

Columbia Elementary Voyagers

Pause for Positives: What is something others have done that you feel positive about?

Courtney Buehner always brightens my Wednesday when we get to share a lunch time. She always has sage advice and funny stories to tell. **Kristy Grantonic** has gone above and beyond in her role in the PTA. I first met her for the Veteran's Day Program. She also designed the Black History Poster. She works tirelessly. She encouraged me to request bucket drums from the PTA. She helped me figure out the paper work and shared in my excitement. Practicing rhythms wouldn't be nearly as fun without bucket drums. We have learned many ostinatos. The students love free styling and have practiced self control by not always drumming. Kristy has an adorable son and has volunteered to even come in during music class to help. Columbia is a better place thanks to people like her.

Wendy Rentz, Music Teacher

Amy Hess. I could not have survived Canvas with out her knowledge, skill and sharing. Sharing being the most important parts of the thanks. Amy is a wonderful team player. Honestly, The support people at Columbia are fabulous. From **Darryl, Julie, Leslie 1 and Leslie 2, the lunch staff, recess people, aids,** they couldn't be better. **Custodial** are so good about keeping our school clean and going the extra mile. So nice having **Kyle** her and **Mrs. Tidwell** her full time. Kudo's to Columbia Elementary!!

Nina Gold, Amazing and Awesome 2nd grade teacher

Cori Burns is always available to discuss ideas for helping students. She has as wealth of experience and is willing to share. We have fabulous **secretaries** here at Columbia. They go above and beyond to take care of us.

Jean Bradford, 1st grade teacher

Janel Tidwell. She works incredibly hard to make a difference to everyone at Columbia. She deserves more recognition and I hope to give her all the support she needs.

Jodell Law, our Covid aide is incredibly capable and amazing at what she does. She is willing to do anything asked of her and works above and beyond what is required of her. This week she volunteered to help tutor students when she is not busy as a Covid aide. Her positivity and commitment to our school are contagious and inspiring.

Leslie Bertram, Asst. Principal

Mrs. Spencer. I watch how she cares for her students and helps them to feel important. She really listens to them. **Janel Tidwel,** She does so much for our students and faculty. She really reaches out and genuinely cares about all the people who enter the doors of Columbia Elementary

Laura Pertab, Librarian

Brenda Turnbow is always a positive example of a great teacher.

Jenny Samuelson works hard to help my students who need extra help

Leanne Everton, 5th grade teacher

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I'd like to THANK **Leslie Clark** for working so hard on getting next years Kindergarteners in the computer system already. We are month ahead of the game for next years enrollment. I'd like to Thanks **Rob Rowe and Michelle Watchman** for all the extra miles they do for each one of us, either cleaning, or bring us a wonderful meal. They are amazing! I appreciate **Brooke Mortugos** on the playground. Making sure that the students are safe, kind and reliable. She is so good in the lunch room and also keep the workrooms stocked up. She is also Amazing!
Julia Worthen, Secretary

I have two - First I want to thank **Mrs. Everton** for being aware of the emotional needs of my daughter. She is aware that having a positive experience at school and feeling comfortable and safe in class and with friends plays a big part in academic success. I appreciate that she cares about my child. Second, I want to thank **Mrs Turnbow** for having a warm and welcoming class and for working with me and helping my daughter when she has struggled with coming to class. I appreciate the **aides in the essential elements** classes. They always have a smile on their faces when I see them in the halls.
Amy Norton, Kindegarten aide

Jen Curtis. I have had to do interventions for a lot of students the past month, and I have felt so lost. Jen sensed that I was overwhelmed and found materials for me to use. **Kathy Baker.** I was feeling very lost when I didn't know what interventions to use for one of my students. She got a bunch of materials for me, and she sat down with me and explained EVERYTHING. I am so grateful for her, she made my life a lot easier this past month.
Courtney Buehner, 6th grade teacher

The whole **2nd grade team** has helped me so much in guiding me through the 2nd grade curriculum. **Rob and Michelle** do a fantastic job at keeping the school looking amazing. They also have been so kind to provide us with yummy food for lunches. Rob has helped one of my students that struggles with anxiety and coming to school by talking to him every day at lunch. It has really helped this child to feel more comfortable at school. The reading tutors have been amazing at helping my students become better readers.
Amy Hess, 2nd grade teacher

