

Reflections



New Program is on Target

An archery education program that was started in Kentucky in 2002 has spread throughout the United States and has arrived at Columbia Central High School this past spring. The National Archery in the Schools Program or NASP is designed to teach international style target archery and has been implemented in Mr. Michael Jordon's physical education curriculum. The students spent several days of classroom time going through the steps of understanding the program first before ever picking up a bow. "We really base it on safety," said Mr. Jordon, "it is target shooting. We are not learning how to hunt," he said. The students then shot at bulls-eye targets placed before a safety net in the gymnasium. "He (Mr. Jordon) showed us the pre-shot routine and we made string bows to practice our form," said ninth grade student Ryan Schatzle. The young archers lined up in a row of six in the "bows to toes" formation awaiting whistle commands from Mr. Jordon before shooting. "I learned you have to pull the arrow back in a certain way. You have to paint the face," said ninth grader Evan Myers referring to the drawback position and follow through where the fingers touch the face. The program helps with mental concentration and core strengthening physical fitness as well as teaches responsibility, discipline, and respect.



Many of you remember Judy Horning, Principal, Chapter 1 Director, and teacher in the Columbia School District. Back in August 2003 we published a portion of a research paper she completed in college that was donated as part of the school archive. As our district continues to evolve we pause to reflect again. I have included some segments from Mrs. Horning's research and in her written word:

Brooklyn's first schoolhouse was opened in the fall of 1834. Miss Ruth Maria Watkins was the first schoolteacher. The school was erected on the north side of Marshall Street. It stood across the street from the present Presbyterian Church parking lot. It was of wood construction and had the distinction of being the only building in town painted red. The "little red schoolhouse", like those established in surrounding areas at the time, offered a curriculum of reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling, geography and history. The children of six Brooklyn families were the first students, and Mr. Edward Smith who held property next to the schoolhouse was its only school board member. In her diary, Miss Watkins describes the first schoolhouse: "I found my schoolhouse had just received a roof and a floor, siding and a chimney. Oak slabs with legs pinned through them, answered for seats and desks. A little pulpit-like arrangement in the rear end answered as well for the teacher during the week as it did for the Elder on the Sabbath. Such was the appearance of the old red schoolhouse when I first entered it. How different from the seats of learning with which I had been familiar. There it stood, for years the temple as well as the school room-the singing school, the debating club, the public gathering for every purpose; elections and electioneering."¹ In 1859 a second schoolhouse was built



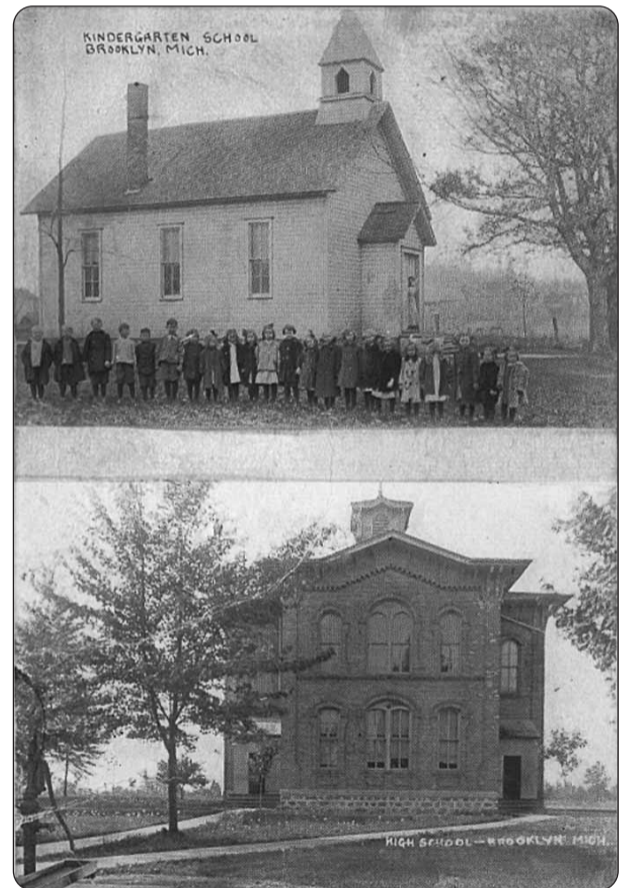
two rooms each. Segregation of the sexes was very evident. The girl's playground and entrance was on the left side and the boy's playground and entrance on the right. On December 1, 1949 Brooklyn School became Brooklyn Rural Agriculture School, under the Rural Agricultural School Act...there were 512 students enrolled. Brooklyn Elementary School was constructed in 1951 and the Brooklyn High School was erected in 1956 on 20 acres of land located across the street from the elementary building. (A personal note from Judy here..."I was in the eighth grade at the time. It was a beautiful school and we were proud of it. I remember moving day as being very cold and chaotic, but fun. Each student carried a piece of furniture to the new building. We must have looked like ants from the air, for it was one long line from one building to the other.")

