

Newsletter



June, 2019

COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT



End of Year Information
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Thank you and Happy Summer!

As the 2018-19 school year comes to an end, we reflect on the commitment and talents the teachers and staff bring to our students each and every day. The dedication our food service, secretarial, custodial, and administrative staff or education support professionals, counselors, student services personnel and classroom teachers provide everyday to successfully empower our students to be community, college and career ready is greatly valued and appreciated. At the end of the 18-19 school year, we celebrate each and every one of our teachers, staff and faculty.

We would also like to thank and acknowledge the many volunteers and community and business partners who help the Columbus School District provide learning and discovery opportunities for our students. These efforts allow our students to learn, achieve and grow through the collaborative efforts and kindness of many. It truly takes a village!

As we finish the 2018-19 school year, and begin summer school next week, we are already planning for the 2019-20 school year. This time is always bittersweet. We enjoy the anticipation of what lies ahead for our future, while celebrating the successes and joys of the year. We wish those whose life journey is taking them down a different path a happy one.

I hope you will find some time for yourself over the summer to reflect on what is important to you, to relax and enjoy time with your family and friends.

Superintendent, Annette Deuman

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Message from the CES/DCS Principal, Beth Hellpap

The 2018-19 year has flown by! It was an exciting year of new learning, new friends, and new opportunities. An exciting and proud moment was when I received the word that CES/DCS has received state recognition from Wisconsin Character Education Partnership (WCEP) with a promising practice award. CES/DCS staff work hard as a team to create an environment that supports character education. We start our day with many opportunities to support a safe and supportive culture such as: greeting students by name when they enter the playground in the morning, sharing our CARES message in a virtual all school morning meeting, creating a classroom community in morning meetings, learning how to handle social situations in classroom guidance class lead by our counselor, and the list goes on!

A team from CES/DCS will receive their promising practice award on June 20th in Milwaukee. This award ceremony also coincides with the WCEP conference where this team will learn even more ways to incorporate character education into the school.

Overall, the changes made this year have been very beneficial for the students. We added a full time dean of students and added additional classrooms to the kindergarten and 1st grade teams, so class sizes could be more manageable. Since these changes have proven so successful we will keep those additions to the CES/DSC team. In addition, next year we will be moving our counseling program from a part time position to a full time position. We are excited to have Mrs. Wilson with us all day next year!

Thank you for allowing the CES/DCS team educate your child this year. It has been a pleasure!

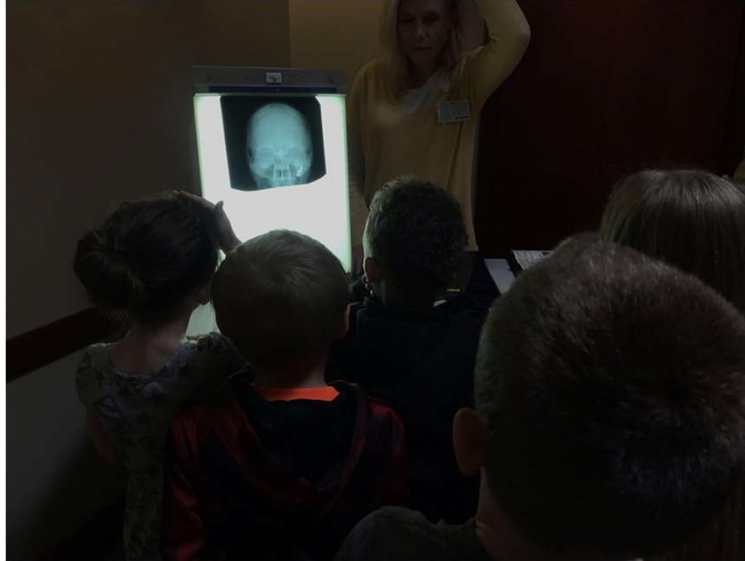
Mrs. Hellpap

CES/DCS Principal

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Hellpap".

CES Field Trip

Kindergarteners took a trip to the Columbus Community Hospital.



The students experienced first hand the career options in the medical profession.

CES Final Reading Celebration

1st graders read to some very Important people at their final Reading celebration.



The First Grade readers promoted their books by talking about the characters and stating:
“If you want to know how it ends,
you will have to read the book!”

DCS Planted in the Community Garden

Despite the rain, DCS students have managed to get some things planted in the Community Garden. Look for plants and produce at the Columbus Farmers Market.



