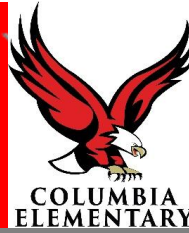




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**Our Mission:** Columbia Elementary will be relentless in providing rigorous and robust learning experiences for all students that will empower them to become strategic and independent thinkers who compete globally.

**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

2024 OCTOBER Edition

## SLPS Strategic Values



### READY! For Kindergarten (P4 Parents/Guardians Only)

A PROVEN PROGRAM — For more than 20 years, READY! for Kindergarten has helped parents prepare their child from birth to age five for a successful kindergarten experience.

**A meal and learning materials will be provided FREE of charge at every meeting. This program is open to families with students in the P4 program. Space is limited. Parents/Guardians who attend will be able to visit with their child during their lunch time.**

#### Meeting Place:

Columbia Elementary School Library

**Time:** 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

#### Dates:

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Tuesday, January 21, 2025



Register at the link or QR code: <https://forms.office.com/r/VARDe9e21G>



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### **Uniforms**

Columbia is a uniform school. All students must wear their uniforms Monday-Thursday. Students may wear any color uniform top or bottom. Students can wear the shoes of their choice. Students/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](mailto:ebony.davis2@slps.org)) and she will connect you to our community resources.

### **Classroom Candy/Treat War**

For the month of October, each classroom will compete in a Candy/Treats War. Every classroom will be collecting candy/treats that will be distributed during our Annual Truck or Treat Harvest Fest on Thursday, October 31, 2024. The classroom that collects the most candy/treats by Wednesday, October 30, 2024, will win an icecream party! Let the BEST classroom win!

### **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. As the weather changes, there may be a need for an Alternate Method of Instruction (AMI) Day and only students with a signed contract will be able to take devices home. If you have any questions, please contact our building's Technology Inventory Coordinator (TIC), Ms. Brown ([mecha.brown@slps.org](mailto:mecha.brown@slps.org)). See link below. Thank you for all you do!

<https://signnow.com/s/G6fg3PzG>

### **Before Care & After Care Update**

Our before care and after care programs are now full, however we do have a waitlist. Please contact Secretary Johnson to be placed on the waitlist

**Our Programs runs Monday-Thursday:**

**Before Care 7:05 AM- 8:05 AM (student will not be admitted to before care after 7:50 AM)**

**After Care 3:30 PM-6:00 PM**

***There will not be before care/aftercare on the following days this month:***

***October Staff Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2024***

***Parent/Guardian/Teacher Week: Monday, October 14 – Thursday October 17, 2024***

***Halloween: Thursday, October 31, 2024***



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**Character Education Word of the Month: Self Control**

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 Self-Control this month. What is self-control?

Self-control enables individuals to pause, reflect, and respond in a calm and rational manner, promoting healthier coping mechanisms and conflict resolution. It helps in reducing stress, improving impulse management, and fostering emotional resilience. Self-control also plays a crucial role in building and maintaining positive relationships. Please continue to encourage your children to show self-control.

**No School**

**Friday, October 11, 2024:** Staff Professional Development Day/Record Keeping Day

**Friday, October 18, 2024:** Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conference Week

**Transportation**

Many students have begun receiving bus routes. If you would like to see if you child has been assigned a bus route, please contact our secretary. If you have questions or need additional support, please contact our Transportation Department at 314-633-5107 and/or slpstrans.org.

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

**Arrival**

Friendly Reminders:

- Students are not allowed inside the building before 8:05 AM (unless they are enrolled in Before Care). **Please do not leave students unattended anywhere on our school grounds. If this happens, the school will be required to make a hotline call, as we are mandated reporters. Students must always be supervised.**
- Students should enter through the following doors 8:05 AM - 8:15 AM:

Door #7: PreK

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

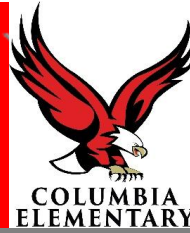
Door #13: KG/Inclement Weather Entrance/Exit

- PreK students check-in and report to their teacher’s classroom. 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students should enter the Gym and be seated in their class lines.
- Classroom teachers will escort students to the cafeteria, through the food service line, and then to eat breakfast in their classroom.



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- Students arriving after 8:15 AM should check into the Main Office (enter through Door #1), 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 a volunteer application, and it must be processed at Central Office prior to volunteering in the classroom\*

\*\*All students must ride the bus/alternate transportation or be picked up by 3:17 PM daily.\*\*

**Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conference**

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences will be taking place on the following dates/times:

**Monday, October 14, 2024, from 3:30 PM- 6:45 PM**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024, from 3:30 PM- 6:45 PM**

\*Parents/Guardians MUST schedule a time to meet with teachers. \* Priority will go to the families who make an appointment. Parents/Guardians should book directly with the teacher. Parents and guardians who walk-in for a conference may be required to wait. Do not wait, sign up today! Contact the classroom teacher via email for more details.

