

Principal's Message...

6 March 2019

Dear Columbia Families,

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- 1. Message from Principal Denhalter:** Education is progressing at a quick pace here at the school. I am very impressed with the many parent volunteers who dedicate their time to helping so many. I also appreciate so many who make an effort to teach kindness by example. I know this is extra challenging during this late-winter time. You impress me. Thank you!
- 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. Contact Information:** Has your phone or address changed since August? Are there others you'd like to have listed as emergency contacts? Update your child's information with the school office. Please submit this information by Friday, March 29.
- 4. Class Placement Parent Input for Next School:** If you have a significant special circumstance that you feel needs to be considered when making class placement decisions for next year, a Parent Input Form is available in the office.
- 5. Art & Literacy Night:** I am excited about our Art & Literacy Night, 6-8 PM, tomorrow night (3/7/19). We will have a live animal encounter, play fun games, and make an art project to take home. Those who attend will be entered into a drawing to win Jazz tickets, movie tickets, and gift cards for Boondocks, Fizz, and many more prizes.
- 6. Attendance Summary:** We're projecting good 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

		Absences		Tardies	
		Total	Daily Avg.	Total	Daily Avg.
	(# of days)				
2016-2017 Year Total:	178	4925	28	4040	23
2017-2018 Year Total:	178	4901	28	3401	19
2018-19 Current Total:	112	3081	28	2029	18
2016-17 total on this date:	112	3046	27	2445	22
2017-18 total on this date:	112	3140	28	2146	19
		Absences		Tardies	
This Year (2018-19) Year-End Estimate:		4897		3225	
<i>(Based on this year's averages)</i>					
	Estimated Improvement 2017-18 to 2018-19:	4		176	
		(Projected Improvement)		(Projected Improvement)	

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