It was shortly after this that the school name was altered to Brooklyn Community Schools. In the middle 1960's, the state directed the consolidation of schools to K-12. On January 30, 1967 Cement City Rural Agricultural Schools voted to annex with Brooklyn Community Schools. On May 15, 1967 Clark Lake School District also voted to annex. The three schools became Columbia School District and covered portions of seven townships. Two years after the consolidation, Columbia Central High School was built on Hewitt Road near Lake Columbia. It was occupied in December 1969 and dedicated on April 5, 1970. The former high school became what we now know as Columbia Middle School.

Editor's note: This entire document is on file in the Administration Office and provides Judy's source list. For the quotations in this article: 1: The Exponent, April 3, 1930 Vol. 49 No. 36. and 2: Taylor, Benjamin F. Old Times In The Oak Openings. S. C. Griggs and Co., c1887.



further west on Marshall Street. It was the first brick building to be constructed in the area. Several other teachers had been added to the staff contributing their skills in educating Brooklyn's young citizens. An eighth grade education seemed enough of an accomplishment in those early years of education. From 1838 to 1841 Benjamin F. Taylor, a graduate of Collegiate Institute, taught a select academy. The school was held upstairs in what was called Columbia Hall on Main Street. Mr. Taylor describes the school in his book *Old Times In The Oak Openings*: "Pupils came from over the hill, down by the mill and across the River Raisin. They brought their tuition money-big pennies knotted into corners of blue and white cotton handkerchiefs or tucked into a weasel skin purse. Some paid their tuition in hazelnuts and walnuts. Some trapped pigeons for village tables."² It was during this period of Michigan history that school districts were organized in each township. Brooklyn was School District # 7. The prosperity of the community was reflected by the increased enrollment of the district school, which necessitated the construction of a new school building in 1868. The new brick building consisted of two stories of



The always evolving Columbia School District website is full of important information regarding school functions and daily activities. Log on to www.ColumbiaSchoolDistrict.org and follow the links to find the lunch menu, curriculum updates, sports and band schedules, Torch Bearer archives, school calendar, policies, new student enrollment information and various other points of interest. The website also features a link to *PowerSchool* where students and parents can access a student's records including attendance, grades, assignments and even messages from teachers. Just click on *Parent/Student* and follow the links. To see what sports are being played on any given day or to obtain a sports schedule click on *Athletics* and follow the links to the individual sport of your choice or for a different view, choose *What is happening this week at Columbia*. For assistance with the website, contact your school office or the administration office at 592-6641. (Note: Website is currently "under construction" with appropriate changes)



Pictured is Ms. Spring's Algebra class making use of the outside classroom constructed last year by students from the high school's wood shop class and landscaped with plants indigenous to Michigan planted by the 9th grade science class.



A Worldly Experience

In Mr. Nick Rulewicz Social Studies class at Columbia Middle School it is customary for the students to have an end of year project. This year was no exception as students researched a chosen country and did a presentation in front of their classmates. "We had to pick a country from the Eastern Hemisphere," said seventh grader Spencer Bicanobsky, "I chose Cambodia because I know someone from there," he said. The students actually did two presentations. One utilizing Power Point and one using maps they made showing political boundaries as well as resource, climate, and physical features. "It took us about four weeks after choosing our countries," said seventh grade student Gavin Baker referring to the preparation time. Then the anticipation mounted and the butterflies grew in the stomach, as it was time to present their information in front of their peers. "At first I was a little nervous," said Gavin, "then when I got up there it was easy," he said.



