



Columbia Chatter

Columbia Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization Newsletter

Welcome from Principal Deb Powell:

I am excited to **WELCOME BACK** our students, families, and staff for the 2011-2012 school year and proud to introduce our new school, Columbia Elementary! The building is cleaned and polished, and classes will be held in every room in the building. Our custodians and volunteers, led by transition coordinator, Mr. Greg Meschke, have done a wonderful job moving teachers and preparing the rooms for the fall. All of the CES teachers have also been busy during the summer making preparations for the new school year.

I am planning and anticipating a year filled with challenge, learning, and excitement. The staff and I are very excited that you have entrusted your child's education to us. We will make every effort to help your child achieve academically and socially this year. It is our goal to create an enriching learning environment that engages each and every student. Of course, as the first teachers in your child's life we need your support. Columbia Elementary has an excellent teaching staff with a wealth of knowledge. We also have an excellent support staff that work in different capacities to support your child's learning.

I encourage you to become active in our PTO this year. They have been working collaboratively since spring to provide numerous support programs to Columbia Elementary. In addition, one of the primary goals of the CES PTO is to promote community spirit. This happens by organizing fun events throughout the year, supporting teachers and staff, fundraising, helping support academic programs and promoting other important events. The CES PTO welcomes every parent to become involved and make a difference at CES!

Finally, if your child needs additional support or if you have a concern, please don't hesitate to contact their teacher or me. It is our mission to support your child in whatever way we can. Columbia Elementary is fortunate to have resources to support students and their families. Remember "Working together makes a difference in the lives of our students". Welcome to Columbia Elementary and to a great school year!



On behalf of the new Columbia Elementary PTO, we would like to introduce you to **Columbia Chatter!** Last spring, we asked students and staff from both, Miller and Brooklyn, to give us suggestions for a new name for our monthly PTO newsletter. After receiving many great ideas, we unanimously agreed that **Columbia Chatter** was appropriate for combining our two schools into one, incorporating the Columbia name, and finally, chatter, to let you all know what is going on in our school, as well as our entire school district.

Columbia Chatter will be published at the beginning of each month, and it will be loaded with information about upcoming school functions, calendar of events, sports schedules, local resource numbers, and much, much more. The newsletter will also be posted on the Columbia School District website. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas you'd like to share in our newsletter, please contact Cathy Schiel at cathy.schiel@myeagles.org or 517-592-4846. Deadline for submitting requests will be the 15th of the month. Thank you for supporting our students, staff and PTO, and we hope you enjoy your first issue of **Columbia Chatter!**



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CES Staff for 2011/2012

Principal		Mrs. Powell
Secretary		Mrs. Hunter
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	Mrs. Hogle	Mrs. Caryl
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	Mrs. Pfister	Mrs. Beaghan
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	Mrs. Stucky	Ms. Weidenbach
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Resource Room		Mrs. Kandell
Social Worker		Mrs. Jordan
Reading Recovery		Mrs. Schedeler
Latchkey	Mrs. Heaton	Mrs. Lupp
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	Mrs. Jones	Miss Connie
	Mrs. Roulo	Mrs. Kouba
	Mrs. Weaver	Mrs. Wincent
	Miss Cindy	Mrs. Hennessey
	Mrs. Seffernick	Mrs. Richardson
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	Miss Karen	Mrs. Coleman
	Mrs. Tyndall	
Lunchroom	Miss Holly	Miss Cassandra
	Miss Sample	Mrs. Elwell
	Mrs. Rittinger	Miss Tina
Custodians	Mr. Bernstein	Mrs. Bones

Reminder:

Pre-School classes are at the Middle School.

BREAKFAST: \$1.20 LUNCH: \$2.15 MILK: \$.50

CES OFFICE: 517-592-6632

TRANSPORTATION DEPT.: 517-592-6449

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE: 517-592-6641

ABSENT HOTLINE: 517-592-7552

TICKET PRICES FOR SPORTS:

CMS: \$2.00 STUDENT \$3.00 ADULT

CCHS: \$4.00 STUDENT \$5.00 ADULT

SENIOR CITIZENS—FREE

FOR INFORMATION ON BUS ROUTES, PARKING, DROP OFF LOCATIONS, PLEASE VISIT COLUMBIASCHOOLEDISTRICT.ORG

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR ART PROGRAM

The CES Art Program is sponsored and is 100% financially supported by the PTO. Due to increased costs and deeper school cuts the PTO is asking for your assistance in providing any donations for art classes. Drop off any donations near the recycling bins. Please call Nancy Backus at 517-938-8045 for further information.

