Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School
Amanda Wilson, Principal

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

November 2024

Principally speaking . . .

Dear Columbia River Families,

As we enter the month of November, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the many things we are grateful for at Columbia River Elementary. This season of thankfulness is a perfect opportunity for us to express our appreciation to each one of you—our students, families, and staff—for the heart, energy, and enthusiasm you bring to our school community.

First and foremost, I want to thank our incredible students. Your curiosity, kindness, and eagerness to learn create a positive atmosphere that makes our school a special place to be every day. Watching you grow academically and socially has been a joy, and I am so proud of your progress.

To our supportive families and community, thank you for being our partners in education. Your involvement, whether it's through attending school events, volunteering, or simply ensuring that your child arrives on time and ready to learn, makes a huge difference. Together, we are building a strong foundation for your child's success.



I also want to take a moment to share an important update to our pick-up policy. Starting this month, students will not be called out of class after 3:00 pm / 1:00 pm (Wednesday) unless it is an emergency. This change is being made to ensure that classroom instruction is uninterrupted and allows teachers to finish lessons and prepare students for dismissal in an organized way. This new policy will also support our busy office staff, allowing them to focus on end-of-day procedures and ensure that all students are safely accounted for during dismissal. By minimizing disruptions after 3:00pm, we can streamline communication, avoid last minute confusion, and make sure that all students and families have a smooth end to the school day. Your cooperation in adhering to this policy is greatly appreciated as we work to create the best environment for both students and staff.

As always, my door is open. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions, concerns, or ideas. I am grateful for the trust you place in us to educate and support your children, and I look forward to all we will accomplish together in the months ahead.

Wishing you all a wonderful and peaceful November, filled with warmth and gratitude.

Watch Us Rise!

Amanda Wilson
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PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.-Library	*5*
Veterans Day Program by Second Gr. Students 9:30-10:10 a.m. K, 1, 3, 4, grades 2:50-3:40 p.m. 5th grade and 2nd Grade parents	*7*
 **No classes held**	*11*
End of First Trimester	*20*
Trimester Break Day No classes held	*22*
Release at 12:30 p.m. for Thanksgiving Break	*27*
 **No classes held**	*28*
Thanksgiving Break No classes held	*29*



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.

Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

The next monthly P.T.O. meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 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

- PTO Meeting—11/5/24





Veterans Day Program
November 7, 2024

Our Veteran's Day Program will be presented on November 7, 2024. Our second grade students and Ms. Carlson's third grade students will be performing in the cafeteria.

We will have two performances during the school day. The performance from 9:30-10:10 a.m. is for the student body only. Parents of second grade students and Ms. Carlson's third grade students are invited to attend the 2:50-3:40 p.m. performance.

Veterans Day
November 11, 2024



No classes will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024 in observance of Veteran's Day.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.



The Lost and Found is overflowing with sweatshirts, jackets and hats. Please remind your student/s to check the Lost and Found for their missing items.

Trimester Break Day
November 22, 2024

No classes will be held on Friday, November 22, 2024 for a Trimester Break Day. Classes will resume on Monday, November 25, 2024.

Thanksgiving Break
November 28-29, 2024

All students will eat lunch and then be released at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 for the Thanksgiving holiday break. No classes will be held on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, 2024.

Classes will resume on Monday, December 2, 2024.