Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School
Amanda Wilson, Principal

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:15 p.m.



2025

Principally speaking . . .

Happy October Kestrels,

Fall is such a wonderful season – the air feels crisper, leaves are beginning to change, and our school is buzzing with excitement. This time of year is filled with opportunities for students, staff, and families to come together, and we can't wait to celebrate with you.

October is packed with fun and meaningful events for our school community. We'll kick things off with McTeacher Night, a chance to grab dinner while supporting our school. Throughout the month, families can contribute to our candy drive and students will enjoy sending and receiving Boo Grams. Later in the month, our community will come together for Trunk or Treat and our annual Pumpkins on Parade, where students get to showcase their creativity. We will come together on October 17th for Pink Out Day, showing our support for breast cancer awareness and we'll end the month with our first Spirit Week. Each of these traditions not only makes school fun but also strengthens the sense of connection that makes Columbia River so special.

Another wonderful way to stay connected is by attending our monthly Coffee with the Principal sessions, held on the second Friday of each month. This is a casual time for conversation, data, questions, and sharing ideas. I'd love to see you there!

One area where we could use your partnership is in reinforcing restroom expectations with your student(s). Recently, we have experienced multiple incidents of vandalism in our restrooms, including splashing water, clogging toilets with paper towels and school supplies, urinating on the floor, and locking stall doors by crawling underneath. These behaviors not only create extra work for our custodial team but also limit restroom access for students. Please take a few minutes to talk with your child about showing respect for our school property and helping keep our restrooms clean and safe for everyone. Your support at home truly makes a difference.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we're creating lasting memories for our students and building a community where everyone belongs.

Watch us rise,
Amanda Wilson





Individual Picture Day	***3***
	***6 - 28***
PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.—library	***7***
Coffee with the Principal 9:15-9:45 a.m. 	***10***
	***17***
 **On sale starting October 14**	***14 - 24***
 5:00-7:00 p.m. Road 68 McDonalds	***14***
 **Pumpkins on Parade**	***24 - 29***
 **Monday**-Sports Day **Tuesday**-Spooky Day **Wednesday**-Career Day **Thursday**-PJs & Plushies Day **Friday**-Costume Day	***27 - 31***
 5:30-6:30 pm.	***29***
	***31***

Columbia River P.T.O.

kestrelpridepto@gmail.com

If you are interested in being involved in our PTO group, please send your contact information to kestrelpridepto@gmail.com.

Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

October 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

Upcoming Events

- Boo Grams
- Pumpkins on Parade
- Trunk Or Treat Night



Columbia River Elementary
2025-2026 PEAK! Partner

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

Thank you Grand Canyon University and **Melinda Carmona** *for your continued support of our students and staff!*

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Boo! Grams

On sale October 14-24, 2025

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 24, 2025. The grams with a small treat will be delivered on Friday, October 31, 2025.





October 6-28, 2025

We are having a candy drive for our Trunk or Treat event on October 29, 2025. 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.





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

Pumpkins on Parade

October 24-29, 2025

- Dress your pumpkin up like your favorite book character.
- Pumpkins will be displayed October 24-29 in the office hallway. Pumpkins can be brought in starting October 24, 2025 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)



Trunk Or Treat Night

October 29, 2025 5:30-6:30 p.m.

We are looking for families that want to decorate the trunk or bed of their vehicle. Candy will be provided to give away at 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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