Art Wish List

Yarn

Beads

Wire

Exterior Paint—Any Color

Wood—4X8 sheets or smaller pieces

Mosaics—Tile—Marbles—Glass Globes

Plastic Bottle Caps

Foam Paint Brushes—Any sizes

Bowling Balls

Clay Tools

Clay—Self-Hardening



REMINDER!!

If you would like to volunteer at CES any-time during the school year for classroom help, parties, etc., you **MUST** have a background check completed. Please fill out a form in the office .

NEW SCHOOL HOURS!

8:00 am—2:55 pm (CES and CMS) 7:45—2:35 (CCHS)

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: September 6

First day of school hours (CES/CMS): 8:00 am—11:20 am



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SAVE THE DATE!



- September 12 7:30 pm Columbia School Board Meeting (Columbia Community Room)
- September 13 Bucket Filling Assemblies
- September 16 Kick-Off Race for Education
- September 17 8:30 am Playground Equipment Moving Day
- September 27 Picture Day
- October 7 2nd Annual "Race for Education"
- October 11 3:00 pm CES Indoor Family Portrait Fundraiser
- October 12 3:00 pm CES Outdoor Family Portrait Fundraiser
- October 15 1:00 pm CES Outdoor Family Portrait Fundraiser
- October 28 6:00 pm—8:00 pm CES Fall

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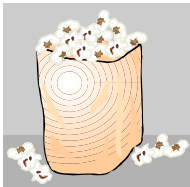
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POPCORN FRIDAYS ARE BACK!



Once a month (except for December), the PTO will serve popcorn on the Friday after the PTO meeting (see calendar for dates). If you would like to pay for popcorn for the entire year, please send \$3.00 with your child to school. Otherwise, popcorn will cost .50/bag. Forms will be sent home the first week of school. Make checks out to CES PTO.

IMPORTANT TID-BITS:



A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped spruce up and paint the grounds of CES and CMS! A special thank you to those who gave of their time, money, donated equipment, mulch, paint, tools, and everything else we needed to make our school grounds beautiful. Many hands made the work light—job well done!



United Way is sponsoring a grant to move some elementary over to CES. The Columbia Fire Dept. will be provided by United Way for all volunteers. This is a huge undertaking and we hope to see a lot



of the playground equipment from Miller Elementary is also part of this move. Food and t-shirts will be provided and the moving date is September 17. This is a huge undertaking and we hope to see a lot of you there. More info to follow...










Professional and local photographer, April Scott, will be hosting a family portrait fundraiser for CES (75% of sitting fee proceeds and 10% of printing proceeds go directly to the school). April will be taking family photos on 3 different dates in October, both indoor and outdoor shots available. A flyer will be sent home the first week of school.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! </div>					1 Varsity HOME vs. Northwest 7:00 pm <i>Parents Night</i>	2	3 
4	5 Labor Day 	6 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 1/2 Day 8:00 am - 11:20 am	7 Middle School Scrimmage @ Albion 4:30 pm	8 JV Game @ Hillsdale 6:00 pm	9 Varsity HOME vs. Hillsdale 7:00 pm <i>Wounded Warrior Project</i> 	10	
11	12 ART Starts! K-2 Columbia School Board Meeting 7:30	13 Bucket Filling Assemblies K-2 3-4	14 Middle School Game HOME vs. Hillsdale 4:30 pm	15 JV Game HOME vs. Leslie 6:00 pm	16 Kick-off Race for Education 1:30 pm Varsity @ Leslie 7:00 pm	17  Playground Equipment moving Day 8:30 am	
18 NATIONAL RESPECT DAY 	19 TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY 	20 CES PTO Meeting 6:00 pm Media Center	21 Middle School Game @ Western 4:30 pm	22 JV Game @ Albion 6:00 pm	23 CES Popcorn Day Varsity HOME vs. Albion 7:00 pm <i>Homecoming</i>	24	
SPRIT WEEK							
25	26	27 Picture Day	28 Middle School Game HOME vs. Leslie 4:30 pm	29 JV Game HOME vs. Western 6:00 pm	30 Varsity @ Western 7:00 pm	