



# COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## "Where Young Minds Set Sail."

Vincent Schlueter – Principal  
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### A few words from Mr. Schlueter



Parents,

As we approach our Fall Party, I would like to announce that students will be allowed to wear costumes to the parties. I am sending home, with this newsletter, some guidelines for costumes. One important note is that students should avoid face paint or hair color. Time will be limited for changing into costumes, so costumes should be made to go over regular clothing and be put on in the classroom. No students should come to school dressed in their costumes.

Don't forget our Columbus School Blood Drive on October 27. It will take place in the gym from 1:00 – 6:00 pm. The need for donated blood is great, so if you can make it, please do. The classroom with greatest participation wins a pizza party. The highest participation at each grade level gets a popcorn party.

At Columbus, we participate in a character building program called, "Spotting the Jaguar." Students spotted demonstrating the word of the month are given a certificate and get to place their name on a spot on the Jaguar. I ask that if your child comes home and announces that they were spotted, please let them know how proud you are of them.

Parents, if you are planning to volunteer in the building, you need to fill out a volunteer information form. Volunteering includes those helping on fieldtrips and classroom parties.

Sincerely,

Vincent J. Schlueter  
Principal



### OCTOBER CALENDAR

Friday, October 2	-	Spirit Day (Tiger colors)
Wednesday, October 7	-	Papa John's Pizza Night
Monday, October 12	-	Columbus Day (No school)
Tuesday, October 13	-	School Board Meeting (7:30 pm @ Woodland)
Friday, October 16	-	End of 1st Quarter 1/2 Day Teacher In-service (Students dismissed at 12:15 pm)
Wednesday, October 21	-	Picture Re-takes
Friday, October 23	-	Report Cards go home with students
Monday, October 26	-	School Board Meeting (7:30 pm @ Woodland)
October 26 – 30	-	Red Ribbon Week
Tuesday, October 27	-	Columbus Blood Drive (1:00 - 6:00 pm in the gym)
Wednesday, November 3-	-	Papa John's Pizza Night

### **Reminder:**

All visitors must present a photo ID to the School Security Officer upon entering the building.

### **Columbus School PTO Officers – 2009/10**

President - Janet Connelly ([kjskr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kjskr@sbcglobal.net))  
Vice President - Michael Chiaurro ([thehandler@brick.net](mailto:thehandler@brick.net))  
Treasurer – Dave Leggitt ([goblooze@sbcglobal.net](mailto:goblooze@sbcglobal.net))  
Secretary – Danielle Henke ([henkedanielle@yahoo.com](mailto:henkedanielle@yahoo.com))

PTO meeting – October 15, 2009 @ 4:00 pm

### Character Word of the Month

### **Responsibility**

*Definition:* Making logical choices and being responsible for your own actions with consideration for the effects on yourself and others.

*Sentence:* It is the responsibility of all our students to complete their homework.

**Parents,**

**Please make sure to call in by 9:30 a.m. and let the office know if your child is going to be absent.**

## The Social Work Corner

Mary Williams LCSW & Rachel Anderson BSW

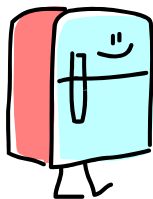
"If you take responsibility for yourself you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams."  
Les Brown

October's word of the month is Responsibility. To discuss responsibility at home, you can talk to your child about how an individual has a duty to be responsible in various settings.

For example, at school students must turn in completed homework assignments on time. While at home an individual's responsibilities may be different like taking care of pets or making the bed.

Being a responsible individual means being accountable to oneself, to others and to the broader community.

To monitor your child's responsible actions in these different settings, you can make a responsibility chart at home. Together, come up with ways that your child can be responsible. Write them on a piece of paper and hang it on the refrigerator. Let your child personalize the chart, by drawing pictures or writing in fun colors. When he/she completes these tasks, put a star or sticker on the chart next to the task, and verbally acknowledge his/her good choices. Also, model responsible behavior and this will help him/her become a responsible individual and you'll feel proud of him/her!



(Information on responsibility from [www.charactered.net](http://www.charactered.net))

Please remember that there is no supervision of students before 8:45 a.m. In the afternoon, students are engaged in classroom activities until 3:30 p.m. Adhering to these times helps keep students safe and ensures that they receive the maximum benefits of their classroom time.



## Nurse's Notes

Sandy Hillmer

It's that time of year again, and if your child complains of "feeling sick" on a school day, this information may be helpful in making a sound decision about whether they should attend school or not.

Observe your child's appearance and behavior. Listen to his/her complaints and note symptoms. These may include:

\*Fever - Fever is an indication that the body is actively resisting or fighting an infection. Check your child's temperature with a thermometer. Please keep your child home when their temperature is 100 degrees or above. **It is recommended that students should be fever free without the aide of medication for 24 hours before returning to class.**

\*Vomiting - Vomiting may be caused by an infectious process or may occur in response to coughing or a non-contagious illness. Please keep your child home until they are eating and drinking without difficulty.

\*Influenza - Hacking cough, congestion, chills, fever and muscle aches require rest at home.

\*Diarrhea - Diarrhea is uncontrollable. Children with **more than one episode should stay at home** until they are feeling better.

\*Sore throat - A child with a mild sore throat may attend school. Look for swelling, fiery red throat, white patches, or difficulty swallowing. These symptoms may require follow-up.

\*Headache or Stomachache - The use of parental judgment, based on current and past experience with your child is necessary to determine the course of action as long as they are not running a fever or experiencing vomiting.



*Students who are healthy and have good attendance demonstrate more success at school. Taking precautions when your child is ill helps them to recuperate faster and helps prevent the spread of disease to others.*

The price of greatness is responsibility – Winston Churchill