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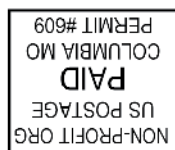


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Social Studies Comes Alive

Columbia Public Schools students experience social studies in an interactive way, thanks to a variety of curriculum-based field trips.

“By immersing students in meaningful experiences, we can connect the dots between what they learn in books and how it relates to their lives,” CPS Social Studies Coordinator Joy Bess said. “It is not only engaging, but also an opportunity to widen students’ perspectives.”

Students have opportunities to connect the dots while participating in grade-level field trips.

All CPS third graders take a field trip to the Missouri State Capitol. Besides touring the capitol, students may (depending on availability and class choice) visit with a state representative, have a picnic lunch in the first lady’s garden or enjoy another Jefferson City attraction, such as a visit to the Missouri History Museum, Jefferson’s Landing or the Governor’s Mansion.

Fourth and fifth grade classes choose a nearby destination for their social studies field trip each year. One option, which the fifth graders from Mill Creek Elementary School chose for this year, is to the Boone County History and Culture Center. The Culture Center visit will eventually be included in the annual Nature School visits for all fifth-grade classes.

Another optional trip for fourth and fifth grade classes is a visit to the Winston Churchill Museum in Fulton, Mo. One fifth grade class from Beulah Ralph Elementary School chose this experience.

A different fifth grade class at Beulah Ralph chose to recreate JA BizTown in their classroom. JA Biz Town is part of the Junior Achievement program and is located in Chesterfield, Mo. The trip consists of a day-long visit to a simulated town that allows students to operate banks, manage restaurants, write checks and vote for mayors. These students created their own rendition, named Timber Town. The Timber Town version consisted of student-run businesses including a local restaurant, a Mizzou photo experience with official props, nail salons and more.

All CPS eighth-graders visit the African American Heritage Trail. This half-day trip begins at the Blind Boone House trail head and includes stops at eight to 10 different markers along the trail. As the eighth-grade curriculum includes the study of the Civil War, students also learn about African American history in relation to their local community.

Each year, CPS sophomores have the opportunity to participate in the True/False Film Festival in a hybrid activity that merges social studies and English learning. Students go to Jesse Hall on the University of Missouri campus to view a film. Following the viewing, students will discuss media literacy and cultural relevance in class.

Bess said that other plans include opportunities for students to participate in local government, including assisting at voting poll locations.

“The emphasis is on providing student experiences that enhance learning,” Bess said. “So often our students are far removed from history. When we are able to provide experiences that allow them to see how history has impacted their own lives, families and communities, we bring it alive for them.”



Students visit Missouri State Capitol



Students participate in Timber Town

Construction update: Building improvements continue



Jefferson
Middle
School

JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Work at Jefferson Middle School is currently ahead of schedule. The shape of the new gymnasium is visible and will be connected to the main building. The building has undergone security updates and ADA improvements, including construction of a new, accessible elevator.



Rock Bridge
Elementary
School

ROCK BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

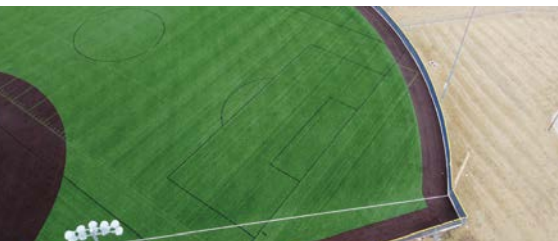
The new addition at Rock Bridge Elementary School will be completed for the start of the 2022-23 school year. All trailers have been removed and those students have relocated to classrooms inside the building. Upon final completion, the school will be equipped to welcome additional students in the fall.



Rock Bridge
High School
Connector

ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

A project to connect the Rock Bridge High School parking lot to the Peachtree Drive roundabout is planned for completion in fall of 2022.



Battle High School
Athletic Field Improvements



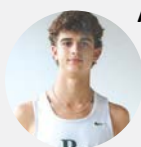
Hickman High School
Athletic Field Improvements



Rock Bridge High School
Athletic Field Improvements

News You Can Use

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPION



Andrew Hauser, a 10th-grade student from **Rock Bridge High School**, won the Individual State Championship in the MSHSAA Class 5 Boys Cross Country race. With a time of 14:52.7 Hauser set a new course record at the Gans Creek cross country course.