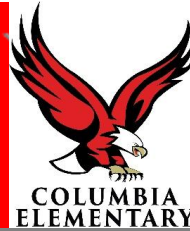
**Classroom Teachers:**

Grade Level:	Teacher(s) Name:	Room #:	Email Address
PK	Hearns Richmond-Brooks	001 002	<a href="mailto:raquel.hearns@slps.org">raquel.hearns@slps.org</a> <a href="mailto:lakesia.richmond-brooks@slps.org">lakesia.richmond-brooks@slps.org</a>
KG	Brewer-Clemons	101	<a href="mailto:joann.brewer@slps.org">joann.brewer@slps.org</a>
KG	Schaefer	102	<a href="mailto:cynthia.schaefer@slps.org">cynthia.schaefer@slps.org</a>
Self-Contained/Resource Teacher	Adams	301	<a href="mailto:tauwa.adams@slps.org">tauwa.adams@slps.org</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	O'Neal	210	<a href="mailto:angela.oneal@slps.org">angela.oneal@slps.org</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Wayant	207	<a href="mailto:kathryn.wayant@slps.org">kathryn.wayant@slps.org</a>
Lower Grade Level Gifted/High Achievers	Vaughn	208	<a href="mailto:shirley.vaughn@slps.org">shirley.vaughn@slps.org</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Smith-Rockett	308	<a href="mailto:annette.smith-rockett@slps.org">annette.smith-rockett@slps.org</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Howard	304	<a href="mailto:abygail.howard@slps.org">abygail.howard@slps.org</a>
Upper Grade Level Gifted/High Achievers	Moore	307	<a href="mailto:kennethmoore2@slps.org">kennethmoore2@slps.org</a>
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Hogue	303	<a href="mailto:alexandria.hogue@slps.org">alexandria.hogue@slps.org</a>



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**Sports Update**

Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> are invited to practice and participate on the Columbia Elementary Soccer Team. Students MUST have a physical on file with the nurse prior to participating. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) should complete the Soccer Team Participation Forms and Student Code of Conduct Forms and return to Principal Houston (tiffany.houston@slps.org), Coach Sechrest (ashtin.sechrest@slps.org), or the main office.

**District Soccer Team Information**

1. All games will be played at Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience High School (located at 4939 Kemper Ave.).
2. There is an admission charge of \$4 for anyone who wants to attend the games. (the district remains 100% cashless)- there is an option to buy a multiple scan pass for the regular season 6 scans for \$20 or 15 scans for \$40. Please purchase single tickets the morning of the games before arrival so it is a seamless entry.
3. Fans must bring their own chairs/seats as bleachers are not available.
4. Security Policy- Only small clutches for bags are allowed.
5. Students must have a physical on file with Nurse Dawson.

**Columbia Soccer Team Upcoming Games:**

Columbia vs. Lexington (Saturday, October 12, 2024) 11:45 AM-1:00PM  
 Playoffs Saturday, October 19, 2024 (TBD)  
 Playoffs Saturday, October 26, 2024 (TBD)  
 Playoffs Saturday, November 9, 2024 (TBD)

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING SIGNUPS FOR NOVEMBER**

**Girl Scouts (KG-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

24-25 Columbia Elementary Girl Scouts Applications are available in the main office. Please sign and return a form for any child that you would like to participate. Meetings/activities will begin this month!

**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. **\*Remember P3's can NOT ride school transportation. The parent/guardian must transport the child in order for them to attend\***

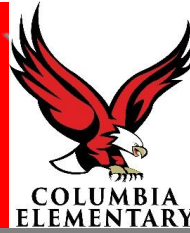
**Field Trips by Grade Level:**

Grade Level	Field Trip Location	Date Scheduled:
P3/P4 Teachers	The Magic House	Thursday, October 10, 2024
KG-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teachers	Missouri Botanical Gardens	TBD



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2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers	Zoo	TBD
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teachers	Science Center	TBD
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers	History Museum	TBD
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers	Art Museum	TBD

**School Pictures**

School Pictures will be back soon. If you have any questions, please contact the picture company below.

Picture Company Contact Information:

Ernest C. Sharpe

Sharpe Pictures

(314) 556-5886

<http://www.sharpepictures.com>

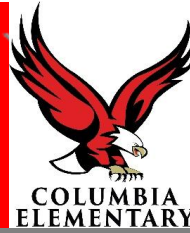
**Important October Calendar Dates:**

- Entire Month of October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>: October Staff Meeting (No Afterschool Activities)
- Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>: Quarter 1 Ends  
No School (Staff Professional Development/Record Keeping Day)
- Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>: Quarter 2 Begins
- October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>: Parent-Teacher Conferences  
**Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 3:30 PM- 6:45PM**  
**Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 3:30 PM- 6:45 PM**
- Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> -Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>: No Before Care or Afterschool
- Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>: No School (Parent/Guardian/Teacher’s Conference Week)
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>: Red Ribbon “Drug Free” Spirit Prevention Week
- Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>: Trunk or Treat Harvest Festival (students can wear Non- Scary/Non-Gruesome costumes. NO MASKS)  
  
No Afterschool Activities (Halloween)



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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). 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 and staff with October Birthdays 😊**



**OCTOBER STAFF Birthdays:**

**Ms. Emily Jackson**  
 October 10<sup>th</sup>  
 (Academic Instructional Coach)

Alexander Journee	K	10/02/2018
Pearson Moses Kenneth	05	10/04/2013
Norise-Goines Jeoni	P4	10/06/2020
Thompson Kayden Tremon	05	10/09/2013
Oliver Madison	K	10/09/2018
Miller James	P3	10/09/2020
Watkins Jacari Keon Malik	K	10/13/2018
Jackson Autumn Marie	P4	10/13/2019
Hall Ava	P3	10/13/2020
Moss Xavier Joshua	04	10/14/2014
Bailey Zayvion Armond	K	10/17/2018
Williams Zayvion	P3	10/18/2020
Wooten Ar'rick Lamont	04	10/19/2015
Ashford Natalia D	03	10/21/2015
Clark Sa'Ryah	P4	10/22/2019
Cole Jerrell Jaycee	03	10/25/2015
Plummer J'Myrah Heaven	05	10/29/2013
Watson Zi'lah M	01	10/29/2017
Byes Nayshon Stephen	04	10/30/2014