Message from CIS/CMS Interim Principal

This 2018-2019 school year has been fantastic time for all our students and staff. We grew and expanded our Middle School building to incorporate the Columbus Intermediate School in doing so our third grade students transitioned smoothly into the building.

I want to thank all the families, students and staff for making my transition into the CIS/CMS Interim Principal a great experience. I want to especially Thank Mr. Grundahl for being the Interim Associate Principal and helping me the last few months.

As we move into summer Mr. Glasbrenner and I will be making plans for the 2019-2020 school year. We have lots of exciting things we will be working on. We want to improve our PBS practices, focus on intervention practices and continue to make CIS and CMS wonderful.

See all of you during summer school or the 2019-2020 school year.

Sincerely,

Cori Denk

CIS/CMS Interim Principal

CIS 3rd Grade End of the Year Celebration!

As an end of the year celebration, each of the third grade classes read the book *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors*. Each class then held their own single elimination Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament. From there, the top two winners of each class went on to a double elimination game where we were able to crown Will G. as the 3rd grade winner!



CMS 8th Grade Promotion



This event took place on
June 3, 2019.
These amazing kids are the
Class of 2023!

HS Water Tower Trigonometry

Mr. Duffy's and Mrs. Smith's Geometry students were given an interesting task this semester: Given only a clinometer (essentially a protractor with a straw and a weight on a string) and a calculator, work in partner groups to calculate the height of the Columbus Water Tower. The students were faced with the challenge of putting all of their trigonometry skills toward a practical application. While they had studied real-life problems of trigonometry, they had not had the chance to design their own process to solve a problem like this.

On a very windy day in April, Mr. Duffy's and Mrs. Smith's third and fourth block Geometry classes made the trek across Fireman's park to tower drive. When the students arrived, they had to determine how to find the angle of elevation (how much they would need to turn their head up) of the water tower, using their clinometers. To be able to see the very top of the water tower, they concluded that it would be necessary to find a point a couple hundred feet away to take measurements from.

The next problem that the students encountered in this process was that their measurement location was at least ten feet below the base of the tower, which sits on a small hill. The students began to realize that they would have to take two clinometer measurements: one for the angle of elevation to the base of the tower, and another for the angle of elevation to the top of the tower. By doing this, they were able to calculate the height of each point on the water tower and then calculate the difference in their heights.

As soon as the students were confident with their processes, they started taking multiple measurements in order to find an average that would mitigate human error. They knew that they needed to be as accurate as possible in order to win the prizes Mr. Duffy had acquired from his contacts in the Dells: Zipline and Kalihari tickets!

In the end, all of the students were able to see a real-life application of trigonometry in practice, and they had the chance to go on a hometown "field trip." Despite the wind, which created difficulties in taking measurements, all of the students were able to calculate within 25ft of the actual height of the tower. The top four teams were each within three feet of the actual height! And the best part is, for the rest of the semester, none of the Geometry students asked, "when are we going to use this in real life?" because they knew Mr. Duffy and Mrs. Smith would find a way to show them.

Water Tower Trigonometry Continued



(Top left)

Emma I. and Emma E. using their clinometers to find the angle of elevation to the top of the water tower.

(Right)

Third Block Geometry enjoying the great weather and the unique field trip.



(Bottom left)

Kyle S. finding the angle of elevation to the base of the water tower.

Water Town Trigonometry Continued

(Right)

Third Block Prize Winners (L-R):

Thomas M.; Emma I.; Austin R.; and Fayth P.



(Left)

Fourth Block Prize Winners (L-R):

Ayden A.; Kaden M.; Jake W.; and Mike W.

State Track & Field

Congratulations to our Columbus High School Track and Field State competitors. The following students participated and placed. From left to right: Sam C. (7th in the Shot Put and 8th in Disc); Teagan H. (5th in the Triple Jump and 8th in Long Jump); and Molly K. (7th in Long Jump). The athletes finally had some wonderful weather for competing after a long season of rain. We are also thankful for the Track & Field coaches for their season: Marlin Hensler, Ben Schwinn, Joseph Schneider, Calvin Zenz, Bob Ayer, and Katie Kahl.



High School Graduation

Congratulation Class of 2019!!!!



To finalize the 2018-2019 school year -

Please review your Infinite Campus Portal to review any outstanding food services meal charges or school fees/fines.

Please note these charges do accumulate year after year, and students moving out of the district or graduating are expected to pay their charges prior to exiting the district.

If your child has any pending charges or fees, please pay promptly online or in a school office.

