additional support.



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SAVE THE DATE: Columbia's Open House 2024-2025

Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024 (08-15-2024)

Time: 3:15 PM- 5:15 PM

Location: Columbia Elementary School (3120 St Louis Ave.)

You are cordially invited to join us for our annual Open House to meet your child's classroom teacher, hear about learning goals, meet community partners, and learn about ways to get involved this school year. Our school nurse also plans to have representation from a clinic, so students can get needed immunizations! We hope to see you and your child(ren), so everyone has an opportunity to enjoy snow cones, popcorn, refreshments, door prizes, and more! We can't WAIT to welcome you to the new school year!

CAMP SLPS 2024

The last day of Camp SLPS 2024 is Friday, July 12th at sites across Saint Louis Public Schools.

Columbia Elementary School Students are attending:

Rising KG-6th- Ames Elementary School (2900 Hadley St, Saint Louis, MO 63107 (314) 241-7165)

Summer Site Leader 1: Principal Austin-Lindsey (Gateway Elementary School)

Summer Site Leader 2: Principal Tiffany D. Houston (Columbia Elementary School)

Rising 2nd -6th (gifted students)-Mason Elementary School (Address: 6031 Southwest Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63139 (314) 645-1201).

Summer Site Leader 1 & 2: Principal Dr. Stacey Franklin (Mason Elementary School)

Transportation

Dear Saint Louis Public Schools Community,

We would like to share our plans to improve SLPS transportation for the 2024-2025 school year. The Board of Education has voted to approve the emergency strategies below so we may begin implementing our emergency response transportation plan to make sure students in Saint Louis Public Schools arrive at school safely and on time each day.

Streamlined bell times: Similar to before, all schools will be on one of three tiers.

For most schools, this change will result in no more than a twenty-minute difference from their current start times:



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- 7:15am-2:12pm (Tier 1)
- 8:20am-3:17pm (Tier 2) *Columbia Elementary School has been Tier 2*, or
- 9:25am-4:22pm (Tier 3)

There is one area of exception: Three schools—Roosevelt, Sumner, and Vashon—will move to Tier 1 and experience a start time that is 50 minutes earlier than their current first bell. Families from the impacted schools will be receiving separate communication.

We realize this is not in line with the “Healthier Schools” bell times we have been discussing. We will continue to examine these options but handling this emergency situation had to be our priority.

Details on before-care and after-care are still being finalized. When school-by-school details are complete, they will be posted [here](#). Specific questions can be directed to the SLPS Aftercare Coordinator at: 314-295-7328.

Public Transit: In partnership with Metro, we will be providing some of our high school students with Metro transit passes to facilitate their travel to and from school. They will be selected based on proximity of their homes and their schools to transit stops and a lack of necessary transfers. Safety planning is paramount and embedded in all public transit options that will be offered to our students through this partnership.

Opt-Out from Transportation: We are asking families who can transport students to school on their own to commit to this practice for the school year. Many already choose this option, and freeing up the seats on the bus for others will allow for more efficiency. Please go to www.slps.org/optout for more information.

Bus Stop Consolidation: A significant challenge we face in ensuring buses arrive on time is the current number of stops. Our plan includes safely and thoughtfully reducing the number of bus stops to address this issue. We are assessing stops across the district as part of this plan.

Strategic routing: We have been collaborating closely with a transportation consulting firm, 4Mativ Technologies, to analyze our transportation system and develop recommendations for improvements. We will make sure buses are not traveling across St. Louis half empty.

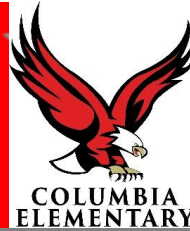
We have more details available for you at www.slps.org/emergencyresponse.

This is an emergency response. To create a long term, sustainable program, we will begin quarterly community meetings next month. We will also have a “Let’s Talk” channel dedicated to your feedback on our website, www.slps.org/transportationfeedback.



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We know this will not be easy for everyone. Change never is. But working as a community will allow us to take the first steps toward a sustainable transportation plan that we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

Square Watson

Chief Operations Officer

Saint Louis Public Schools

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

Summer Literacy Tips for Success

Tips for Success:

- ✓ Read and Re-read. Encourage your child to re-read books 3 to 5 times... or more!
- ✓ Celebrate! Each time your child reads/listens to a book.
- ✓ Watch a Fun Video Lesson on YouTube.
- ✓ Share Progress! Shoot your child's teacher or Principal an email and tell how it's going and what kinds of books your child is most interested in.

[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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JULY STAFF Birthdays:

Mr. Moore

Teacher
 July 3rd

Ms. Schaefer

Teacher
 July 7th

Mr. Mark

AM Custodian
 July 22nd

Happy Birthday to ALL students and staff with July Birthdays ☺

Causey X'Zhavier	05	07/05/2013
Lawrence Cassius Donelson	K	07/07/2018
Pittman Avion	05	07/08/2012
Watkins Eli Lamar	01	07/08/2017
Muhammad Serenity	04	07/13/2014
Smallwood Aaron	P4	07/14/2019
Powell Dwayne	05	07/22/2013
Debose Charles Branson	04	07/23/2014
Patrick Sammirose M	04	07/24/2014
Hodges Maria Angelic	03	07/24/2015
Lambers Rain A' Riah	K	07/26/2018
Harris BaiLei	K	07/27/2017
Trotter Kenadi Lanae	04	07/28/2014
Johnson Ay'rihanna Nicole	04	07/29/2013
Grayson Aurora Ann Marie	P3	07/29/2020
McDowell Partiarra	04	07/31/2013
Duff Mekko L	01	07/31/2017