Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School
Amanda Wilson, Principal

Office Hours: 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

June 2025

Principally speaking . . .

Dear Columbia River Families,

As we approach the final days of the school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate all that we have accomplished together. This year has been filled with growth, perseverance, and joy—and it's hard to believe how quickly time has flown by!

Our theme this year, "The Sky's the Limit," inspired students and staff alike to dream big, aim high, and believe in what's possible when we work together. We've seen students take academic and personal leaps, grow in confidence, build friendships, and reach new heights. From the first day of school to now, the growth in our kestrels has been nothing short of remarkable.

As we close this chapter, I hope your family takes time to reflect on the accomplishments and memories made this year. Whether your child learned to read their first book, mastered multiplication, performed in a concert, or showed kindness to a friend, each moment has contributed to a successful school year.

While summer is a time for fun, rest, and recharging, it's also a wonderful opportunity to keep learning alive at home. Here are a few simple ways families can support summer learning:

- Read together daily. Visit your local library and let your child choose books that interest them.
- Explore math in real life. Practice math facts through cooking, budgeting, or fun games.
- Stay curious. Take nature walks, visit museums, or try simple science experiments at home.
- Write for fun. Encourage your child to keep a summer journal or write letters to family members.
- Practice skills through apps and games. Educational tools can help keep skills fresh in a fun way.

Most of all, I wish your family a summer filled with sunshine, laughter, adventure, and rest. Thank you for partnering with us this year. Your support helps our school community soar.

Watch Us Rise!

Amanda Wilson
Principal



dates to Remember

BOGO Book Fair Before/after school in the music room	**2-4**
Family Fitness Night CRE playground 5:30-7:00 p.m. **BOGO Book Fair** in the music room	**4**
Chiawana Grad Walk 10:40-11:00 a.m.	**4**
Kindergarten Celebration 2:00 p.m. 	**5**
5th Gr. Moving Up Ceremony 6:00-7:00 p.m. 	**5**
5th Grade Celebration Fairchild Cinema 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	**9**
 **9:30-11:00 a.m.** 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th (p.m. helpers) **1:30-3:30 p.m.** Kinder, 3rd, 5th	**10**
5th Gr. Orchestra 1:10 p.m. Walk to Maya for rehearsal/performance	**11**
 **No lunch served** **Release at 12:00 p.m.**	**13**

Columbia River P.T.O.

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Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

The next monthly P.T.O. meeting is scheduled for next school year.

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

2025-2026 PTO Board Members

Positions are open for the 2025-26 school year. Elections will be held in September 2025.

If you are interested in being involved in our PTO group, please send an email to kestrelpridepto@gmail.com.



BARNES&NOBLE

This summer, kids in grades 1-6 can earn a free book through the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program. Read any eight books and record them in your summer Reading Journal. The links are below.

Summer Reading Journal for Grades 1-6: Get the guide in English.

Summer Reading Journal for Grades 1-6: Get the guide in Spanish!.

When you are done, bring the completed journal to Barnes & Noble and choose your free book! Redeemable July 1-August 31, 2025.





2025-2026 Student Registration is Now Open

Registration is open for the 2025-2026 School Year.

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)
- 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!

The Summer Reading Challenge ~ June 1 through August 16, 2025

Read or listen for 15 hours to earn a free book (kids aged 0-17) and a chance to win a Nintendo Switch Mario Bundle, plus many other unbelievable prizes!

Stop by your local Mid-Columbia Libraries branch or register in Beanstack starting May 15; you can begin logging your reading online or using a paper log on June 1. More information is available by clicking on the link below.

https://midcolumbialibraries.org/reading-challenges