Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School
Amanda Wilson, Principal

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



February 2025

Principally speaking . . .

Dear Columbia River Families,

February is here, bringing with it an opportunity to celebrate love, kindness, and community at Columbia River Elementary School. This month, we are focusing on fostering connections and spreading positivity throughout our school.

Valentine Grams

Our amazing PTO is hosting Valentine Grams! This special tradition allows students to send messages of kindness and appreciation to friends, teachers, and classmates. Valentine Grams will be available for purchase starting February 3rd, and they will be delivered on Valentine's Day. More information will be sent home soon.

Winter Ball: Dancing Under the Stars

We are thrilled to announce the continuation of our beloved Winter Ball tradition, this year themed "Dancing Under the Stars"! This magical event will take place on February 28 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the school cafeteria and gym. Students and their families are invited to join us for an evening of music, dancing, and fun.

Ticket Prices:
Party of 2: $15
Family Pack: $20

Tickets will be available starting February 3rd. Dress your best and come ready to make unforgettable memories!

Celebrating Kindness

Throughout February, classrooms will participate in activities centered around kindness and inclusion. From creating kindness chains to reading stories about compassion, students will learn the value of making others feel valued and respected.

We hope you will join us in celebrating this special month by encouraging your child to share acts of kindness at school and at home. Together, we can continue building a school community where everyone feels safe, loved, and inspired to reach for the stars.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of the Columbia River Elementary family.

Watch Us Rise!

Amanda Wilson



Dates To Remember

National School Counseling Week	3 — 7
Valentine Grams On sale for $1 each	3 - 12
PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m. in the library	4
Teamwork Assemblies 9:25-9:55—K & 1 10:20-10:50—2 & 3 1:45-2:15—4 & 5	6
Class Picture Day	7
Random Acts of Kindness Week	10 - 14
Happy Valentine's Day **Valentine Grams Delivered**	14
Presidents' Day No classes held	17
Winter Ball **6:00-8:00 p.m.**	28



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, February 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

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

Upcoming Events

- February 4 ~ PTO Meeting
- February 3-12 ~ Valentine Grams on sale
- February 28 ~ Winter Ball



Winter Ball

Friday, February 28, 2025
6:00-8:00 p.m.

CRE students and parents can spend time together at our Winter Ball.

The Winter Ball is on February 28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in our cafeteria and gym.

Semi formal wear is encouraged but not required. This is a school event so please dress accordingly.

~TICKETS ARE LIMITED~

Tickets: $15 for one student and one adult
$5 per additional person in your group
($20 maximum for additional persons)

There will be a DJ, photo booth, professionally decorated gym/ café, and yummy desserts.



VALENTINE GRAMS

$1 each

On Sale
February 3 through February 12, 2025

Blank Valentine grams will be sent home on February 3. The last day to turn them in is February 12. Each gram is $1.00. Please return the filled out gram with the cash attached to your student's teacher. Grams will be delivered to students on February 14.

Each gram will come with a popping keychain.



STUDENT DROP-OFF ZONE

Our drop-off zone near the front of the building is designated for quick drop-offs only. Drivers should remain in their vehicles to keep the flow of traffic moving. If you need to exit your car to assist your child, please park in a designated parking space.

Additionally, we ask that cars do not idle in the drop-off lane, either before 8:45 AM or after school, as idling releases harmful gases. If you arrive early and wish for your child to stay in a warm vehicle, please park in the lot until it is time for drop-off.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and efficient process for all!