# Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal

Office Hours: 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

April 2024

**Principally speaking . . .**

Kestrel Families,

As we head into spring, I feel that the staff and students have made great strides in teaching and learning. The pace of learning has increased exponentially this spring. I feel as if we will have this conquered by the end of the year.

As a staff we are already working on what next year will look like for presentation of the standards at each grade level. We will be working on fine tuning our yearlong plans at every grade level. Our goal is to erase any COVID gaps with good solid instruction.

Every morning, we recite the Kestrel Pledge, which is: Kestrels are Safe, Respectful, and Responsible. Watch us Rise! Please encourage your child to practice those character traits throughout their life. We want to help educate great citizens here at Columbia River.

Thank you to every parent/adult/family member who attended conferences this spring. We had a wonderful turn out and it was heartwarming to listen to the exchanges that took place. In our upper grades, students often attend or even lead the conferences. What maturity we see when students can talk about their own learning and goals. Please continue to stay in touch with your child's teacher through the spring. School is not over yet! Many exciting things are coming this spring for our students with field trips and events.

The last week of school will bring some changes to our routines. We will work hard to keep instruction front and center this Spring. More information will follow this. We might be looking for a few parents to volunteer to run events. On Monday, June 10, each grade level will have double their specials time, so teachers can take down their classrooms. Students will be watching a movie in the cafeteria-gym area during this time. We plan to have some popcorn and a drink. If you are interested in donating, please contact me at school. Tuesday, June 11 will be our Field Day. Thursday is our last day, June 13, during which we will have a schoolwide assembly. We will invite parents to as many activities as possible as we head into the spring and end of the year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hay

## dates to Remember

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| **No classes held** | ***1 - 5*** |
| **PTO Meeting** 6:00 p.m. | ***11*** |
| **Family Movie Night** 6:00 p.m.—seating opens 6:30 p.m.—movie begins | ***19*** |
| **Bird House Decorating** | ***22*** |
| **Salmon Release at Sacajawea St. Park** 4th grade students 9:15 a.m. –1:30 p.m. | ***25*** |

# Columbia River P.T.O.

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## Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

The next monthly P.T.O. meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the library

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

## Upcoming Events

- April 11 ~ PTO Meeting
- April 22 ~ Earth Day Activity
  Bird House Decorating

## 2024-2025 Student Registration is Now Open

Registration is open for the 2024-2025 School Year. We are encouraging parents of upcoming kindergarten students to get registered. As well as any student who is new to our area.

THE PROCESS IS EASY:

Go to www.psd1.org/register and click on the 'Register your Student' button and follow the instructions.

INFORMATION NEEDED TO REGISTER:

- Age verification (hospital certificate, previous school records, entry in family bible, other)
- Immunization records
- Proof of district residency (utility bill, lease, other)
- Health history with list of allergies and current medications

DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER?

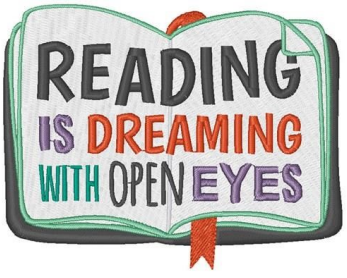
We have kiosks for you to use!

We will have a supply distribution date in May for our 2024-2025 kindergarten students. Along with that, we will pass out some worksheets and helpful tips for parents leading up to the start of school.

## Purchase Your Yearbook Today!

Mrs. Woolf has been working very hard to put together another great yearbook for our students to purchase. It will have individual student pictures as well as pictures from many of the events that we have had this year. Order your yearbook today. It is a great way to save childhood memories.

The cost of a yearbook is $25 each. A limited amount of yearbooks are available to purchase. You can purchase a yearbook by using this link listed below.

https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com/PictavoSchool/FindSchool

We will take orders with cash or checks also. Order envelopes are available in the office. You can also send the money to school in an envelope with your child's first and last name and teacher.