A Note from Mrs. Beller

There’s something about the month of March that is fresh and rejuvenating. With flowers in bloom and warm weather on the horizon, what’s not to love about this time of year? Spring hasn’t officially sprung just yet, but it’s just around the corner.

One of our goals at Columbian is to work together with parents to facilitate a once in a lifetime learning experience every day for every student. This starts with communication between home and school, including keeping you informed about what is happening in the classroom and how your child is progressing. Parent Teacher Conferences is a time to do just that and focus on your child. Our 2nd semester conferences are March 7 and 8. Please plan to attend to hear how your child is achieving. We will keep your conference time the same as was scheduled during the 1st semester Parent Teacher Conferences. A reminder was sent home. If you need to reschedule, please feel free to call Mrs. Kleveter or contact your child’s teacher directly and we will find a new time that works for your family.

March and April will be especially important for our students as they focus their efforts and attention on school. Important assessments will be administered during these months. The state assessments, NeSA-ELA, NeSA-M and NeSA-S, will be administered to students in grades 3-6 beginning in March and running through almost the entire month of April. Classroom teachers will send out specific dates for each classroom.

Columbian has eager, bright learners and I encourage you to keep making school, learning and respect a priority in your home. Students should be reading every night and practicing their math facts and problem solving skills to extend their learning time as part of school-wide achievement focus.

Sincerely, Mrs. Nanette Beller
What’s Happening Around Columbian?

THE NEXT COLUMBIAN PTO MEETING IS MONDAY, MARCH 6

The next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, March 6th in the library at 6 PM. Childcare for school age children is available – contact Karen Burmood at sunnymonday@yahoo.com for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! HUMMEL PARK DAY CAMP IS JUNE 5-9, 2017

Signups open March 13th at 8 AM. Students must have completed first grade. Columbian has only 65 spots reserved, so sign up soon! Daily bus transportation will be provided (Columbian will be the pick up site).

SCHOOL SAFETY

Please remember when picking up or dropping off your students:

• The drive in and out of our school parking lot is a NO PARKING ZONE. Also, it is not a drop off zone in the morning. Please find an alternate location for pickups.

• Do not walk between buses to pick up your child. This is a huge safety issue! Walk to either end of the sidewalk to cross. Yes, it takes longer, but it’s safer!

• Do not park anywhere in the bus lane at arrival or dismissal.

• Please watch carefully as your child gets out of your car in the morning. We have had several children almost step in front of passing cars. Children should exit vehicles on the passenger side.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR 2017-2018

We are already starting to get requests to use the Columbian gym and ball field in the evenings for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are a Columbian parent who is involved with a child’s team needing practice times, now is the time to apply for a permit. We want to open permits to our Columbian families first – contact the school office at (402) 697-1433 if you are interested.

GOLDEN SOWER CLUB RECEIVES THE GOLD

We want to congratulate the Golden Sower Club for making it to the Finals on April 25th at Northwest High School! Columbian Elementary and 48 other schools participated. Our Cobras received gold medals! We are so proud of your accomplishments!!

KIDS CLUB REGISTRATION

Registration for Kids Club has begun. Registration must be done at Kids Club from 7-9 AM or 4-6 PM. There is no waiting list at this time. If you have any further questions, please call (402) 697-1433, extension 1010.
ATTENTION COLUMBIAN FAMILIES:

It is hard to believe we are already gearing up for our summer school program here at Columbian! This year, we will be anchoring our enrichment program in the wellness theme: Healthy Me: Inside & Out. If you are a health care professional or work in the health industry and would be willing to volunteer to present or conduct a wellness activity during our summer school, please contact Mrs. Vlcek.

This may be a presentation to students regarding dental health, wellness, and nutrition or running a fitness class for our students. It may occur once or many times throughout the summer school enrichment program. Thank you in advance for your help in supporting a successful enrichment program!

Abbie Vlcek
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Summer School Principal
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Thank you for all the kind words, gifts and food for our staff during teacher appreciation week. We are so lucky to have such a generous community!!!

WE HAD FUN AT OUR NEBRASKA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!