Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School
Amanda Wilson, Principal

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



2025

Principally speaking . . .

Dear Columbia River Families,

It's hard to believe we've entered the final stretch of the school year! May is here, and with it comes blooming flowers, sunshine-filled days, and plenty of exciting moments at Columbia River Elementary. This is such a special time of year as we celebrate learning, growth, and community.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (May 5–9):

We're so lucky to have an incredible team of educators and staff who show up every day with heart, creativity, and dedication. To celebrate them, we'll be hosting a fun-filled spirit week during Teacher Appreciation Week! Students are invited to join in the festivities each day to show their love and appreciation for our amazing team. Whether it's a note of thanks, a kind word, or a small gesture, every bit of appreciation makes a big difference!

State Testing Information:

State testing is underway for grades 3–5. These assessments help us understand how students are progressing and where we can support them best. Please ensure your child gets plenty of rest, eats a good breakfast, and arrives on time. Here are the testing dates by grade:

- 3rd Grade
  - ◊ Language Arts: May 12, 14, 15, and 16
  - ◊ Math: May 19 and 22
- 4th Grade
  - ◊ Language Arts: May 13, 14, and 15
  - ◊ Math: May 20 and 22
- 5th Grade
  - ◊ Language Arts: May 13, 15, and 16
  - ◊ Math: May 20 and 22
  - ◊ Science: May 27 and 28

Thank you for helping your child feel confident and ready to shine during this important time!

End-of-Year Events:

Keep an eye on your Class Dojo and Parent Square for important end-of-year events. We have field trips, concerts, assemblies, and special celebrations coming up that you won't want to miss.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we wrap up a wonderful school year. As always, at Columbia River Elementary, the Sky's the Limit!

Watch Us Rise!

Amanda Wilson
Principal



Dates To Remember

School in Session 1:40 p.m. release (Snow Day Makeup)	5
Teacher Appreciation Week and Spirit Week	5 - 9
PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.	6
National School Nurse Day	7
Leadership Assemblies 9:25-9:55—K, 1 10:20-10:50– 2, 3 1:45-2:15—4, 5	9
Farm Animals Performed by Kindergarten Students 6:00 p.m.-families	13
Kindergarten Round-Up Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.	15
Coffee with the Principal 9:15 a.m. 	16
Kinder Promotion Picture Day	16
Dust Devils Baseball CRE Night	16
Educational Bosses Week We ♥ our Principals!	19 - 23
PoPvolution ~ 10th Avenue Show @ PHS 5th grade to attend 10:00-11:45 a.m.	23
Memorial Day No Classes Held	26
Elective Choir, Band & Orchestra 6:00 p.m.-families	29

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 Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

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

2025-2026 Student Registration is Now Open

Registration is open for the 2025-2026 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 (state issued birth 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!



May 5—May 9, 2025
Teacher Appreciation Spirit Week

Monday ~ Mahalo Monday Dress in your favorite hat and/or sunglasses. Show gratitude ~ Bring a small surprise for your teacher.
Tuesday ~ Tacky Tourist Tuesday Dress like a goofy tourist.
Wednesday ~ Under the Sea Wednesday Dress in sea colors or wear an ocean creature—mermaids, fish, jellyfish, or scuba divers!
Thursday ~ Lei'd Back Thursday Wear bright colors, florals, aloha shirts, and lei necklaces
Friday ~ Kestrels in Paradise Rock your school gear/colors.



Kindergarten Round-up Night

Thursday, May 15, 2025
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Our Kindergarten Round-up Night will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for our 2025-2026 kindergarten students.

We will meet in the cafeteria. There will be a tour of the kindergarten classrooms and building . You will meet the kindergarten teachers as well.

Packets with student supplies, worksheets, and helpful tips for parents leading up to the start of school will be given to each student that attends.

We have laptops available in the office for 2025-2026 student kindergarten registration.



SBA Testing Dates

Please make sure your student/s are present for all testing dates.

ELA
3rd grade: May, 12, 14, 15, 16
4th grade: May 13, 14, 15
5th grade: May 13, 15, 16

Math
3rd grade: May 19, 22
4th grade: May 20, 22
5th grade: May 20, 22

Science
5th grade: May 27, 28