



# MS. MOSER'S SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME BACK, COLUMBUS!

Dear Columbus Families,

My name is Julia Moser, and I am so excited to partner with you all this school year. As the new school counselor at Columbus Elementary, I have been in and out of classrooms doing character education lessons, running our STARS and Ben's Bells program, and checking in with students.

I look forward to a fantastic year of supporting your children's growth!

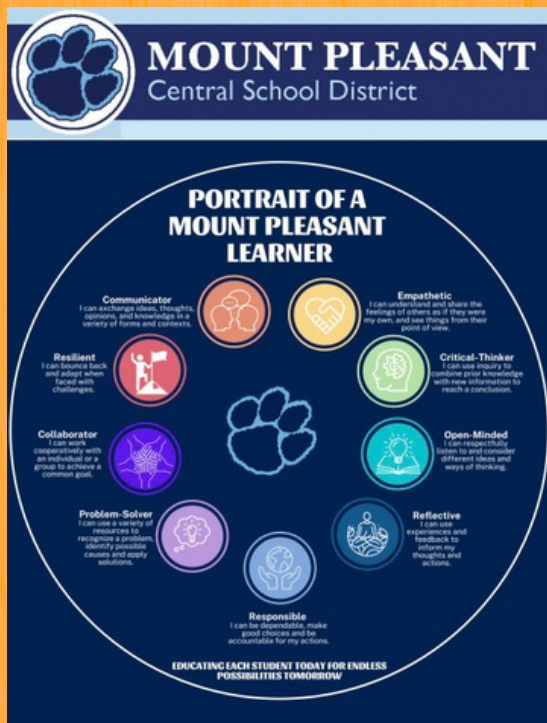
Sincerely, Ms. Moser



## SEPTEMBER CHARACTER FOCUS: RESPONSIBILITY

Our character education lessons are centered on Mount Pleasant's Portrait of a Learner, a framework highlighting nine qualities that help students become confident, successful learners.

This month, Columbus Elementary's Character focus has been responsibility. I have been visiting classrooms to discuss what taking responsibility means, and how our students can practice responsible decision making, both in and out of school. There have also been visual reminders in the hallways that encourage responsible decision making and choices.



# EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING AT COLUMBUS!

## SHINING BRIGHT WITH OUR STARS PROGRAM!

At Columbus, we encourage students to be **STARS - Students That Are Responsible, Respectful, and Safe!** Aligned with our Portrait of a Learner, our STARS program helps build a positive and supportive school culture.

When students are caught being STARS in the classroom, cafeteria, hallways, or at recess, they earn a STAR ticket.

They bring their ticket to me to choose a small reward and add their star to the Columbus Wall of Fame!

Through our September assemblies and hallway posters, we continue to reinforce what it means to practice STAR behavior everywhere they go.



## BEN'S BELLS



While our STARS program focuses on daily behaviors, Columbus also participates in **Ben's Bells** to celebrate great acts of kindness!

Through our Ben's Bells program, students and staff nominate peers who go above and beyond to make a positive impact through extraordinary acts of kindness. Unlike daily STAR tickets, Ben's Bells relies on community nominations to recognize these heartfelt moments, with official recipients celebrated at the end of each month. One student from each grade is selected, along with one staff member.

### CONVERSATION STARTER FOR HOME

Ask your child about an example of responsibility they saw at school this week!

### SEPTEMBER BOOK RECOMMENDATION: BUT IT'S NOT MY FAULT! BY JULIA COOK

This engaging story teaches students the power of taking responsibility and making positive choices.

