

# Columbia Elementary Voyagers

*Pause for Positives: What is something you did at work that you feel positive about?*

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*1. I am an advocate and support to a 5th grade student who is being bullied 2. I volunteered to teach 6th grade next year to support our school community because I have a rapport with many of those students 3. I am most proud of helping my little first grade friends feel safe and capable during this time of flux with the pandemic*

**Cori Burns**, 1st Grade Teacher

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*I feel positive about how I have improved on my reading instruction this year.*

**Holly Piper**, K Teacher

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*I wrote and mailed letters each of my students plus two of my previous students.*

**Kayla Ford**, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher

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*I am giving up 4 hours of Friday prep every week to provide resource services to a student from our school who is now enrolled in Davis Connects. I do my own prep, paperwork at home on my time off.*

**Laurie Hart**, SPED teacher

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*I feel positive about offering my resources to my teammates so that they don't have to create so much while they're in their beginning years of their careers. I have been supporting several students, daily, with Tier 2 help in Math. This year, I have had many students who are very creative and love to plan our Thursday activity. I never want them to spend any money out of their pockets so I makes sure I have any supplies they need to make their activity successful. It is so rewarding to watch them be "in charge" and run the show. I am very proud of working on my Canvas platform. I feel like I have a dent in it and am at a point where I can add to it. Thanks to my colleagues and our liaison, for helping Me with any questions I have had. I do not feel alone!*

**Christie Spencer**, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

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*I just completed my multiplication ninja timing area. I've been thinking about it for a year and a half but never could quite get it done. The method I used before was time consuming for me and wasn't visually appealing, but this saves me time daily and is very eye catching. It may be something simple, but I'm proud of myself for finally getting it done and organized (and my students love it, as well)*

**Janice Johnson**, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher

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*For a few of my students I went to drop off their lesson packets for our Zoom classes. Surviving zoom classes and adjusting to what was needed to do my job this past year.*

**Kiyoko Badger**, School Enrichment Model TA

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*With the help of my amazing team, we have finished all but one of our 3rd term assessments!!!*

**Amy Burton**, K teacher

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*Worked hard with a student to make him feel in control in class*

**-Leanne Everton**, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

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*Most of my class has shown progress in their reading*

**-Jean Bradford**, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher

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*The sixth graders are really blossoming as they learn to play the ukulele. It was like Christmas as they each opened the box to discover what color they are assigned. They are not afraid to sing out on nursery rhymes from childhood. You can't play with out a big old smile on your face. School suddenly feels like we're singing around the campfire in summer. We all need that.*

**-Wendy Rentz**, Music Teacher

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*Put a smile on some students faces. Every morning, as I pray, I pray that I can help put a smile on some of these sweet faces I see coming into the library. I do my best to use their names and really try to connect with them and let them know that I care, and that I want to help them find books they will enjoy reading.*

**-Laura Pertab**, librarian

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*Today the students brought in their animal reports. Each child felt so successful. The project was step by step, very interactive and engaging.*

**Nina Gold**, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher

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*I met with the new structured recess person to let her know how essential her job is, how much of a difference it makes to our school and every child, and how lucky we are to have her at Columbia. I am happy that I could cover for my principal when she was out of town and get through the "to do" list she gave me, as well as my own "to do" list.*

**Leslie Bertram**, Asst. Principal

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*I love handing out the magic ice to fix any injury. I enjoy helping DL with his times tables when he has a hard time concentrating in class. I feel that I have accomplished payroll when everyone gets paid.*

**Julia Worthen**, Secretary

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*I am trying to take the time to ask each student about one of their hobbies. I have been spotlighting a student each week this year, and after I figure out what their hobbies are I try to find another time to talk to them about it. I feel like it has helped me understand each of them better.*

**-Courtney Buehner**, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

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*I feel like we as a kindergarten team have made some great progress with a lot of the students who have been struggling academically.*

**Amy Norton**, Kindergarten Aide

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*I happy with the progress I am having with students I am working with on Fridays.*

**Amy Hess**, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher

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*I have spent extra time helping my lowest readers make some positive growth. Although, they aren't quite at grade level for reading, they have really improved. I am so proud of them*

**Brenda Turnbow**, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher

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*I listened to some co-workers that were struggling and just tried to encourage them and mainly just listened and showed that I care. I am proud of helping a co-worker by helping them organize progress books for our students.*

**Julie Rusnell**, SPED Teacher Assistant

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*Something I did at school to support a student was to offer encouragement to them while they were struggling with a math concept. I reminded them of maintaining a growth mindset and realizing that they're just new to this concept and that learning takes time. They seemed to find comfort in this.*

**Denise Moncur**, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

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*I was able to have a parent who didn't like me or my staff ask in the IEP that their student, unless they are moved to another program, stay in my class.*

**Nicole Poole**, SPED teacher

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*I try to bring a positive upbeat attitude to work each day and pass that along to staff and students where ever I can. I am proud that I have this year's refresh plan and device inventory underway and we have made good progress is having great technology tools for our staff and students.*

**Maryann Hansen**, School Technology Specialist

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*I have worked hard to help the children that I have in Special Education this year.*

**Rebecca Beckstead**, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher

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*I like that I helped my teachers rally to all participate together in the LETRS training this coming fall. I am so touched by the unified desire to learn and improve, all for the purpose of helping students excel.*

**Darryl Denhalter**, Principal

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