The district is also able to set-up payment plans for those seeking that service by contacting Kim Stadler, Business Office Bookkeeping Specialist, at kstadler@columbus.k12.wi.us or (920) 623-5950 ext. 3165.

If you have questions about past due meal charges, please contact Laura Austin, Food Services Director, at laustin@columbus.k12.wi.us or (920) 623-5950 ext. 3291.

Teamwork Results in Service

Throughout the 2018-19 school year, the Columbus School District and Business Office staff members have participated in a Book Club.

This year's book was the *Power of Positive Team* by Jon Gordon. The employees came together to work as a team to work towards our purpose and the culture of the office.

Our purpose is:

Together, as a Team, with optimism and mutual respect for each individual and their role, we commit to serving our Columbus School District students, staff, and community, for a positive tomorrow.

As a team project, the office staff decided to create a planter box and plant flowers to beautify the office sign area. They worked in conjunction with Columbus High School Instructors Jay Schroeder and Tim Dworak and their students on a team project.

Mr. Jay Schroeder's class built the planter box and Mr. Tim Dworak's class designed the logo on the planter box. Plants were purchased from Mrs. Glenda Crook and the FFA. Columbus True Value donated the mulch. Director of Facilities Troy Marshall and Mr. Andy Bussian helped with the delivery of the planter from the high school and set up.

The Planter Box

Members of the District/Business Office Team and their project are: (left to right)

Deanna Collins, Pam Zander, Linda Nehls, Tania Black, Roxanne Ayer, and Kim Stadler.



Greetings from Food Services

Our school district has many student lunch accounts that have a negative balance.

PLEASE, if your child has a negative account balance, don't ignore it. The expectation is that you will remit a payment to bring your student(s) account current. If you are unable to pay, please contact myself or Kim Stadler to set up payment arrangements.

I can be reached at laustin@columbus.k12.wi.us or (920) 623-5950 ext. 2190 and Kim Stadler can be reached at kstadler@columbus.k12.wi.us or (920) 623-5950 ext. 3165

I love serving your kids. I truly need your assistance in bringing all of the negative account balances current.

Laura Austin

Fond Farewells!

The Columbus School District honors the following staff members who retired in the 2018-2019 school year.

We thank them for their years of service to the students and families of our district!

Best wishes to:

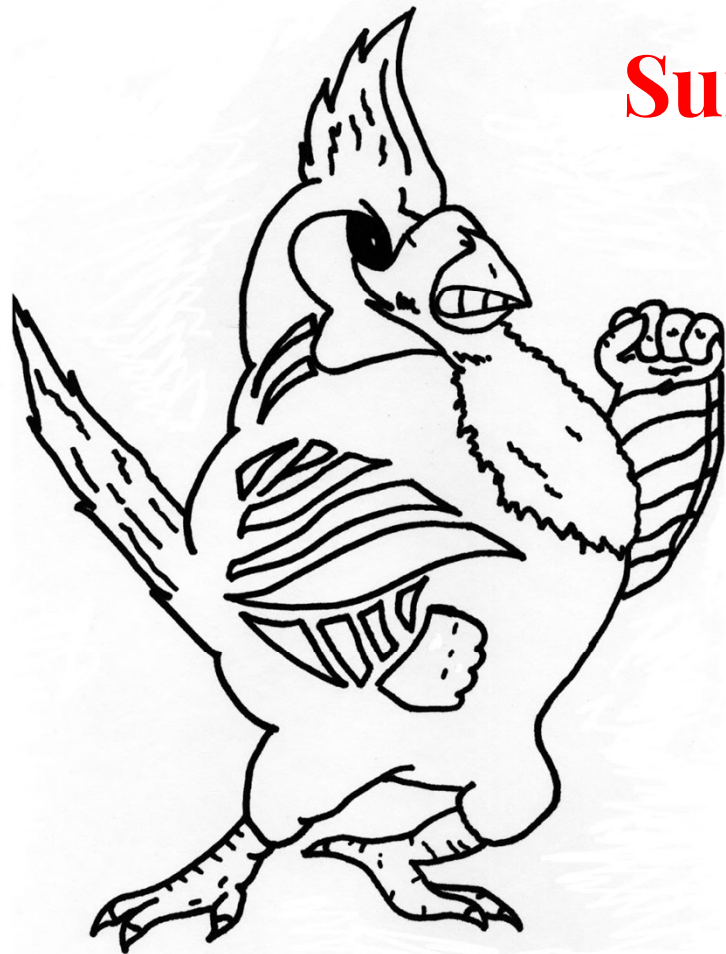
Pam Zander, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent, 38 years