KINDNESS ENCOURAGED THROUGH ART

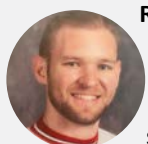
Art abounds throughout the grounds of **West Boulevard Elementary School**, where students from kindergarten through fifth grade created 16 kindness murals.

Art teacher **Hannah Vonder Harr** led the project, which coincides with the school theme "WBE Kindness."

To kick off the project, Vonder Haar read her classes the book "Change Sings" by Amanda Gorman. The book inspires children not to wait until they are grown-ups to make a difference. Students then created designs based on their own interpretation of the book's theme of change. A student vote selected one piece from each class for the final project. The students added the murals around the school.



CPS TEACHER RECOGNIZED BY MISSOURI SOCIETY OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATORS



Ryan Armstrong, physical education teacher at **Parkade Elementary School**, was named the Central District Elementary School PE Teacher of the Year for 2022. Armstrong has been an educator for Columbia Public Schools since 2018.

The criteria for the award, sponsored by SHAPE America, includes fostering a high-quality comprehensive and diverse program, engaging in culturally responsive instructional standards and utilizing high-quality assessment standards.

"Ryan holds a deep passion for our craft and is constantly searching for the best practices to connect with our students and encourage their joy of health, wellness and physical movement," Kim Goforth, CPS coordinator of health and physical education, said.

Armstrong is now one of five finalists for the National Elementary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year, which will be recognized at the SHAPE American National Convention in April.

JWMS STUDENTS PLACE SECOND IN 2021 STOCK MARKET GAME

A team of sixth grade students from **John Warner Middle School** recently placed second in the Stock Market Game, outperforming the financial markets.

The game is an online academic and life-skills educational program to boost students' math, economics and personal finance knowledge, while also improving their test scores and instilling essential skills for financially independent futures.

Team members **Jay Jagger**, **Emma Sanders** and **Kegan Hodges** competed against 400 teams and had an 18.8 percent gain during the 10-week competition with an ending balance of \$118,853.04.

CPS STUDENTS WIN INAUGURAL ADZOU CHALLENGE

A team of students from **Columbia Public Schools' Career Center** and **Hickman High School** competed against 15 other Missouri high school teams and won at the recent inaugural AdZou Challenge. The competition is sponsored by the University of Missouri School of Journalism's strategic communication department.



Students had 80 minutes to create a comprehensive plan for an advertising campaign. A group of public relations and marketing professionals judged the presentations on creativity, understanding of the product's target audience, strategic tactics proposed to reach that audience and the overall quality of the presentations.



Team members **India Bratrud**, **Greta Frymire**, **Isaac Lewis**, **Ellie Orr** and **Jessica Xie** won "Overall Team Champion" and "Best Tactics." Their marketing instructors are **John "Scott" Fuenfhausen**, **Michelle Kelley** and **Hannah Lenz**.



CPS MUSICAL TALENT PERFORMS WITH MISSOURI ALL-STATE BAND

Congratulations to these talented students who earned the honor of performing with the Missouri all-state band, jazz band, orchestra and choir.

Battle High School

All-State Band: **Asher Ferguson**

All-State Choir: **Taylor Harbour, Krista Marks, Colton O'Neal and Makayla Voris**

Directors: **Bob Thalhuber, Kim Foley, Marc Lewis and Tim Hercules**

Hickman High School

All-State Band: **Trina Blumberg, Samantha Decker, Elizabeth Dorman, Taehee Oh, Molly Hume and Grant Kaplan**

All-State Jazz Band: **Leo Mace**

All-State Orchestra: **Anya Akhmadullina, Sofia Heredia and Allison Weng**

Directors: **Denis Swope, Tom Sweeney and Dustin Frieda**

Rock Bridge High School

All-State Band: **Kyle Chen, Peter Popescu, Matthew Frerking, Yasmine Green, Alexa Koga and Erica Mallott**

