



Columbus School

Where Young Minds Set Sail
Home of the "Jaguars"

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A few words from Mr. Schlueter



Welcome back. The year has started smoothly. Thank you for helping prepare your children to begin the school year excited and prepared.

I would like to thank all the parent volunteers that helped with registration. Through your efforts, we are able to complete programs designed to support our children. If you wish to become active at Columbus, please join us for our first PTO meeting of the year. The meeting will be held on September 17 at 7:00 pm. I hope to see many you that evening.

Just a reminder, the first quarter progress reports will be going home on September 18. For parents of 3rd grade students, this will be your child's first academic report. It is designed to let you know in advance on how your child is doing. Don't forget, you can access this information through Tigerview. If you are having difficulty accessing Tigerview, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Vincent J. Schlueter
Principal

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



- September 2 - Papa John's Pizza Night
- September 7 - Labor Day (no school)
- September 8 - Fundraisers Due
- September 14 - School Board Meeting
7:30 pm at Woodland
- September 17 - Columbus PTO Meeting
7:00 pm in the cafeteria
- September 17 - Fall Picture Day
- September 18 - Progress Reports
(Students will bring home)
- September 28 - School Board Meeting
7:30 pm at Woodland
- October 7 - 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 – 2008/09

President - Janet Connelly (kjskr@sbcglobal.net)
Vice President - Michael Chiaurro (thehandler@brick.net)
Treasurer – Dave Leggitt (goblooze@sbcglobal.net)

PTO fundraiser cut-off dates:
All orders must be turned in by September 8.
Checks payable to Columbus PTO
Our goal is \$15,000.

Please come to our first meeting on Sept. 17 @ 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria.

Character Word of the Month

Respect

Definition: Having and showing consideration and positive belief in yourself, others, property, rules, and authority.

Sentence: I respect my parents because they take care of me and know what is right and what is wrong.

Parents,

To avoid confusion over transportation changes, please write a note in your student's tracker informing the teacher of any changes.

Don't forget the PTO Fundraiser. 50% of all sales goes to the PTO and supports the Columbus School students

The Social Work Corner

Mary Williams

Columbus School Social Worker

Columbus School will focus on the idea of respect during the month of September. As parents, what we demonstrate as respectful actions seep into our children's daily interactions; what we display as respect is what they will display as respect. Here are a few questions to spark thoughts about what you are teaching your child through your actions:

Do I treat other people the way I want to be treated?

Am I considerate of others?

Do I accept personal differences?

Do I work to solve problems without violence?

Do I intentionally ridicule, embarrass, or hurt other people?

Do I treat people with civility, courtesy, and dignity?

Your child wants to be like you, and will imitate what he/she interprets as respect from you.

They are our mirrors! Not only is modeling a great way to teach respectful behavior, but you can also problem-solve with your child to help them determine respectful actions. This can be accomplished during conversation (as simple as light-talk while you're driving) or while playing.



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

As you have heard on the news, the flu is already making itself known in the St. Louis metropolitan area. The CDC recommends taking steps to protect your family now. The following are some answers to questions you may have about flu vaccination.

Should children get a flu vaccine?

- **YES**, Each year, children need medical care because of the flu and may become hospitalized because of complications which can be fatal.
- **CDC recommends that all children aged 6 months up to their 19th birthday get a flu vaccine.**

Are younger children especially at risk?

- **YES**, children younger than 5 commonly need medical care and can experience more severe complications. Infants younger than 6 months are at the greatest risk of complications.

My child already has asthma, should she get a vaccine?

- **YES**, Children with chronic health problems are at especially high risk of developing serious flu complications.

Should I, as a parent, get a flu vaccine?

- CDC recommends that anyone in close contact or who cares for a child less than 5 years, or who cares for any age child with a chronic health problem (i.e. asthma, diabetes, etc.) get a flu vaccine.
- The best way to protect children younger than 6 months is to make sure members of their household and their caregivers are vaccinated.

When should I get my child vaccinated?

- **Yearly.** Flu vaccination should begin in September and continue throughout the flu season, into December, January, and beyond.
- Children 6 months up to 9 years of age getting a flu vaccine for the first time will need two doses of vaccine the first year they are vaccinated. If possible, the first dose should be given in September or as soon as vaccine becomes available. The second dose should be given 28 or more days after the first dose. Two doses are necessary to protect these children.

Source: For more information visit www.cdc.gov/flu

Respect for ourselves guides our morals; respect for others guides our manners.

- Laurence Sterne