



# Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School

Amanda Wilson, Principal

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

February  
2026

## Principally Speaking . . .

Dear Kestrel Families,

February is a month filled with kindness, connection, and love – and we feel so lucky to share it with our incredible school community. As we move through the winter season, our focus remains on supporting student learning while also strengthening the relationships that make our school such a special place to be.

Throughout the month, classrooms will be celebrating friendship, empathy, and showing care for others. We encourage families to join us in talking with students about kindness, gratitude, and the many ways we can show love and kindness through our words and actions.

There are many opportunities for families to stay connected and involved this month. We invite you to join us for our annual Winter Ball on February 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun evening of dancing and connection for all families. Later in the month, families are encouraged to attend our Family Math Night on February 25. Students and families can participate in hands-on, engaging activities that spark curiosity and creativity. In addition, we welcome parents to attend our monthly PTO and Coffee with the Principal meetings. These are great ways to stay informed, ask questions, and partner with us in supporting our students.

The safety of our students is always our top priority, and we appreciate your help in keeping arrival and dismissal times safe and orderly. Please remember that our parking lot is not an additional parent loop. Families who choose to park should escort their students to and from the building. Please do not request that students meet you at the car in the parking lot, as it is not safe for students to wander the parking lot alone. We also ask that families only park in handicap spaces if you have the appropriate placard or license plate. For everyone's safety, please use designated crosswalks and follow the directions of our school crossing guard. Finally, we are asking all drivers to be mindful of their speed in and around school grounds. To support these efforts, we will be requesting assistance from the Pasco Police Department to help monitor traffic before and after school.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and the many ways you show love for our school each day. Together, we truly help our students soar.

Watch us Rise,

Amanda Wilson  
Principal



## Dates to Remember

3<sup>rd</sup>

- PTO Meeting ~ 6:00 p.m. in the library

6<sup>th</sup>

- Class Picture Day
- Winter Ball  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

9<sup>th</sup>

- Human Growth/Dev.  
10:00 a.m. - 4<sup>th</sup> gr. girls  
1:20 p.m. - 5<sup>th</sup> gr. girls  
2:00 p.m. - 4<sup>th</sup> gr. boys

10<sup>th</sup>

- Human Growth/Dev.  
1:20 p.m. - 5<sup>th</sup> gr. boys

11<sup>th</sup>

- Red Robin Fundraiser  
Night - 3:00-8:00 p.m.

13<sup>th</sup>

- Coffee with the Principal  
9:15 a.m. in room 204

14<sup>th</sup>



16<sup>th</sup>

- Presidents' Day ~ no classes held

25<sup>th</sup>

- Family Math Night  
5:00-6:00 p.m. ~ cafeteria





# 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

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.



- Winter Ball ~ Friday, February 6 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Red Robin Fundraiser Night ~ February 11 3:00-8:00 p.m.

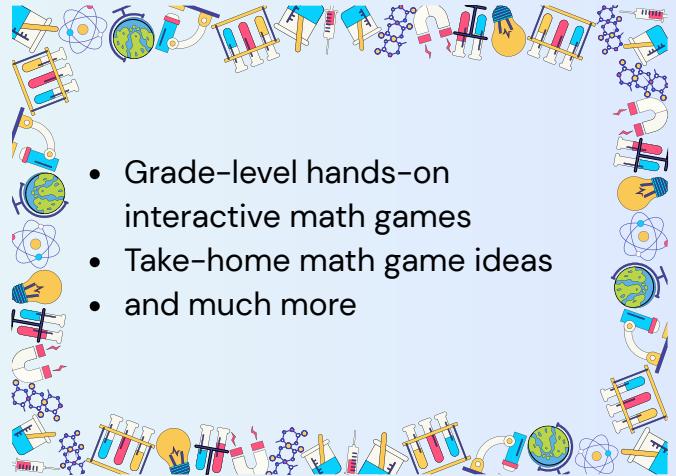


## Family Math Night

Our Family Math Night will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in our cafeteria.

Celebrate math through knowledge and discovery with hands-on interactive math games that align with grade-level standards.

We hope you can join us for this fun event!



- Grade-level hands-on interactive math games
- Take-home math game ideas
- and much more

## Lost and Found

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



## Attendance Policy

Washington State law requires daily attendance from all students enrolled in school (RCW Chapter 28A.225). Student Attendance is verified daily by office personnel. **If a student is absent, it is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian to provide a valid excuse for the absence on the day it occurs.** Email Deicy at [dvaldivia@psd1.org](mailto:dvaldivia@psd1.org) or call the office at 509-546-7440 with the valid excuse.

Click to read the complete [Attendance Policy](#).