Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

December 2023

Principally speaking . . .



Dear Kestrel Families,

December is upon us already! t will be a very full month for us here at school and I am sure at home as well. We hope to see you next week for conferences.

We will be having a Book Fair again this year! The hours for the Book Fair will mirror those for conferences through Thursday, December 7th. We will also have our Pastries with Parents on Tuesday, December 5 from 8:00-9:00 in the morning. We will have donuts and coffee/milk in the gym. Then students may take their parents to the Book Fair.

We would like to help the Pasco School District Transportation Department fill a school bus with food this year. We will run a food drive in December and all donations will go to families in Pasco. Please donate nonperishable food items. You may send them with your child or drop them off at the front office beginning December 4th. Thank you in advance for your support of those in need during the holidays.

We have focused a lot this year on the idea of giving back and being kind. Our world could use all the kindness and caring possible at this time. We wish you a joyous and safe holiday season! Here is a thought to leave you with:

The Giving Project

We Can Give!

We can give in many ways,
A hug, some help, or even praise.
We give to friends and family,
and people in our community.
We cheer up people who are feeling blue,
and when we give, our hearts grow, too!

This is the message that we are sharing with students all year long.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hay and the Kestrel Krew



Dates to Remember

Holidays Around the World Program Presented by: Second Grade Third Grade Mrs. Garza's combo class 2:00 p.m.	*1* *&* *4*
Scholastic Book Fair Before/after school/during conferences	*5* *-* *7*
Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30 p.m. release	*5* *-* *8*
Pastries with Parents **8:00-9:00 a.m.** in the gym	*5*
PTO Firehouse Sub Night	*5*
Krew's Christmas Cottage Scheduled times for classrooms	*11* *-* *15*
Retake Picture Day and Yearbook Club	*18*
Early Release at 12:30 p.m. for Winter Break	*20*
Winter Break **No classes held**	*21* *-* *Jan. 5*



Columbia River P.T.O.

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Calling all parents! We are looking for parents/guardians that want to be involved in our P.T.O group for Columbia River Elementary School. If you are interested, please send your contact information to kestrelpridepto@gmail.com.



December 11-15, 2023

This special program is designed to help your student purchase a high quality but budget friendly gift for friends and family members to celebrate the holiday season.

Students will shop during the school day with a set day and time. Be on the look out for an envelope to be returned with cash on your spending date.



December 5, 2023
8:00-9:00 a.m.

Parents are invited to attend our Pastries with Parents event on Tuesday, December 5 from 8:00-9:00 am. in our gym.



December 5-7, 2023
*Before/after school
*During Conferences



Winter Weather

Winter weather is here again. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately. Coats, hats and gloves along with the appropriate shoes or boots will keep your child warm and dry. The office doesn't have extra clothing, if they get wet. Please listen to KONA 610 AM radio on snowy/icy mornings for delays or closures. The radio station regularly updates school information. You can also check the Pasco School District webpage for more information regarding school delays and closures here. You can sign up for the mobile app offered by the Pasco School District. You will get the latest district and school news as well as notifications about breaking news, closures/delays, etc. The app is free and available to download. More information can be found here https://www.psd1.org/students-families/district-notifications.





Tuesday, December 5, 2023 through
Friday, December 8, 2023

Parent-Teacher conferences will be from Tuesday, December 5, 2023 through Friday, December 8, 2023. All students will be released at 12:30 p.m. on these days.

The book fair will be open during conference days.



December 21, 2023
through
January 5, 2024
No classes held.