Amy Hess was willing to move to second grade to help our class sizes be smaller. She has done so much for us. She has been a "lifesaver" with Canvas for our team. She has been so patient helping those on our grade level learn how to use Canvas. There hasn't been a week go by, that she hasn't been there for me making sure I have set up my Canvas assignments correctly. She has made a hard year run a lot smoother. I really can't thank her enough for all she has done. I am so thankful for our custodians. **Michelle and Rob** are constantly making us good things to eat. I really appreciate them marking the lines for pickleball. That was not an easy thing to do. I also want to acknowledge the office staff. They are always finding ways to make our day a little brighter. We are lucky to have them.
Brenda Turnbow, 2nd grade teacher

Mrs. Bradford is one of the kindest people I have ever met. She is such an amazing support to everyone she knows. She always has time to listen! Our secretaries are absolutely amazing. We would never be able to function without them. **Michelle Watchman and Rob Rowe** are incredible. They are an amazing team, experts at boosting morale, and always more than willing to help in any way they can!
Cori Burns, 1st grade teacher

I want to thank **Maria Reclusado** for helping me by giving me several ideas for ways to help my students and be successful. **Leslie Bertram** is always so positive and she always says how grateful she is to have me here. Also **Rebecca Beckstead** has always shown compassion for her fellow teachers and goes out of her way to show it.

Julie Rusnell, SPED TA

I would like to thank **Mrs. Curtis** for all of her help with Canvas. She is a wealth of knowledge and loves to share it. She is patient and drops what she is doing to come over and help me. She lets me take notes so that I can do the task the next time on my own. She truly took an immense amount of stress off of me at the beginning of the year so that I could learn and enjoy Canvas.

Julia Worthen. Such an amazing secretary and does so much that is so far beyond the call of duty. If she doesn't know an answer to a question, she will find one. Julia is a very giving and dedicated secretary!

Christie Spencer, 6th grade teacher

It has been a pleasure to work with **Becky Beckstead** this year. She is the gen. ed. teacher of three of my most difficult students and, although worn down by them, she stays very positive. **Julia and Leslie** in the office are always so willing to help whenever I have a need something!
Laurie Hart, SPED teacher

Amy Burton- She is absolutely amazing, She has taught me all about Canvas, Mystery Science, and our SEL curriculum. She is supportive and has helped me become a better teacher. She is very organized and creates fabulous documents through publisher. She is always willing to help others. I love collaborating with her because the ideas we come up with together are much more effective than on my own.

Amy Norton and Shalena Noriega- Both of them do a fantastic job helping with our Kindergartners. I am so grateful for both of them.

Holly Piper, Kindergarten teacher

Cori Burns. She is always looking out for her students no matter if they are current or past students. **Michelle Watchman**. She goes above and beyond. She is a reading tutor and a custodian. With reading groups ending she has come to the teachers she works with and has asked us if we would still want her to come in and work with students during the time we usually have reading groups.
Kayla Ford, 1st grade teacher

Harley Pospical for helping me learn to put power points into canvas for my students to complete and submit back and for sharing ideas, buttons and images from her canvas page. (And continuing to remind me if I forget) Her page is very organized and easy to navigate and I appreciate her sharing her ideas so I could have a page that is the same. Thanks Harley!! **MaryAnn Hansen** for teaching my class some pretty cool edge features and for helping troubleshoot computer issues with my classroom chrome books. Thanks!!
Janice Johnson, 3rd grade teacher

Denise Moncur - Denise has such a positive attitude to learning and is awesome about supporting the SEM program. She is fantastic!
Leslie Clark for her great attitude and organizational abilities . Way to go Leslie, you are totally awesome!
Kiyoko Badger, Student Enrichment Model TA



I appreciate the support I have felt by many teachers. However, one that really really really sticks out is the support I received last year from **Laurie Hart** with a particular student's behavior. She met with him daily to go over the tracker I had filled out. She provided the incentives to help motivate him to behave well. I could not have been successful with this student without her. She is amazing!!! I would also like to express appreciation to **Janel Tidwell** for her support of my students having difficulty. I have a student this year who is in need of great emotional care. She has gone out of her way to help her be successful. This has helped me meet the student's needs in a way I could never have done on my own.
Denise Moncur, 5th grade teacher

All of the aides in the class deserve special recognition, **Melissa Cari Pam Emily**. I would like to acknowledge Marianne Wilson for helping me with my class. She has gone above and beyond to help with sensory item for my kids.
Nicole Poole, SPED teacher