Kim Olander, Teacher, 29 years

Wendy Jones, Educational Support Personnel, 21 years

Connie Herman, Secretary to the Technology Manager, 19 years

Donna Hanks, Elementary School Secretary, 13 years



Summer School Information
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Summer School

Session 1: June 10th -July 2nd

Session 2: July 8th - Aug 2nd

Times are from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

4K-3rd grade students will have summer school at CES

4th-8th grade students will have summer school at CIS/CMS (except Cardinal Conditioning which is at CHS)

9th-12th grade students will have summer school at CHS

Summer Office Hours

All school offices will be open 7am-3:30pm. They will be closed for lunch from 10:45 AM -11:15 AM. If an office is going to be closed for a day, notice will be sent home via Infinite Campus to let families know.

For any questions contact Cori Denk at cdenk@columbus.k12.wi.us or (920) 350-0370.

Summer School Meals



Summer Meals - Free Meals for All Kids!

Breakfast and Lunch will be served at the CES & CMS - High School Students are Welcome to come!

Breakfast served 8:10 AM - 8:30 AM

Lunch served 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

It is exciting to announce that Columbus School District will once again be partnering with the US Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The SFSP provides federal reimbursements to support the importance of offering nutritious meals to children during the summer months. The meals are provided FREE to all children 18 years of age and under throughout the summer when children would not typically have access to school nutritional opportunities.

Breakfast and lunch will be served at the Columbus Elementary School and also the Columbus Intermediate/Middle School. The program is set up to coincide with summer school, although all youth are encouraged to come for meals regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of meal service. The Columbus School District desires to assist households in meeting the nutritional needs of our community youth.

A stipulation of the program requirements is that meals must be served on-site and not picked up to be taken elsewhere to be eaten.

This is a great opportunity and we are excited to partner with the USDA to provide "SUMMER FOOD – SUMMER FUN!" Come on down for breakfast and/or lunch and bring a friend.



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Are you Moving? What & When to Communicate

Many families plan a move during the summer months. If your family or student is moving, please note the following “what and when” to communicate to the District:

- **Are you moving out of the district but wanting to continue your child’s enrollment in Columbus?** If you are moving out of the district but wish to continue your child’s enrollment in a Columbus school, you will need to submit an Alternative Open Enrollment Application after July 1, 2019.
- **Are you moving out of the district and withdrawing your student from the Columbus School District?** If your move will require the transfer of your student to another District, please contact the District Registrar immediately to support you through this process.
- **Are you moving within the district?** Please check the county parcel map or tax records for your new home to ensure you are still living in the Columbus School District. If you are moving from one residence in the district to another residence in the district, you should simply update your address during the online registration process in July.
- **Are you moving into the district?** If you are moving from a residence outside the district to one within the district and you have never attended the Columbus School District, please contact the District Registrar as soon as possible to begin the enrollment and registration process for your child. If you have previously attended the district through open enrollment, please contact the District Registrar so she may update your enrollment status to resident.
- **For assistance,** please contact Deanna Collins, District Registrar, at dcollins@columbus.k12.wi.us or (920) 623-5950 ext. 3152.

Notice to Families Planning to Bus their Students in 2019-2020

To simplify the process of routing students for the 2019-2020 school year, Lamers Bus Lines has rolled forward their list of students who were routed before or after school in the current year (2018-2019) to the next school year. These families will receive a letter at home and a notice in their Ride360 smartphone application or web-based portal in mid-August with their 2019-2020 routing assignment and stop times.

Families who will be requesting transportation for the first time or are requesting a change to their transportation going into the 2019-2020 year, will be required to complete an online request form. This will be available to parents during the Columbus School District online registration process. All requests must be made by July 31, 2019. Lamers nor the district can guarantee transportation the first week of school for any late requests.

Lamers Bus Lines is only authorized to transport children of guardians who have completed the Columbus School District online registration process. Please complete the online registration during the open window of time to ensure transportation for your child. If you do not complete your online registration or new transportation request by July 31, 2019, your child will not be guaranteed transportation during the first week of school.

2019-2020 Buy-A-Seat Application Dates

Families who wish to bus their children via the buy-a-seat program will have an opportunity to submit applications for this service beginning July 29, 2019, through August 9, 2019 (please note the earlier dates).

Families will be notified by August 14 of their acceptance/denial for this service.

