

Principal's Message...

23 May 2019

Dear Columbia Families,

Here's what you'll find in this message:

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- 1. Message from Principal Denhalter:** I find myself chuckling a bit inside when, in May, people ask me how the school year is winding down. It's going great, but I feel the school year never winds down, but especially in May, seems to pick up pace dramatically, until the school year eventually ends. With this week coming to a close and the last week quickly approaching, I felt it may be helpful to send out a message to you. With all of this information being shared, I wish to simply, but sincerely express my gratitude for your support in having such an amazing school year.
- 2. Picnic in the Playground:** Columbia Elementary has a long-standing tradition of holding a Picnic in the Playground for the purpose of building community and celebrating the end of a successful school year. The weather is acting like it may not cooperate with us. Regardless of the weather, we'll hold this event. No, you don't need to wear your rain suit. We'll make a last-minute decision and if the playground is wet or overly soggy, we'll invite families to set up their picnic blanket in the classrooms, cafeteria, or on the stage. Regardless of whether we're inside or out, we ask that all visitors enter through the main entry, sign a clipboard, and wear a school sticker. After checking in, you may check your students out with the classroom teacher. We'll begin at noon and end at 1PM. If your children are checked out with the teacher, you may take them home with you. Children who are not checked out will leave at normal dismissal time at 1:25.
- 3. Lost and Found:** We have a lot of clothing items in our lost and found. When you visit the school in the next few weeks, please come claim your child's items. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity in June.
- 4. Pantry Pack Service Project:** Thank you for supporting this service project. Our school collected materials and every student participated in assembling packs for

over 600 students! That’s a lot of local childhood hunger averted. It’s great to teach compassion, service, and giving to our children.

5. **Memorial Day:** Reminder there is no school on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.
6. **Summer Office Hours:** The school will be open from 9 AM until 1 PM every Tuesday during the summertime.
7. **Attendance Summary:** Congratulation on a year of great attendance improvement. This is a reflection on you, as parents, and the value you place on consistency and education. This year we had over 400 fewer absences and almost 200 fewer tardies. This improvement greatly helps students excel!

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:	172	4342	25	3097	18
2016-17 total on this date:	172	4706	27	3903	23
2017-18 total on this date:	172	4753	28	3262	19
		Absences		Tardies	
This Year (2018-19) Year-End Estimate:		4493		3205	
<i>(Based on this year's averages)</i>					
Estimated Improvement 2017-18 to 2018-19:		408		196	
		(Projected Improvement)		(Projected Improvement)	

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

Friday, May 24

10:30am - 12pm

Build Your Own Business

3rd Grade Classrooms

Friday, May 24

12 - 1pm

Picnic on the Playground

27 MAY, MON

Memorial Day -No School

28 MAY, TUE

4th Grade Fieldtrip/Gaily Park

Tuesday, May 28

9 - 11:15am

2nd Grade Walking Fieldtrip/Ponds Park

Tuesday, May 28

10:45 - 11:30am

First Grade Day (AM Kindergarten)

Tuesday, May 28

11am - 3pm

6th Grade Fieldtrip/Heritage Park/Splashpad

Tuesday, May 28

12:25 - 3pm

5th Grade Fieldtrip/Gailey Park

Tuesday, May 28

12:50 - 1:20pm

First Grade Day (PM Kindergarten)

29 MAY, WED

Field Day

30 MAY, THU

12:25 - 3:15pm

5th Grade Fieldtrip/ Gailey Park

Thursday, May 30

1:30 - 3:20pm

6th Grade Dance

31 MAY, FRI

Last day of School -Normal 1:25 Dismissal

Friday, May 31

9:15 - 10:15am

1st Grade Fieldtrip/Ponds Park