Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal

Office Hours: 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



March 2024

Principally speaking . . .

Kestrel Families,

As we enter March, we look towards Spring Conferences and Spring Break. Please be watching your child's backpack or Dojo for an invite for Spring Conferences. They are March 19-22. Students will be released at 12:30 on those days. Spring Break follows closely behind Parent Teacher Conferences, from April 1-5. There will also be an early release on the Friday prior to Spring Break. Students will be released at 12:30 on Friday, March 29.

Here are some tips on Parent Teacher Conferences:

Parent-teacher conferences are valuable opportunities for educators and parents to work as a team and set a plan of action to support a child's education. We have one trimester left to ensure the best learning for each child. Our staff will be prepared with current levels of learning and end of the year levels at each grade level.

The perfect Parent-Teacher Conference is a conversation about your child and their progress. We want each child to be progressing to their best ability.

Prepare questions that you have from the year that has passed. Please feel free to share your desires for your child's learning. I feel over the past two years of in person education, we have come to know the children very well. We want the same as you for our students, the best education possible!

Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far this year and our great PTO Volunteers for all their work! We will have our next meeting on Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 in the library. We have a few things still coming this year. Our next biggest event will be in early June. It is our Family Fitness Night. Last year a great time was had be students, staff and parents! If you have ideas for this evening, please submit them via email, rhay@psd1.org . We always want to improve our offerings.

Finally, I want to share with you that I am retiring after this school year. I have worked in the Pasco School District for 35 years and loved all of it. I knew when I took the planning principal position that it would be my last position with the district. It is a bittersweet time for me this Spring. I really love the job of being a principal, particularly at Columbia River Elementary. We have some of the BEST students, parents and staff. I am sure that a fantastic replacement will be selected this Spring. I hope to have them in to meet staff and perhaps the students. It would be great if they could attend the Family Fitness Night in June. I have not mentioned to students that I am leaving. I am sure it will come up as we head into the Spring. Thank you for all you do at CRE and for your children. We love them!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hay







Dates to Remember

Read Across America Spirit Day **Dr. Seuss or Funny PJs and Stuffie Day**	**4**
Read Across America Spirit Day **Lorax Day (wear a mustache)**	**5**
Read Across America Spirit Day **Fox & Sox Day (Wear crazy socks or shoes)**	**6**
P.T.O. Meeting 6:00 p.m.	**7**
Third Grade Market Day	**8**
Human Growth and Development ~ Boys 4th gr.—1:30-2:20 p.m. 5th gr.—2:30-3:40 p.m.	**8**
Trimester Break Day No classes held	**11**
Educational Support Professionals Week	**11-15**
Human Growth and Development ~ Girls 4th gr.—1:30-2:20 p.m. 5th gr.—2:30-3:40 p.m.	**12**
Class Picture Day	**14**
HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY	**17**
Parent-Teacher Conferences Release at 12:30 p.m.	**19-22**
Early Release at 12:30 p.m.	**29**

Columbia River P.T.O.

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Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

The next monthly P.T.O. meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in our P.T.O. group.

Upcoming Events

- PTO Meeting
  Thursday, March 7, 2024
- Dr. Seuss Read Across America
  March 4-6, 2024





Tuesday, March 19, 2024 through Friday, March 22, 2024

Parent-Teacher conferences will be from Tuesday, March 19, 2024 through Friday, March 22, 2024. All students will be released at 12:30 p.m. on these days.

More information will be sent home soon.



Spirit Days
March 4-6, 2024

Monday, March 4 ~ Dr. Seuss or Funny PJs and Stuffie Day

Tuesday, March 5 ~ Lorax Day ~ wear a mustache



Wednesday, March 6 ~ Fox & Sox Day ~ wear crazy socks or shoes