All-State Choir: **Mackenzie Haupt, Sunday Crane and Drew Graff**

All-State Choir and Sight Singing Bee Participant: **Aidan Ryan**

All-State Sight Singing Bee Participant: **Kate Lopez**

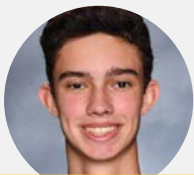
All-State Orchestra: **Yasmine Green, Hazel Keithahn, Inyoung Kim, Brandon Kim, Joan Kwon, Eddy Park, Benjamin Smith, Anthony Wu, Kristen Yu and Mara Zaner**

Directors: **Patrick Sullivan, Erich Spaeth, Mike Pierson and Alison Lankheit**



PERFECT ACT SCORES

Congratulations to these students who received a perfect ACT score of 36 from Rock Bridge High School and Hickman High School.



Henry Huff
Hickman High School



Maggie Lin
Rock Bridge High School



Yogev Angelovici
Rock Bridge High School



George Jia
Rock Bridge High School

**Perfect
ACT
SCORES**



KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2022-23



Learn more: www.cpsk12.org/kindergarten

Do you have a child who will be five years old before **August 1, 2022**, and needs to enroll in kindergarten? You can get information about enrolling for kindergarten (or as a new student to CPS) and complete forms on our kindergarten page at www.cpsk12.org/kindergarten.



2022 Summer School Programs

JUNE 2 – JUNE 29

Columbia Summer SUNsations offers free summer school for students entering kindergarten through eighth grade.

The Secondary Summer School High School Credit Advancement program is available for Columbia Public Schools students entering ninth through 12th grades. This program offers opportunities for credit advancement in the form of online, blended or classroom course options.

The Secondary Summer School High School Credit Recovery program allows students to make up credits they did not pass in order to stay on track for graduation. Successful completion of a credit recovery class results in the grade of P and .5 credit.

Gifted Education (EEE) for grades two-five at the Center for Gifted Education (Eugene Field School) and grades six-eight at Gentry Middle School.

Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) is located in various buildings.

Summer Expedition is a four-week program at Hickman High School for high-potential multicultural students grades five-eight who have been historically under-represented at the college level and not enrolled in the gifted program.

Early Childhood Special Education and Deaf Hard of Hearing at Discovery Center, 901 Rain Forest Parkway.

Early Childhood Special Education is at The Center for Early Learning North, 2191 Smiley Lane.

JUNE 2 – JULY 29

FUN CITY Youth Academy partners with Columbia Public Schools to offer half day summer school curriculum (math, science, social studies, reading and writing) and half day FUN CITY programming. The program is located at Grant Elementary School.

JUNE 6 – JUNE 24 & JULY 6 – JULY 22

The Columbia Summer Enrichment Preschool at Center for Early Learning North (CELN) is a tuition-based program available for students ages three-five. It runs from 8:30-11:30.

JUNE 12 – JUNE 22

MAC Scholars Honors Summer Academy is an academic and enrichment experience for entering 10th grade high-potential multicultural students. This program is a partnership with the University of Missouri.

JUNE 13 – JUNE 29

Arts Explorers' Program is at Smithton Middle School for selected elementary students entering grades four and five. Enrollment is by recommendation only.

JULY 11 – JULY 22

Secondary Choral and Instrumental Music is at West Middle School and offers enrichment instruction in choir, orchestra and band courses for secondary music students entering grades seven-nine.

Secondary Theater for grades seven-nine at West Middle School.

www.cpsk12.org/summerschool

BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

Adventure Club is an extended day program at elementary schools delivered by the University of Missouri - College of Education. It provides a supervised before- and/or after-school program during Summer SUNsations and Summer Enrichment programs. A non-refundable registration fee is required. Enrollment fliers are available at the elementary schools and there is also a link on the CPS website under Summer School. Adventure Club website is: education.missouri.edu/adventureclub/summer-program

A+ TUTORING

Opportunities for tutoring in summer school may be arranged for secondary students enrolled in the A+ program. A+ students should contact the A+ coordinator in their high school building for additional information.

ADDITIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMS

Information regarding summer camps/programs sponsored by various organizations, colleges and universities is available in school counseling and/or principal offices.