ACES

Being part of something big is no problem for Columbia Elementary School students. They recently took part in a global program called ACES or *All Children Exercise Simultaneously*. After proper stretching led by teacher Mr. Paul McDonald and several student council members, the elementary students exercised to pop music as kids in all fifty states and dozens of countries around the world did the same. Started in 1989, the program was developed to encourage kids to incorporate regular exercise into their lives and adopt healthy eating habits. "I do it (exercise) every day when I go home," said fourth grade student Cheyenne Dalton. Students separated into groups according to grade level and teachers also participated. Signs were made to help encourage the young participants who walked in large circles between each of the drills. "It was really fun because everyone got to get out of school and exercise," stated fifth grader Melissa Plummer.



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7 Elliptical Trainers
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Staff Signature: _____

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COLUMBIA COMMUNITY EDUCATION

COLUMBIA ADULT EDUCATION

CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 at Columbia Community Education

To register or receive more information, please call CCE at 529-9400

Register Early

<p><u>ENGLISH</u></p> <p>American Literature World Literature Reading Improvement Writing Short Stories</p> <p><u>CAREER CLASS</u></p>	<p><u>MATH</u></p> <p>General Math Algebra Transitional Pre-Transitional I & II</p> <p><u>SCIENCE</u></p> <p>Earth Science Biology Physical Science Life Science</p>	<p><u>SOCIAL STUDIES</u></p> <p>American Government U.S. History World Geography U.S. Geography Economics</p>
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Classes are free to residents of Jackson County.

*NOTE: For all non-residents of Jackson County the fee is \$125.00 per class.

2011 FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION

Saturday, September 10, 2011 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

- DIVISION I** Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st Grade (1st time players)
- DIVISION II** 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades
- DIVISION III** 4th and 5th Grades
- DIVISION IV** 6th, 7th and 8th Grades (Jr. High Division)

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER AT C.C.E. BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011. If this is not possible, you may register at the above scheduled times. Our soccer is for all boys and girls age 4 (Preschool) through age 13 (8th Grade). The fee is only \$30, which includes a T-shirt and 6 weeks of soccer. Any additional family members are \$15 each. Any player turning in forms after September 10, 2011, will be placed on a team by the C.C.E. staff.

NOTE COACHES ONLY:

Coaches must attend draft on Saturday, September 10, 2011
from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Players do not attend.

ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON SATURDAY MORNINGS AT C.C.E.

Any questions, contact Ralph Piepkow @ 529-9400.

RETURN THIS FORM TO C.C.E. BY **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011**

Players Name: _____ School: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____

I hereby certify that it is with my full knowledge that my child/ward _____ may play soccer during the 2011 season. I will not hold Columbia Schools or the Columbia Community Education department responsible for any injury my child/ward may sustain while engaged in this C.C.E. activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature

We need volunteer coaches!!!!!! Yes!!! I would like to help () Phone # _____
(A coach or representative from C.C.E. will be contacting you before your first game.)

Search for Instructors for Community Enrichment Classes
If you have a hobby or a skill you would like to share with others, please contact Columbia Community Education. We will offer a class to the community and you could be the instructor. Please contact Ralph Piepkow @ 529-9400 to share your enrichment class with others.

PHOTOGRAPH / VIDEOTAPE DENIAL

If you **do not want** your child's image and/or schoolwork products to be photographed or videotaped as part of an educational program used by the district or used in publications by your school building, this includes publishing their name on the Honor Roll or in local newspapers, please complete and sign this form and return to your child's school office.

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____ Contact number for verification _____

(List students name, grade and school building)

ADULT EDUCATION

REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN August 22nd FIRST TERM BEGINS September 12th

FREE to persons at least 20 years of age who desire to complete their high school education and earn their diploma. Columbia Adult Education has classroom settings or virtual classes in the evening through the E2020 program and classes are accredited by the Columbia School District.

