A Note from Mrs. Beller

It seems cliché to say, but this school year has absolutely flown by. It is now April and we only have two months left of the 2016/2017 school year. Even though only a short time is left, we have multiple opportunities for achievement, involvement and participation coming up in April and May. Please check out our upcoming calendar dates and mark your calendars.

On Monday, March 27th, all students 3rd -6th grade began taking the NeSA. Testing and make-up days run the entire month of April. Please make sure your child is on time to school, has plenty of rest at night, and eats a healthy breakfast. All of our students and teachers have worked diligently to prepare your child for this test. We want our students to “show what they know” on those days.

While visiting classrooms, I witness children who are engaged and excited about their learning. I am proud of the children and teachers at Columbian Elementary School, and look forward to more great things until the last day of the 2016-2017 school year. We make every day COUNT here at Columbian!

Please come and get involved with us. As you can see by our calendar, we have many opportunities for parent involvement the remainder of the year. We will continue to involve your child in deep, rich learning experiences throughout the entire school year. I hope to see you at our upcoming activities.

Sincerely, Mrs. Nanette Beller

Important Dates to Remember

- March 27- April 21 NeSA Testing
  Grades 3-6
- April 14  NO SCHOOL
- April 21  Progress Reports Sent Home
- April 25  6th to H2O
- April 24-28 #OPSPROUD Week
- April 28  PK Family Fun Day

Looking Ahead…

- May 3  2nd & 3rd Baseball Trip
- May 4  School Carnival 5-7 PM
- May 8  PTO Meeting – 6 PM
- May 9  4th HyVee Field Trip
- May 11  West Area Concert Rehearsal/Box Lunch
  Only 9 AM–2:30 PM
- May 17  4th Grade to Lincoln
- May 19  1st Grade Play – 2 PM
- May 24  Fun & Fitness Day
- May 25  3rd Mormon Trail
- May 26  Last Day of School
  6th Grade Farewell Walk

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O... Optimizing Student Achievement
U... Understanding Citizenship
N... Nurturing Leaders of Tomorrow
T... Tradition of Excellence

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**What’s Happening Around Columbian?**

**OUR NEXT COLUMBIAN PTO MEETING IS MONDAY, May 8th**

The next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, May 8th in the library at 6 p.m. Childcare for school age is available – contact Karen Burmood at sunnymondays@yahoo.com for more information.

**SUMMER SCHOOL JUNE 5th-30th**

Don’t forget to turn in your Summer School registrations to the office by April 7th. It’s going to be a great learning adventure! Contact the school office at (402) 697-1433 if you are interested.

**We are in need of 2 liter bottles for Summer School. Please send them with your students for Mrs. Vlcek.**

**OUR SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM**

It’s official! Columbian School has again been selected to host a summer library program. Our school library will be open and staffed as follows:

June 5-30 (Monday- Friday) for:

- Summer school students 9 AM - 12:00 PM
- Everyone 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Watch for a flyer to come soon with more information!

**FUN & FITNESS DAY Wednesday, MAY 24th Rain or Shine**

PK & Grades K-3, 9:30-11:30
PK & Grades 4-6, 1:30-3:30

Look for the attached flyer to volunteer for Fun Day. Please contact Mr. Minchow or call the office, (402) 697-1433 with any questions.

Each child needs to bring a plain white T-shirt to Tie Dye for Fun Day.

*See attached flyer

**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 at (402) 697-1433 Ext. 1018 or abbie.vlcek@ops.org.

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, SSL/Summer School Principal
What’s Happening Around Columbian?

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2017-2018

Can you believe we’re thinking about this already? We are starting to prepare for next year. I do want to make families aware that the teachers and I will work together at each grade level to make appropriate, balanced classrooms based on needs, personalities, gender, academics, etc... We are not able to take class or teacher requests. With only 2 classrooms per grade level, it is very difficult to accommodate requests, be fair to everyone and make balanced classrooms.

If you do have concerns about your child’s educational placement for next year that you would like me to consider, I would be happy to visit with you. Please give me (Mrs. Beller) a call, (402) 697-1433. Thank you.

LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS

Dasch Dunning , 1st grade, donated Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes by Kimberly and James Dean

Libby Else, 2nd grade, donated Shoe-La-La! by Karen Beaumont in honor of her birthday

Layla Burmood, 2nd grade, donated Pig the Pug by Aaron Blabey

Avery Kluver, 5th grade, donated Jingle by Gordon Korman

KIDS CLUB REGISTRATION

Registration for 2017-2018 Kids Club has begun. Registration must be done at Kids Club from 6:30 – 8:35 a.m. or 4:05-6 p.m.

There is no waiting list at this time. If you have any further questions, please call (402) 697-1433.

GOLDEN SOWER CLUB

The Golden Sower Club is preparing for the final competition on April 25th.

The purpose of our Club was to read and discuss the 2016-2017 Golden Sower nominated books for the intermediate grades, and to determine those students who will go on to represent Columbian at the Golden Sower Contest in April. Ms. Bauerly and Mrs. Nicholson have worked together this year to prepare our team:

Kaitlyn Anderson
Audrey Bare
Jennifer Bonge
Elias Pipinos

Good Luck, Team Columbian!
We will celebrate after the competition with a pizza party at a date to be determined.

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A Cobra To COUNT on!

Cobra to COUNT on students recognized in February & March were:

Mohamed Ali
Carter Anderson
Micah Aranda
Ama Asantewa
Dakota Baughman
Dillon Birge
Ayden Birginal
DaShawnna Boatman
Callie Carder
Carlos Carter
Stella Clark-Kaczmarek
Dominic Creighton
Flor Cuevas-Mancinas
Maurice Dalton
Alyssa Danish
CJ Deas
Aleigh Epps
Jimmy Fitl
Jackson Flodine

A Cobra To COUNT on! (Continued)

Gavin Gaither
Oscar Gerstandt
Neena Griser
Levi Halbert
Elijah Heady
Haley Hornstein
Tatum Krelle
Brian Lang
Haidyn Lauridsen
Mircalla McCune
Caden Mitlier
Camden Pearsall
Jack Peterkin
Joshua Putnam
Alex Rich
Zach Rich
Anthony Ruiz
Joshua Shapiro
Blaze Stocklin
Julia Walenz
Bailey Washburn
Tanner White

Congratulations to all our Cobras to COUNT on!!!
Fun and Fitness Day 2017

Wednesday, May 24th

We need your help to make Fun and Fitness Day a great day for the students.

Fun and Fitness Day is split into two sessions. Students rotate through game stations. Each station needs at least two volunteers. The game instructions will be provided, so your job will be to teach the kids how to play the game and them watch them play and have fun.

We also need each child to bring a plain white T-Shirt to tie-dye for Fun and Fitness day. Please send them by Friday, April 28th to your classroom teacher. If you are able to donate extra T-shirts, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please fill out the volunteer form below and return it to the school office by Friday, April 28th.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Minchow at 402-697-1433

Fun and Fitness Day 2017 Volunteer

Name__________________________________________________________

Phone Number___________________________________ Email ________________________________

______ Yes, I will volunteer for the Morning (PK & Grades K-3) 9:30 -11:30 AM

______ Yes, I will volunteer for the Afternoon (PK & Grades 4-6) 1:30 – 3:30 PM

______ Yes, I am able to volunteer all day