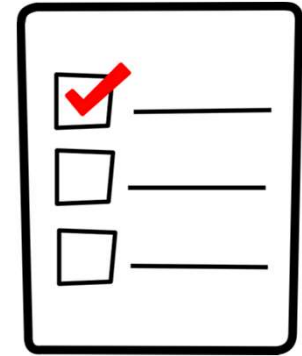
The buy-a-seat program is a service for families who are not eligible for busing services. Please note the following about this service:

- The service is only available on routes where there is bus capacity.
- The service is only available if the rider applying to "buy-a-seat" does not require an additional stop on the route.
- There is a two week open application period prior to the start of each school year for riders who wish to "buy-a-seat" for the year.
- Mid-year requests for this service will not be accepted unless the rider has moved residences.
- The cost for the service is \$175 per student with a max of \$350 per family. This fee is applied to the student's school fees. Parents may pay in person or online. Unpaid buy-a-seat fees from prior years must be paid before a subsequent year application can be accepted.
- Buy-a-seat riders who are suspended from the bus for behavior reasons will receive a year-long suspension.
- There are no refunds for this service with no exceptions.

School Supplies 2019-2020 School Year

To view School Supply Lists for all buildings, visit our site!

<https://www.columbus.k12.wi.us/SupplyLists>



Athletic Reminders for Fall Sports (19-20)

All forms are available on line on the high school web page under athletics; they are also available in the CHS main office.

1. Have a current WIAA Physical
2. Complete a concussion form
3. Parent/Student Agreement
4. Permission to treat (sports trainer information)
5. Pay the current the sports fee in CHS main office

Dates to remember:

Football: 8/5 Equipment issued, 8/6 First practice (Coach Zenz)

Tennis: 8/13 First practice (Coach Braun)

Cross County: 8/19 First practice (Coach Hensler)

Boys Soccer: 8/19 First practice (Coach Genco)

Volleyball: 8/19 First practice (Coach Heller)

Fall Sports Meeting = 7/31/19 @ 6:00 PM

All students must attend with their parents to the Fall Sports Meeting.

- Volleyball will meet in the Freshman gym
- Tennis will meet in Room 133
- Cross Country will meet in MPR (Multi-Purpose Room/Cafeteria)
- Boys Soccer will meet\ in the CHS Library
- Football (the meeting was already held)
 - Individuals can contact Coach Zenz for information at czenz@columbus.k12.wi.us.

Blessings in a Backpack

Oddfellows and Columbus School District have partnered to bring our community, Blessings in a Backpack.

This program is available for all Columbus School District students. The program is designed to provide non-perishable food every Friday to children who would benefit from supplemental nourishment over the weekend.

Hunger doesn't take the weekends off!!! There are more than 16.2 -million children in this country who are at risk of hunger. The consequences of hunger are much more than a growling stomach. Poor nutrition can result in a weaker immune system, increased hospitalization, lower IQ, shorter attention spans, and lower academic achievement. Children are fed during the school week by federal government programs, but we want to make sure they're getting nutritional meals over the weekend, too.

Bags will be dispensed in a discreet and caring manner. There is no cost associated to this program.

If you wish for your child to participate in this program, please contact Cori Denk at cdenk@columbus.k12.wi.us or (920) 623 - 5950. For additional information regarding this program, please visit <http://blessingsinabackpack.org/>.

Peer Model Program 2019-2020

Columbus' Peer Model program is designed for children with and without disabilities to learn from and form relationships with their peers. The classroom consists of three year old students identified with special needs and their typically developing peers. Our class takes place Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM. The classroom is led by a dually certified Special Education Teacher and supported by a Educational Support Professional, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, and Speech and Language Therapist.

Peer Models Must:

- Cannot turn 4 years old prior to September 1, 2019.
- Complete a preschool screening-including participation in a mock class
- Be able to take care of all toileting needs
- Communicate effectively in English
- Complete an Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ3)
- Complete an informal speech sound profile

Interested in Applying? Click [here](#) to fill out an application.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Abby Coughlin (920) 623-5950 ext. 1126 or

Karin Westlake at (920) 623-5950 ext. 1155



Title 1 Family Engagement Plan Feedback Wanted

Family Engagement Plans are required for schools that receive Title 1 funds.

Title 1 is a supplementary Federal Funding source.

Currently, Columbus Elementary School, Columbus Intermediate School, and Columbus Middle School are Title I schools.

Regardless of Title 1, Family Engagement is important for all students or all grade levels.

Please take a few moments to provide feedback that will help the district formulate the 2019-20 Family Engagement Plan. [Please click here to fill out the feedback form.](#)

Heat Awareness for Summer

Please click [here](#) for the full pdf shared by the State of Wisconsin.