Classroom Setting

A.M./P.M. classes Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

- Set up a registration time by calling 529-9400 during regular school hours, registration is by appointment only
- Contact South Central Michigan Works service center 841-5627 ext. 242
- Bring to registration driver's license or Michigan ID, birth certificate, copy of transcripts from last school attended and social security card

Virtual Classes

Meet once per week on Wednesdays
for setup and monitoring

**For more information call Columbia
Community Education at 529-9400**

Need A High School?

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Columbia Options High School

Open to students grades 9 through 12.
21 years of operation!
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Enroll today!!

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4460 N. LAKE ROAD
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OPTIONS HIGH SCHOOL

This program is available to youth, ages 14 through 20 who have had problems with their high school and need a positive change to obtain their high school diploma. Individual instruction is available within a positive atmosphere. Emphasis is on the students to motivate themselves to achieve positive educational objectives.

This program is also available to teenage mothers. Childcare is free during class time. This program is available to students from surrounding school districts. Call Ralph Piepkow to get more information on this unique high school program at 529-9400.

**Don't be a dropout.
Go to Columbia Options!**

FLAG FOOTBALL

Flag Football for grades Kindergarten - 3rd

Registration September 10th from 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.
(Coaches must attend draft same day)

Fee: \$30

Season begins September 17th

Seat Time Waivers

Columbia Community Education Options High School (CCE) now participates in a program called Seat Time Waiver (STW), which allows a student to take up to 100 % of their high school classes online. This innovative program can serve students who have attendance issues, work-related responsibilities, students with medical problems, teen parents with child care responsibilities, expelled/suspended students, as well as students who are accelerated learners. Although space is limited, CCE is currently looking for students to fill the remaining STW slots for the second semester. To be considered for the STW program, students must have the initiative and the ability to work on their own with minimal guidance from a mentor who will be supervising the learning experience. Exams will be taken under the mentor's supervision and credits earned will be tabulated according to the graduation requirements of Columbia Options High School. For more information regarding the STW program, please contact CCE Teacher Ms. Lisa Klink at (517) 529-9400.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION

Part 1 - If the child you are applying for is homeless, migrant or a runaway, check the appropriate category and verify with the district/school Homeless Liaison or Migrant coordinator at _____
 Homeless Migrant Runaway List the Child's Name, Grade, and Building in Part 3.

Part 2 - If any member of your household received Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program(FIP), or FDIPIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits.
 Name: _____ Case Number: _____ Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers
 If a case number is provided only students need to be listed in Part 3.

Part 3 - Household Names - List below *all* people living in your household, students and non-students, foster children, related or unrelated. For example, grandparents, other relatives, and/or friends, including yourself and children who live with you, *must* be listed.
 Part 4 - Total Household Gross Incomes - Include the amount of money and circle how often it is received. If the person does not receive any income "\$0" must be circled in the column Circle if NO income. If you listed a FAP/FIP/FDIPIR number in Part 2, skip to Part 5.

Names	Circle Yes if Foster Child	Grade (if applicable)	Building Name (if applicable)	Circle if NO Income	Earnings from Work (before any deductions and taxes)		Welfare, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement, Social Security		All Other Income	
					weekly	every 2 weeks	weekly	every 2 weeks	weekly	every 2 weeks	weekly	every 2 weeks
Example: Jane Doe	Yes			\$0	\$600	monthly	monthly	\$250	monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly
1	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly
2	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly
3	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly
4	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly
5	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly
6	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly
7	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly
8	Yes			\$0		monthly	monthly		monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly

Part 5 - Signature and Last Four (4) Digits of Adult Social Security Number (Adult household member MUST sign and date.)
 If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four (4) digits of his or her Social Security Number or check the "I do not have a social security number box". See Privacy Act Statement on the back of this page.

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the sponsor will get federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that sponsor officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my child may lose benefits and I may be prosecuted.

