



# Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School

Amanda Wilson, Principal

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.



## December 2025



### Principally Speaking . . .

Dear Kestrel Families,

As we enter the month of December, I want to take a moment to reflect on the tremendous growth, joy, and learning we have already seen this year. Our Kestrels are working hard, supporting one another, and truly living our school theme of Soar Together. It is inspiring to walk into classrooms and see students engaged, confident, and taking pride in their learning. Thank you for the continued support you provide at home—your partnership plays a key role in every child's success.

We are looking forward to Family Conferences on December 3rd, and we want to remind everyone that there is no school for students that day. Conferences are a meaningful time for teachers and families to connect, celebrate achievements, and work together to set goals that will help students continue soaring throughout the year. We appreciate you taking the time to participate and strengthen the strong school—home connection that makes Columbia River Elementary such a special place.

As winter break approaches, we encourage families to continue supporting consistent routines, regular reading at home, and strong attendance. Living our motto of "All Day, Every Day" helps students build confidence, remain connected to classroom learning, and make steady progress toward their goals. Even a few missed days can make it harder to keep up, so we thank our families for helping students arrive on time and ready to learn—your partnership truly supports how high our Kestrels can soar.

With colder weather upon us, please make sure students are dressed warmly with coats, hats, gloves, and boots as needed. Labeling items with your child's name helps us return lost items quickly. Our lost and found is overflowing, so we encourage families to check it during conferences. Items will be donated to Goodwill on December 8th, so please take a moment to look through it before then.

Thank you again for your partnership and your commitment to our school community. May your days be filled with rest, connection, and joy. We look forward to welcoming our Kestrels back in January, ready for new learning, new goals, and new opportunities to shine.

Watch us Rise,

Amanda Wilson  
Principal



### Dates to Remember

1<sup>st</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

- Fill the Bus Food Drive

2<sup>nd</sup>

- PTO Meeting-6:30 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup>

- Conferences  
No classes held

9<sup>th</sup>

- Krew's Holiday Cottage

11<sup>th</sup>

- Switch Spirit Day

12<sup>th</sup>

- Wacky Mismatch Spirit Day
- ~~Coffee with the Principal~~  
9:15 a.m. — room 204  
CANCELED
- Mod Pizza Night  
Fundraiser-3:00-8:00 p.m.

15<sup>th</sup>

- PJs/Stuffie Spirit Day
- Nutcracker Ballet  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip  
to RHS auditorium  
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

16<sup>th</sup>

- Disney Spirit Day

17<sup>th</sup>

- Holly Jolly Spirit Day
- 12:30 p.m. Early Release

18<sup>th</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Winter break  
no classes held



# Columbia River P.T.O.

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If you are interested in being involved in our PTO group, please send your contact information to [kestrelpridepto@gmail.com](mailto:kestrelpridepto@gmail.com)

## Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

December 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.



- Krew's Holiday Cottage  
December 9, 11, and 12



This special program is designed to help your student purchase budget friendly gifts for friends and family members to celebrate the holiday season.

Students will shop during the school day with a set day and time. Be on the look out for an envelope to be returned with cash on your spending date.



## Parent-Teacher Conferences



Parent-Teacher conferences will be on Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

No classes will be held on this day. Classes will resume on Thursday, December 4, 2025.

We hope that you will attend your scheduled conference with your child's teacher.

# HOT COCOA AND BOOKS



# READ EVERY DAY

# WINTER Break

Dec. 18, 2025 through Jan. 2, 2026



## Lost and Found

Remember to check the lost and found for any missing items!



## Winter Weather

Winter weather is here again. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately. Coats, hats and gloves along with the appropriate shoes or boots will keep your child warm and dry. The office doesn't have extra clothing, if they get wet. Please listen to KONA 610 AM radio on snowy/icy mornings for delays or closures. The radio station regularly updates school information. You can also check the Pasco School District webpage for more information regarding school delays and closures here. You can sign up for the Parent Square app used by the Pasco School District. You will get the latest district and school news as well as notifications about breaking news, closures/delays, etc. The app is free and available to download. More information can be found here.

<https://www.psd1.org/connect/parentsquare>