Voter guidelines: Dates to remember

MAR
9

Voter
Registration
Deadline

MAR
23

Request
Absentee Ballot
Deadline

APR
4

Absentee
Ballot
Deadline

Special election:
April 5, 2022

Learn more:
www.cpsk12.org/bond2022

Bond Issue: Q&A

The Columbia Board of Education has called a special election on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022**, to submit a proposal for a **no-tax-rate-increase** bond issue to Columbia voters. The bond issue proposal requires 57 percent approval. Learn more at www.cpsk12.org/bond2022.

WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF THE PROPOSED BOND ISSUE?

\$80 million.

WILL THE BOND ISSUE REQUIRE A TAX INCREASE?

No. A tax levy increase is not necessary to maintain and improve our facilities. The bond will only extend the current debt payoff period.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TAX LEVY AND A BOND ISSUE?

By law, bond issues only provide funds for new construction, renovation of existing facilities, technology and the purchase of equipment. Tax levy funds are used to pay for operating costs such as salaries, benefits, materials and supplies. Bond funds cannot be used to pay for operating expenses. The April 5 election is a bond issue request of voters.

HOW IS BOND DEBT PAID?

Bond debt is paid using the debt service fund. Debt service is one of four funds included in the school district's tax levy. The fund is used to pay principal, interest and fees on outstanding bond issues. The debt service levy is \$0.9719. The addition of the bond will not increase the debt service levy.

HOW WILL THE FUNDS BE SPENT?

The bond will be used for:

New Construction

- \$25 million for a new elementary school on the John Warner Middle School property
- \$28 million for a new elementary school, including purchase of land, in a location to be determined

Building Additions

- \$15 million for an addition and facility renovation at the Columbia Area Career Center
- \$4.5 million for a classroom addition to Eliot Battle Elementary School to address continued community growth

Building Improvements

- \$3.5 million for ADA enhancements, facility maintenance and improvements, including roofs, tuckpointing, HVAC and other critical projects

Safety & Security and Technology

- \$2 million for safety and security enhancements, including construction of additional secure vestibule single points of entry for buildings that don't currently have them in place
- \$2 million for technology infrastructure needs

WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR THESE ITEMS?

The Board of Education has adopted facility goals based on an evaluation of district facilities. These goals include addressing continued growth in our community; improving the physical and learning environments in all facilities; and increasing the functional life and efficiency of facilities. Additionally, the district's facility plan includes areas of focus on projects to improve accessibility and safety and security across the district.

Columbia Public Schools Facility and Bond Plan

Vote	April 2016 \$30 million bond (no-tax-rate increase)	April 2018 \$30 million bond (no-tax-rate increase)	June 2020 \$20 million bond (no-tax-rate increase)	April 2022 \$80 million bond (no-tax-rate increase)		April 2026 \$30 million bond (no-tax-rate increase expected)	April 2028 \$110 million bond (no-tax-rate increase expected)
Issue	June 2018	June 2019	August/ September 2020	June 2022 \$40 million	June 2024 \$40 million	June 2026	June 2028
Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle school land and design• Middle school construction• Locust Street design• Technology infrastructure• Roofs and other critical facility needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Warner Middle school construction• Locust Street addition and renovations• Building renovations and improvements• Safety and security• Middle school athletic improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jefferson Middle School renovations• Russell Boulevard Elementary School addition and renovations• High school activity field projects• Technology infrastructure• Roofs and other critical facility needs• Safety and security projects• Accessibility projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New elementary at John Warner Middle School campus• Renovation and addition at CACC South - Phase 1• Battle Elementary School addition• Safety and security• Technology infrastructure• Roofs and other critical facility needs• Accessibility projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renovation and addition at CACC South - Phase 2• New elementary• Technology infrastructure• Roofs and other critical facility needs• Safety and security projects• Accessibility projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High school land, design and site construction• Safety and security• Accessibility projects• Technology infrastructure• Roofs and other critical facility needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High school construction• Safety and security• Accessibility projects• New or renovated instructional space to accommodate growth• Technology infrastructure• Roofs and other critical facility needs
Completed as promised		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rock Bridge Elementary School addition• Jefferson Middle School gymnasium• Technology infrastructure• Roofs and other critical facility needs					
In progress							
Planned							

Columbia Public Schools Attendance Areas