Sign Here: X _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____
 Last Four (4) Digits of Adult Social Security Number: XXX-XX-_____
 I do not have a Social Security Number

Address	City	Zip Code	County
Home/Cell Phone	Work Phone	Email Address	By providing your email address you may be notified via email of your eligibility for free and reduced price school meals.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Columbia School District offers healthy meals every school day. Students may buy lunch for \$2.15 K-4th/\$2.30 5th-12th and breakfast for \$1.20 K-4th/\$1.30 5th-12th. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. We sell reduced price lunches for 40 cents and breakfasts for 30 cents. If a doctor has determined that your child has a disability, and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make any substitution prescribed by a licensed physician at no extra charge. The physician's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, must be submitted to the food service department at your school. For further information, please call Brenda Hubbard (517) 592-4110.

- DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?
 No. Complete the application to apply for free and reduced price school meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Brenda Hubbard, 11775 Hewitt Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230
- WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?
 Children in households getting Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
- CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?
 Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.
- CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?
 Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call Lisa Peterson (517) 592-6641, homeless liaison or migrant coordinator to see if your child(ren) qualify.
- WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?
 Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
- SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?
 Please read the letter you got carefully and follow any instructions if provided. Call the school at (517) 592-4110 if you have questions.
- MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?
 Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- I GET WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC). CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?
 Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. An application must be filled out by WIC households.
- WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE VERIFIED?
 Yes, we may ask you to send written proof of any information provided on the application.
- IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?
 Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting FAP, FIP, FDPIR, or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.
- WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?
 You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Brent Beamish (517) 592-6641, 11775 Hewitt Rd., Brooklyn, MI 49230
- MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?
 Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?
 You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of the expenses), do not include them.
- WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?
 List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?
 If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
- WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE?
 Your children may qualify for low cost or free health insurance through MICHild and Healthy Kids Program. To apply online, go to www.michild.gov/michild or call 1-888-988-6300 for help or to request a paper application.
- MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HIS/HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?
 No. If the combat pay is received in addition to his/her basic pay because of his/her deployment and it wasn't received before he/she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
- MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?
 To find out how to apply for Food Assistance Program (FAP) or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-481-4989.

Sincerely,

Brenda Hubbard

Part 6 - Child's Racial/Ethnic Identity (optional)

Check One or More Racial Identities:

American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian

Black or African American White

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Other

Check One Ethnic Identity:

Hispanic or Latino

Neither Hispanic or Latino

Privacy Act Information: Social Security Number

The Richard B. Russell School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four (4) digits of the Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application. The Social Security Number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child, list a FAP or FIP case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child, or indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

VERIFICATION - FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Date Selected for Verification: _____	Date Follow-up/Second Notice: _____	Date of Adverse Notice Sent: _____
Confirming Officials Signature: _____	Follow-up Official's Signature: _____	
Response Due from Household: _____	Verification Official's Signature: _____	

FAP/FIP/FDPIR/Foster Eligibility:	Income	Verification Result	Reason for Eligibility Change:
<input type="checkbox"/> Not confirmed	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Free to Reduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Income
Confirmed:	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Free to Paid	<input type="checkbox"/> Household Size
<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Every 2 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced to Free	<input type="checkbox"/> Refused to Cooperate
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Twice a month	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced to Paid	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> No Change	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual		

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL - FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Household Size: _____	Reason for Denial:
Total Gross Income: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Income Too High
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Every 2 Weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Twice a Month	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual	
<input type="checkbox"/> Number of Children Free	
<input type="checkbox"/> Number of Children Reduced	
<input type="checkbox"/> Number of Children Paid	
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Free - Time Period: _____ (expires after _____ days)	

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____ Date Dropped/Withdrawn: _____

IF YOUR ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD GETS FAP, FIP, OR FDPIR, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part 1: Skip this part.

Part 2: List the name and case number for any household member (including adults) receiving FAP, FIP, or FDPIR.

Part 3: List child(ren)'s name, grade, and building.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign and date the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

Part 6: Answer this question.

If you are applying for a homeless, migrant, or runaway child, check the appropriate category and contact your Homeless Liaison or Migrant Coordinator. Fill out application by following instructions for ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS.

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR ONLY FOSTER CHILD(REN), FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part 1: Skip this part.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: List the foster child(ren)'s name, circle Yes for foster child, and list grade and building.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign and date the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

Part 6: Answer this question.

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: (Includes households with WIC, homeless, migrant, runaway, and households with both foster and non-foster children.)

Part 1: Complete if applicable.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Follow these instructions to report ALL household members:

- Column 1 - Names: List the first and last name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children living with you. Be sure to include all children. Attach another sheet of paper, if needed.
 - Column 2 - Circle Yes if Foster Child: Circle Yes if applicable.
 - Column 3 - Grade: Fill in the grade for each child attending school.
 - Column 4 - Building Name: Fill in the building name for each child attending school.
- Part 4: GROSS INCOME: Use this section to report all income in your household from the previous month: Next to each person's first and last name, list each type of income received last month. Next to the amount, circle how often the person got it (weekly, every 2 weeks, twice a month, or monthly).
- o All persons must claim some income, or indicate that they receive no income. If a person, including any child listed in part 3, does not have any income, then \$0 must be circled in the column labeled "Circle if NO Income."
 - o Earnings from Work: List the gross income each person earned from work. This is not the same as take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. Net income should ONLY be reported for self-owned business, farm, or rental income.
 - o Welfare, Child Support, and Alimony: List the amount each person received last month.
 - o Pensions, Retirement, and Social Security: List the amount each person received last month.
 - o All Other Income: All Other Income includes Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits, disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, personal income from foster children, and any other income.

Part 5: An adult household member must sign and date the form, list the last four (4) digits of their Social Security Number, or check the box "I do not have a Social Security Number."

Part 6: Answer this question.

Coordinated School Health Team (CSHT) Goals for the 2011-12 School Year

- Fully implement the School Food Guidelines
- Work with Food Service Team to offer a variety of healthy options on our menus
- Encourage physical activity at all building levels

Are you participating in our school breakfast and lunch program?? We have made some healthy changes!! Check it out!

- Using all whole grain bread products including breaded chicken nuggets and pizza crusts
- Increasing fresh fruits and vegetables at every meal
- Salads are offered as a lunch option at each building - Salads are made with romaine lettuce and fresh vegetables daily
- All products are baked and NOT fried
- Lean protein options are available
- A la Carte offerings include yogurt parfaits, fresh deli sandwiches, salads and more
- Middle school offers a Grab n Go option for students who arrive with minimal time to eat (a bag might include a piece of fruit, granola bar and milk)
- Breakfast is offered fresh daily

CSHT is made up of teachers and other staff members, administrators, and community members. We meet annually four times a year. Our goal is to encourage healthy lifestyles for our community members through education, activity and awareness. We welcome parents to our committee. Please contact Christi O'Neil if you are interested in being a member. Visit our website for the school breakfast and lunch menus, and in September we will offer healthy living ideas for the entire family!

LUNCH PRICES

ELEMENTARY.....BREAKFAST \$1.20.....LUNCH \$2.15
 SECONDARYBREAKFAST \$1.30.....LUNCH \$2.30
 MILK 50¢

ATHLETIC TICKET PRICE

CMS \$2.00 Admission

CCHS Students \$4.00 Admission

Adults \$5.00 Admission

Family Pass Available - \$135.00 all events

Student Pass Available - \$70.00 all events

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

*Columbia Central Athletic Passes (Family/ Individual) are now on sale in the high school Athletic Office.
 Phone: 592-6634*

CORRECTIONS

Correction: CMS 2nd Semester All A's Honor Roll

Beyer, Hailey - Grade 7, Center, Caitlin - Grade 8
 Cook, Maria - Grade 7, Daniels, Cameron - Grade 7
 Dickens, Hailey - Grade 7, Maloney, Seth - Grade 7
 Montague, Courtney - Grade 7, Rudd, Rachel - Grade 8

Calendar of Events 2011/12

Sept. 6.....First Day of School - 1/2 day
 Nov. 9Parent/Teacher Conferences - 1/2 Day
 Nov. 10P/T Conferences PM Only
 1/2 Day No School Students
 Nov. 11.....School AM Only
 1/2 Day No School Students
 Nov. 24/25 ...Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
 Dec. 19.....Winter Break Begins
 Jan 2.....School Resumes
 Jan. 16.....Martin Luther King Day - No School
 Jan. 27.....End of First Semester
 Feb. 20Presidents Day - No School
 Mar. 30.....Spring Break Begins
 Apr. 9School Resumes
 May 28.....Memorial Day - No School
 June 8.....Last Day of School - 1/2 Day

The Michigan Merit Curriculum High School Graduation Requirements

ENGLISH - 4 Credits

English Language Arts 9, English Language Arts 10, English Language Arts 11, English Language Arts 12

MATH - 4 Credits

Geometry, Algebra I, Algebra II, One math or math-related course in final year of high school

SCIENCE - 3 Credits

Biology, Chemistry or Physics, one additional science credit

SOCIAL STUDIES - 3 Credits

World History & Geography, U.S. History & Geography, .5 credits in both Civics and Economics

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH - 1 Credit

SENIOR TRANSITIONS - 1 Credit

VISUAL, PERFORMING AND APPLIED ARTS - 1 Credit

ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Integrated in certain high school courses

WORLD LANGUAGE - 2 Credits

Class of 2016 and beyond

What can parents do to help students succeed with this curriculum?

Get involved and stay involved. When a parent is actively involved, kids do better in school. Be a partner with each teacher. Teachers need your cooperation to do a first-class job. Together you can help your child to have a great school year. Help your child establish a study routine in a quiet area at home. Most importantly, be supportive.

For more information visit the Michigan Department of Education high school web page at www.mi.gov/highschool

Additional Local Requirements Senior Transitions in 12th grade and 1 Computer Education credit
25 Total Credit Hours to Graduate

NOTIFICATION

The Department of Environmental Quality source water assessment has been completed and a copy is available at the administration office.

COLUMBIA SCHOOLS CHILD CARE

Columbia Preschool Program

Located at Columbia Middle School

READINESS PRESCHOOL

4 yr. old Monday through Thursday A.M. and P.M. classes

A.M. Preschool: 7:50 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.*

P.M. Preschool: 11:40 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.*

TUITION PAID PRESCHOOL

4 yr. old Monday, Wednesday, Friday A.M. and P.M. classes

A.M. Preschool: 7:50 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.*

P.M. Preschool: 11:40 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.*

3 yr. old Tuesday and Thursday A.M. and P.M. classes

A.M. Preschool: 7:50 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.*

P.M. Preschool: 11:40 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.*

*All times subject to change

TUITION RATES PER MONTH

2 days a week = \$85 • 3 days a week = \$105 • 4 days a week = \$125
 \$25 registration fee

To register need name, contact number and address to hold a spot, call:

Nancy Knaup, Preschool teacher 592-9753

Jennifer Uhl, Preschool teacher 592-9135

Columbia Child Care Program

Located at Columbia Elementary School

Monday through Friday-year round- 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ages 2½ through 4th Grade

To register call: **Vickie Heaton, Program Director at 592-9135**

\$25.00 annual registration fee

COLUMBIA SCHOOLS CHILD CARE RATES

RATES ARE PER CHILD, PER DAY

25% additional sibling discount

\$25.00 for over 5 hours of care	\$18.75 for over 5 hours of care
\$18.00 for over 2 -5 hours of care	\$13.50 for over 2-5 hours of care
\$ 6.00 for up to 2 hours of care	\$ 4.50 for up to 2 hours of care
\$ 6.00 before school	\$ 4.50 before school
\$ 6.00 after school	\$ 4.50 after school

As summer time winds down, please enjoy these writings from Mrs. Barb Dagenais last year's 7th grade Reading Class.



A Hot Day

Essay written by
Jordan Marcero

I hate scorching, burning, waterless days. The ones that leave you dry and parched and breathing quickly, gasping and sweating! The sun's heat is radiating down on you, and your head is throbbing with the blistering heat. Today is one of those days. I need to find a way to cool off!



