Welcome back to the New Year...2018! I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing break with family and friends. It is hard to believe that we are in January and we begin the 2nd semester of school. Report Cards were sent home on December 22nd. