Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School
Amanda Wilson, Principal

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:15 p.m.

Hello November 2025

Principally speaking . . .

Dear Kestrel Families,

As we enter the month of November, I want to take a moment to share how thankful we are for our incredible students, families, and staff. Columbia River Elementary is truly a special place because of the way our community comes together to support one another. From daily learning moments in classrooms to family participation at events, your partnership makes all the difference.

This month brings several exciting opportunities for our Kestrels to give back and show their school spirit!

Fill the Bus Food Drive

We are joining our districtwise "Fill the Bus Food Drive" to help families in need this holiday season. Collection boxes are located in our front vestibule, and donations will be accepted throughout the month of November. We invite everyone to participate—every can or box of food helps make a difference!

Kestrels in College – New Spirit Day!

Beginning Monday, November 3rd, we're launching a new weekly spirit day called "Kestrels in College!" Every Monday, students and staff are encouraged to wear college gear to help spark conversations about the many exciting paths students can take after high school—whether that's college, trade school, or a chosen career. We believe it's never too early to dream big and start talking about the future!

We are also collecting donations of gently used college apparel that students may have grown out of. These items will be added to our Kestrel Store, where students can "purchase" them using their Kestrel Kash. This is a fun way to help every student participate in our spirit days while promoting goal setting and positive behavior.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We are so grateful for our CRE community and wish each of you a wonderful month full of gratitude and connection.

Watch us rise,
Amanda Wilson





Dates to Remember

	1 — Dec. 9
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PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.—library	4
 **Veteran's Day Program** 6:00 p.m. Family Performance	6
Empathy Assemblies 9:20-9:50—2nd & 3rd 10:10-10:40—4th & 5th 2:20-2:50—Kinder & 1st	7
No Classes Held 	10
No Classes Held 	11
Coffee with the Principal 9:15 a.m. Room 204 	14
 Afternoon only	14
Trimester Break Day No Classes Held	21
Early Release ~ 12:30 p.m. for Thanksgiving Break	26
 **No Classes Held**	27 - 28

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

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

Upcoming Events

- Krew's Kottage (holiday store)
  December 9, 11, 12, 2025



Columbia River Elementary 2025-2026 PEAK! Partner

TEAM TAPIA
CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE

Thank you CrossCountry Mortgage and ***Mayra Tapia*** *for your support of our students and staff!*

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McTeacher's Night

Thank you to everyone that attended our McTeacher Night on Tuesday, October 14th. We raised $1,500.00 from sales and donations. It will be used to pay for bus-sing for student field trips.



Veterans Day Program
November 6, 2025

Our Veteran's Day Program will be presented on November 6, 2025, performed by students in the following classrooms: Mrs. Taylor-Johnson, Mr. Kohler, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Bates, and Mr. Romero.

We are inviting parents of the students performing to attend the 6:00 p.m. performance. Veteran family members of students performing are invited to attend and wear their uniform to the program.

Please have your students performing wear appropriate clothing in red, white or blue for the program.



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.

Professional Day
November 10, 2025

Monday, November 10, 2025 is a Professional Day for staff. No classes will be held on this day.

Veterans Day
November 11, 2025

There will be no classes held on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 in observance of Veteran's Day.









Snack Policy

To help keep our school clean, safe, and fair for everyone, please follow these expectations regarding chips, snacks, and candy at school.

- Snacks should be brought in portions appropriate for one child.
- Sharing food is not allowed for health and safety reasons.
- All snacks and candy must be eaten in the cafeteria during lunch.
- Extras should be put away in a lunchbox or thrown away.
- Food may not be eaten on the playground.
- If a snack or candy is taken away by staff, it will be placed in the teacher's box with a Post-it noting the student's name for later retrieval.

Thank you for helping us keep our school safe, respectful, and responsible!