I walk around outside, looking for shade. I locate a dark and cooler area. Emphasis on cooler, it was only tree shade, and nothing more than a scam to get me to believe I was comfortable, as nature dissolved my body into melted mush.

I continue through my yard, through the trees on the hill, through the water by the pond... Find me, coolness, for I will DIE without you! I wipe the sweat from my eyes, as I journey back through the scorching desert of grass and stone. I pant as the radiating heat burns my skin.

I stumble into the house. It becomes cooler, but only because the ground is no longer absorbing the sun's heat. The heat is seeping through the windows!! But wait, what is this cool breeze? Could this be an oasis in the desert? I follow the wind to my beautiful, grand, and cold refrigerator! I open the freezer side, and a blast of refreshment hits me, and I see ice cream! I grab the frigid bar as my senses tingle with joy! Finally, a cooling sensation to sooth my throbbing head!

I un-wrap the ice cream bar and stick the delicious treat into my mouth. I bite down hungrily and allow the frozen crystals to evaporate the heat from my body. It is good, so good. It is cold, so cold! Deliciously melting in my mouth, and so wonderfully running down into my aching stomach, it refreshes me! I am cool, on this hot, HOT day!



Lifejacket

Written by
Cole Kelly

Walking on water in the old days
Only required a boat, rope, water, and a lifejacket.
My cousin Calvin lives on a lake
The pool of opportunity.
When you're in the lake about to go up
The water is a lifeless liquid.
Until the boat starts.
Every bit of water becomes solid
Now Calvin stands on the lake as light as a feather.
The water does not always stay stable.
Calvin falls.
When falling the water is so hard it feels like grass
Yet, something harder hits Calvin on the head.
His ski.
The impact causes Calvin to black out
And the world becomes a blanket over his head.
The lifejacket however is still conscious
It strains like a desperate animal in your arms about
To be put in a bath.
Farther ahead the boat throws into top gear,
Wheeling around to pick up Calvin.
The lifejacket never gives up.
Of all the people
The driver, spotter, or navigator
The lifejacket is the most important person.



BOARD BRIEFS

Introducing your new Columbia School District Board of Education members...



Jodi Collins

Jodi Collins - 4 Year Term

Mrs. Collins is employed by the Jackson County Intermediate School District as a speech therapist and has worked with our students here at Columbia School District for the past seven years. She graduated from Columbia Central High School and her children are enrolled in our schools. She is looking forward to giving back to the school district through her service on the board.

Shawn Martin - 1 Year Term

Recently appointed as a replacement for a board member who resigned for personal reasons, Mr. Martin is looking forward to working with school administrators to ensure a positive future for our schools. His appointment will be until June 30, 2012. He is involved with the district's coaching staff on the baseball team. His son attended Miller Elementary School and as a parent, he feels Columbia School District is a great district.



Shawn Martin



Amy Miller

Amy Miller - 4 Year Term

Mrs. Miller works for the State of Michigan and feels that her experience there coupled with her volunteer work for the district will assist in her service on our board of education. She and her family have been in the community for eleven years and have two children in our school district. Mrs. Miller is committed to providing the best education possible for our students, and is looking forward to participating in that process.



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Schedule of Board of Education Meetings

August 8, 2011 · September 12, 2011
October 10, 2011

November 14, 2011 · December 12, 2011

January 9, 2012 · February 13, 2012*

March 12, 2012 · April 9, 2012

May 14, 2012 · June 11, 2012

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. Also a second meeting (*) in October and February is reserved for board study focus. Meetings will be held in the Columbia Community Room at 7:30 p.m.

Some of the meetings may be held in other buildings in the district. Notice will be published when this takes place. The Administration Offices are located at 11775 Hewitt Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230. The telephone number is (517) 592-6641.

Columbia's Art Gallery



First grader Tristin Dupuis has been chosen as an Art A Loan artist from Columbia Elementary School. Her artwork of a self-portrait will be showcased during a reception at Ella Sharp Museum this fall and will be rented to an area business to display for a year. Art A Loan is a partnership between the museum and the Jackson Civic Art Association that features artwork created by kindergarten through 12th grade students from the Jackson County area.

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