

Principal's Message...

4 December 2018

Dear Columbia Families,

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- 1. Message from Principal Denhalter:** So many great things are happening at the school. Our Veterans Day assembly was touching. Other seasonal activities are happening. Our school choir will be singing the National Anthem in the Vivint Smart Home Arena next week. Before we know it, Christmas Break will be upon us. I am grateful for everyone who comes together to make Columbia Elementary such an excellent school.
- 2. Attendance Hotline Information:** If your child needs to be absent from school, please report it ahead of time by leaving a message on our attendance hotline, 801-402-3356. This hotline is available 24-7.
- 3. Drop-Off/Pick-Up Safety Procedures:** We are planning on sharing a bit more creatively again in January, but for now I need to share a few reminders. Please yield to students (pedestrians) when they are in the crosswalks. Please wait for crosswalks to be completely clear before driving through them. Please use the southwest parking lot for student pick-up and drop-off. Please only pick-up/drop-off students in the long straight section, avoiding the curved areas at the entrance and exit (these areas congests traffic flow). If you need to wait for your child, please park in a stall so you're not idling and blocking traffic. If you park in a stall, please walk children to and from your car, preferably using crosswalks. Please avoid using the north parking lot.
- 4. Paper Recycling:** Did you know that we have a paper recycling dumpster in the southeast parking lot? You are welcome to recycle paper here. Please deposit papers outside of school hours to avoid traffic congestion. This dumpster is clearly marked and is only for paper and cardboard. Please do not use it for plastic or trash. Recycling paper helps the school earns money per pound.

5. **Student Council -Christmas Tree Service Project:** Have you seen the Christmas tree in the school’s office? Our student council is organizing a Christmas Tree service project and are looking for donations of gloves, mittens, beanies, scarves, socks and underwear for children and adults. These donations will be given to children (and some older kids and parents) who reside locally. If you would like to donate, come hang your items on the branches of the tree, or send them to the school office and we’ll hang them for you.
6. **Inclement Weather Guidelines:** Please send your children to school with clothing that is suitable for the weather conditions. Please write your child’s name on coats, gloves, etc. so when they are lost, we can return them when found. We closely monitor weather and air quality. Generally, we keep the children indoors when weather is rainy or below 20 degrees.
7. **School Lockout Drill:** We will conduct a lockout drill at Columbia Elementary tomorrow morning (5 December 2018). A lockout means all doors are locked and no one is let in or out of the building while in lockout. School continues as normal. A lockout is called when there is a threat or hazard outside the school building. Typically, law enforcement or another emergency agency asks the school to go into a lockout. In the event of an actual lockout, parents will be informed once the school has full and accurate information. We appreciate your cooperation as we practice lockout procedures with your child. We value your children’s safety and want to be prepared in the event of an actual threat.
8. **Attendance Summary:** We’re projecting great improvement with absences and tardies so far this year. Please keep making prompt school attendance a priority.

Attendance Info
Comparison: 2016-17 to 2018-19

	(# of days)	Absences		Tardies	
		Total	Daily Avg.	Total	Daily Avg.
2016-2017 Year Total:	178	4925	28	4040	23
2017-2018 Year Total:	178	4901	28	3401	19
2018-19 Current Total:	67	1327	20	916	14
2016-17 total on this date:	67	1574	23	1384	21
2017-18 total on this date:	67	1577	24	1126	17
		Absences		Tardies	
This Year (2018-19) Year-End Estimate: (Based on this year's averages)		3525		2434	
Estimated Improvement 2017-18 to 2018-19:		1376		967	
		(Projected Improvement)		(Projected Improvement)	

9. **Calendar Summary:** Updated calendar events may be found on our website:
<https://columbia.davis.k12.ut.us/>

Upcoming Calendar Events:

Wed

Dec 5

DATC Haircuts

7:45 – 8:30am Choir

8:45am – 3:25pm Student Council Service Project

Fri

Dec 7

December Birthday Tables

Mon

Dec 10

8 – 8:45am Student Council Meeting

3 – 3:25pm Mrs. McKenzie/Classroom Play Room #3

Tue

Dec 11

8:45 – 9:30am Orchestra

3 – 3:25pm Mrs. McKenzie/Classroom Play Room #3

Wed

Dec 12

7:45 – 8:30am Choir

10:30 – 11:50am Autumn Glow /3rd Grade Walking Fieldtrip

3 – 3:25pm Mrs. McKenzie/Classroom Play Room #3

Thu

Dec 13

7:45 – 8:30am Orchestra

8 – 8:45am Year Book Committee Meeting

9am – 12pm Treehouse Museum Fieldtrip/2nd Grade

2:15 – 3pm 3rd Grade Christmas Spectacular/Parents

3 – 3:25pm Mrs. McKenzie/Classroom Play Room #3

4:30 – 9pm Choir Fieldtrip Vivint Smart Home Arena

Fri

Dec 14

8:45am – 1:25pm Student Council Service Project

1:35 – 2:30pm Student Council / Senior Visit St Mark's Garden

Mon

Dec 17

7:45 – 8:45am Choir

8 – 8:45am Student Council Meeting

Tue

Dec 18

8:45 – 9:30am Orchestra

9am – 2pm Capitol Theater/Clark Planetarium/6th Grade

6 – 7pm Choir Concert/Parents

Thu

Dec 20

7:45 – 8:30am Orchestra

1:25 Early out (1:25 Dismissal)

Fri

Dec 21

Winter Recess Begins -No School

Wed

Jan 2, 2019

School Reconvenes

11:30am – 12:30pm PTA Board Mtg on school stage

Thu

Jan 3, 2019

7:30 – 8:40am Geography Bee Library

7:45 – 8:30am Orchestra

8 – 8:45am Year Book Committee Meeting

Fri

Jan 4, 2019

January Birthday Tables

Mon

Jan 7, 2019

8 – 8:45am Student Council Meeting

Thu

Jan 10, 2019

Early out (1:25 Dismissal)

End of 2nd Term

7:45 – 8:30am Orchestra

8 – 8:45am Year Book Committee Meeting

Fri

Jan 11, 2019

No School for Students -Professional Development Day

Mon

Jan 14, 2019

8 – 8:45am Student Council Meeting

Thu

Jan 17, 2019

7:45 – 8:30am Orchestra

8 – 8:45am Year Book Committee Meeting

4 – 5pm Community Council Meeting Columbia Library

Fri

Jan 18, 2019

July Birthday Tables

Mon

Jan 21, 2019

No School

Tue

Jan 22, 2019

Stem Week

Thu

Jan 24, 2019

7:45 – 8:30am Orchestra

8 – 8:45am Year Book Committee Meeting

6 – 7pm STEM Week/ Open House Gym and Stage

Fri

Jan 25, 2019

1:45 – 3pm Spelling Bee Library

Mon

Jan 28, 2019

8 – 8:45am Student Council Meeting

Tue

Jan 29, 2019

9:30 – 11:30am Megaplex Fieldtrip/3rd Grade

Wed

Jan 30, 2019

Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early 1:25 Dismissal)

PTA Book Fair 1:30-7 PM

8 – 8:45am VIP Come Read With Me

Thu

Jan 31, 2019

Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early 1:25 Dismissal)

PTA Book Fair 1:30-7 PM

7:45 – 8:30am Orchestra

8 – 8:45am Year Book Committee Meeting

Fri

Feb 1, 2019

February Birthday Tables

Mon

Feb 4, 2019

8 – 8:45am Student Council Meeting

Wed

Feb 6, 2019

11:30am – 12:30pm PTA Board Mtg on school stage