Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School
Amanda Wilson, Principal

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



2024

Principally speaking . . .

Dear Columbia River Families,

As the crisp autumn air sets in, we are excited to welcome October! Our students are diving into their learning with enthusiasm, and it's wonderful to see the growth and curiosity in every classroom. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community!

At Columbia River, we strive to create a safe, engaging, and welcoming environment for all students. Here are a few ways you can help:

- **Attendance All Day, Every Day:** We value every moment of learning, and consistent attendance is the key to student success. Please ensure your child arrives on time and stays for the full school day. Please consider scheduling appointments for afterschool on Wednesday when possible. Everyday matters!
- **Walking Wheels on Campus:** If your child rides a bike, scooter, or skateboard to school, please remind them to walk once they are on school grounds. This helps keep everyone safe during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Parents, we ask that you please set a good example and walk your wheels too.
- **Use the Sidewalks and Crosswalks:** Help us set a good example for our students by walking on the sidewalks and using designated crosswalks when walking onto or off campus. Safety is our top priority, and we appreciate your support in showing students the importance of following safety guidelines.
- **No Pets on Campus:** For the safety of all students and staff, we kindly ask that no pets be brought onto school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Birthday Celebrations:** We love celebrating student birthdays! However, to promote a healthy environment, we ask that families avoid bringing food items for birthdays. Instead, consider bringing non-food items like stickers, pencils, or donating a book to the classroom in your child's name.

October is packed with fun and engaging events for our school community. Mark your calendars for the following:

- **October 11th Coffee with the Principal @ 9:15 a.m.** – Join me for a casual conversation over coffee. I'd love to hear your thoughts and answer any questions you may have!
- **October 21-28th Pumpkins on Parade**
- **October 28th-November 1st Spirit Week**
- **October 30th Trunk or Treat @ 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

We're looking forward to a month filled with learning, laughter, and community spirit. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Watch Us Rise!

Amanda Wilson



dates to Remember

PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.-Library	*1*
Individual Picture Day	*10*
Coffee with the Principal 9:15-9:45 a.m. 	*11*
PTO Candy Drive 	*14 - 29*
Boo! Grams **On sale starting October 15**	*15 - 25*
Pumpkin Decorating Contest **Pumpkins on Parade**	*21 - 28*
Halloween Spirit Week Spirit days will be Announced soon	*28 - 1*
 6:00-7:00 pm.	*30*
Happy Halloween!	*31*

We are excited to announce that the district has partnered with ParentSquare as our new mass communication tool.

ParentSquare is replacing our current tool, Blackboard, which is being phased out effective September 30. This means beginning October 1:

- The PSD App will be replaced with the ParentSquare App.
- All emergency alerts (weather alerts, lockdown notifications, and emergency alerts) will come through ParentSquare via the App, email, and text, and there is no option to opt out of emergency alerts.
- All district and school communications and notifications for staff and families previously sent via Blackboard will come through ParentSquare.
- Sign up for ParentSquare here.

Columbia River P.T.O.

kestrelpridepto@gmail.com

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.

Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

The next monthly P.T.O. meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

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

Upcoming Events

- Boo Grams
- Pumpkins on Parade
- Trunk Or Treat



Boo! Grams

On sale October 15-25, 2024

Boo Gram forms will be sent home on Monday, October 14. Boo Grams are $1 each. Completed grams can be dropped off in the office with the appropriate amount of money. Boo Grams will be on sale until through Friday, October 25, 2024. The grams with a small treat will be delivered on Thursday, October 31, 2024.





Columbia River A.T.P. and P.T.O. presents

Pumpkins on Parade

October 21-28, 2024

- Dress your pumpkin up like your favorite book character.
- Pumpkins will be displayed from October 21-28 in the library. Please bring your pumpkin in no later than October 23, 2024 to be judged.
- NO CARVING PLEASE. (The pumpkins will rot causing leakage.) Any size of pumpkin can be used.
- Label your pumpkin with *Student name *Teacher name *Book Title *Character Name

Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed pumpkins at each grade level. (Based on student work)



October 14-29, 2024

We are having a candy drive for our Trunk or Treat event on October 30, 2024. The classroom with the most candy collected (by weight) weekly will be awarded a prize. Any candy remaining after the event will be used for the PBIS candy grab or the Kestrel Store for student to purchase with their Kestrel Kash each month.





October 30, 2024
6:00-7:00 p.m.



We are looking for families that want to decorate the trunk or bed of their vehicle and provide their own candy to give away for our Trunk or Treat event. Please remember when decorating your vehicle that you decorate it age appropriate. Please arrive early to decorate your vehicle. Participating vehicles will be parked in the front parking lot with the trunks facing towards each other.

Families attending the event will be parking in the west side parking lot where the buses load/unload students.

Students may wear costumes as they "trunk or treat" during the night. ***We are asking that students only "trunk or treat" through the vehicles one time.***

We are asking for candy donations. The classroom with the most candy collected (by weight) will be awarded a prize.

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