Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

August-September 2023

Principally speaking . . .

Kestrel Families,

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. We are in the office and busy preparing for your children. If you need anything, please reach out. Our phone number is 509-546-7440. The phones are on. You may email me at rhay@psd1.org. I have been diligently checking my junk email folder, as our filters are very strong on incoming email. You may also reach out through Class Dojo. This is being monitored daily as well.

I hope that you had a relaxing and fun summer! I stayed close to home on the boat in the Columbia River with my grandchildren. It was fun to have that time with them! As you prepare to come back to school, we have these two events prior to school starting. New Student Tour on Friday, August 25 from 3:00-4:00. We will meet in the gymnasium for this. School Supply Drop Off will be Monday, August 28 from 3:30-5:00. You will be able to see your classroom, drop off supplies, and hopefully meet your teacher.

There is one minor change to the start of the day this year. Students will be dropped off from buses at 8:45, rather than 8:40. Students who walk or are dropped off, will need to back up their times as well. Crossing guards will not be in place until 8:40 this year. Students may enter the building to go to the playground or breakfast at 8:45. This change is districtwide for all levels of schools. As in the past, we do have Boys and Girls Club on site each day. I am sorry for any inconvenience that this might cause.

As in the past few years, all students in Pasco schools will receive free breakfast and lunch. Our district has applied and received a grant for this. We will ask you to complete a free and reduced lunch application as a part of the grant requirements. These are kept very confidential. They are sent to Food Services; our staff does not read them.

The Columbia River Staff will be together for 5 days prior to the start of school. We address the Five Key Initiatives from the Pasco School District, as well as review our plans for the students this year during this time. We have two teachers left to hire. We will be adding Technology to our specialists this year for K-2, as those grade levels are our biggest numbers.

The district is working on a new website which is supposed to be more user friendly and intuitive. Let's hope so. I am including the current web address for Columbia River, as we often post information there. https://www.psd1.org/ColumbiaRiver. It is more friendly for finding information the Class Dojo often is.

I am looking forward to seeing you in the next few weeks!

Sincerely,

Robin Hay

dates to Remember

New Student Tour 3:00-4:00 p.m.	***Aug. 25***
School Supply Drop Off 3:30-5:00 p.m.	***Aug. 28***
First day of school for 1st-5th Grade Students 9:00 a.m.	***Aug. 29***
Family Connection Meetings Kindergarten Families	***Aug. 29 - 30***
Regular Wednesday Early Release 1:40 p.m.	***Aug. 30***
First day of school for Kindergarten Students 9:00 a.m.	***Aug. 31***
Labor day No classes held	***Sept. 4***
No Kindergarten Classes Held Family Connection Meetings	***Sept. 27***

2023-2024 Schedule
(Start/stop times)

8:45 a.m.
Breakfast served
Students may be on the playground

9:00 a.m.
School starts

3:40 p.m.
Dismissal time on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

1:40 p.m.
Dismissal on Wednesday

2023-2024 Faculty Roster

Mrs. Hay, Principal
Ms. Siemon, Vice Principal
Mrs. Mitchell, Secretary
Mrs. Colvin, Clerk

Kindergarten		
TWDL	Srta. Aguirre	Room 119
	Mrs. Calveard	Room 122
	Mrs. Martinez	Room 121
	Mrs. Minnich	Room 123
TWDL	Sra. Romero	Room 120
	TBH	Room 102
1st Grade		
	Mrs. Chandler	Room 112
	Mrs. Culverwell	Room 118
TWDL	Sra. Ruvalcaba	Room 109
	Mrs. du Plessis	Room 111
TWDL	Srta. Sandoval	Room 110
1st Combo	TBH	Room 225
2nd Grade		
	Ms. Carlson	Room 108
	Mr. Romero	Room 107
	Mrs. Rose	Room 105
TWDL	Srta. Torres	Room 141
TWDL	Srta. Velazco	Room 106
2nd Combo	TBH	Room 225
3rd Grade		
	Mrs. Huffman	Room 221
	Ms. Jones	Room 222
TWDL	Sra. Lynn	Room 220
	Mrs. Rosenbaum	Room 223
4th Grade		
TWDL	Srta. Hernandez	Room 213
	Mr. Kohler	Room 211
	Mrs. Taylor-Johnson	Room 210
4th Combo	Mrs. Simpkins	Room 208
5th Grade		
BIL	Srta. Perez	Room 202
	Ms. McHenry	Room 207
	Mr. Snell	Room 209
	Mrs. Williams	Room 206
5th Combo	Mrs. Simpkins	Room 208
Special Education		
Resource Room	Mrs. Berry	Room 212
Special Programs		
	Mrs. Smith (R.R./L.L.I.)	Room 226
Specialists		
	Mrs. Johnson	Behavior Int..
	Ms. Brennan	Visual Arts
	Mrs. Colby	ELA/Math Coach
	Mrs. Jones	Nurse
	Mrs. McElroy	Music/Orchestra
	Mrs. Payne	Health/Fitness
	Ms. Polyukh	Librarian
	Ms. Ramirez	Counselor
	Mrs. Sullivan	Speech
	Mrs. Merkel	Orchestra
	Mr. Lee	Technology

P.T.O. Board Officers 2023-2024

President.....**Pete Johnson**
Vice President.....**Open**
Secretary.....**Open**
Treasurer.....**Open**

Volunteers are being requested for the 2023-2034 PTO Board.

General PTO meetings will usually be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. We invite you to be involved at school.

Contact our P.T.O. at
kestrelpridepto@gmail.com

Contact Information

School telephone number: 509-546-7440
School fax number: 509-546-7441
School address: 9011 Burns Road
Pasco, WA 99301

It is important that your child attends school every day. Please contact the office at 509-546-7440 when your child is absent from school with the reason for their absence.

P.S.D. Meal Prices 2023-2024

Meals will be free for all students this school year.

K-5th gr.....$0.00.....breakfast
K-5th gr.....$0.00.....lunch
.....$0.00.....milk

Adults meal pricing is listed below.

Adult .....$4.50.....breakfast
Adult .....$4.50.....lunch