I want to thank **Holly Piper!** I want to not only thank her for making me a better teacher, but also a better person. She is so loving and so great at looking for good in everyone and everything! It is such a gift to me to be able to work with and learn from such a person! I want to thank **Julia Worthen** for being one of the busiest worker bees! Thank you for not only being a friend, but also for being willing to put your heart into anything I need! I want to thank **Leslie Clark** for being the BEST person to see as we walk into the office. Thank you for the genuine love that just follows you wherever you are. Thanks for being the best adopted mom I could ask for! I want to thank **Nester**. Nester is always so willing to do whatever I ask. He is a true friend and never lets me leave without making me smile. Thank you Nester for that! I want to thank **Amy Norton**. She is so kind and willing! I have loved working with her, and her name is Amy so she's the best just for that! I want to thank **Sharlena Noriega**. Thank you for being the sweetest person! We could not ask for a kinder person to work with!
Amy Burton, Kindergarten teacher

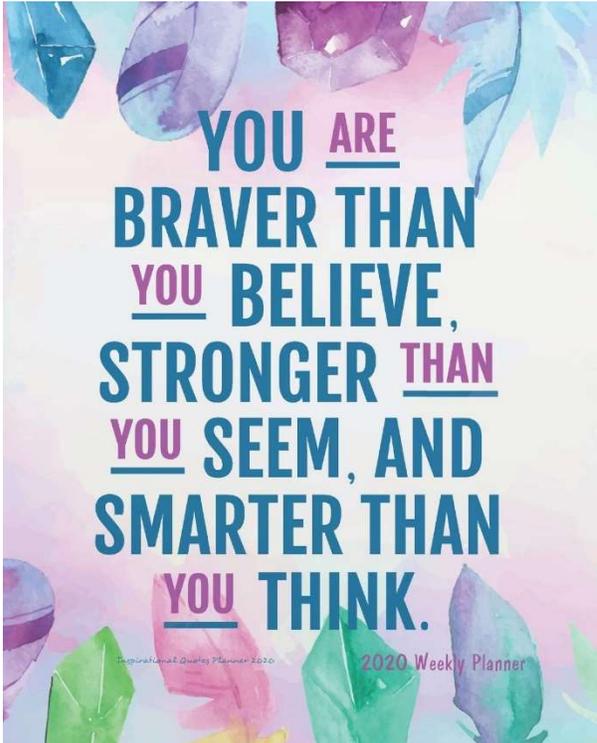
I have two teachers on my grade level- **Janice Johnson** and **Harley Pospical** that have helped me a lot with technology. They made it much easier for me to start this year with Canvas and other programs on line. **Laurie Hart** in Special Education helped me get a student in my class in another school. This new school was more appropriate the child's abilities. It took a long time to get all the paper work done for this move. I have to Thank **Kyle McCarthy** for setting up a Pen Pal Program that the children love. He has spent a lot of time working with two different schools and sending back and forth Pen Pal letters. He also set up an assembly for the third grade where he taught the children about Vermont and the children from that area. We also have a wonderful Aide in Third Grade. Her name is **Deeann Probst**. She works really hard to get everything done in our class. She helps the children with reading and also makes a lot of copies for us. If she does not get all the classwork done that we need, she will stay after and not even get paid for it.

I am grateful to each one of our teachers, who greet me with a smile, are willing to try new things, and are patient with me as I learn our technology and try to support and troubleshoot with them. They truly are so patient and supportive! I so truly appreciate it... **Nester** and **Rob**, seriously... who wouldn't want to come to work and enjoy their crazy, and their hard work. I love that Columbia is so well taken care of by these two!

Maryann Hansen, School
Technology Specialist

There are so many great things going on, but right now I'm feeling very grateful to **Cori Burns**. I am so deeply moved by the love she had for her former students and for her desire to help them have emotional and academic success, to the point that she wants to jump 4 grade levels and teach 6th grade next year so she can connect again and have a positive influence on some of her former students who need her the most right now. Reaching and helping other is the reason why I entered this profession. I am touched that she continues to act on her compassion and desires to serve and help. Her example and desire impresses and inspires me to remember and act on my own foundation and motivating desires. I feel to acknowledge not just one person, but the **entire custodial staff**. They have some different and some similar strengths that I recognize. **Nester** builds loving relationships and connects with students. He is willing to improve and address concerns he is aware of. **Rob** also builds student relationship. **Rob and Michelle** serve the school staff by sharing their culinary talents so often. They have a huge impact on the overall school morale. **Michelle** even works to help students excel academically and has reached many. **Maddie Derr** is a hard worker and is so extremely positive and kind that you can't help but feel better when your near her. We are lucky to have our custodial crew..

Darryl Denhalter, Principal



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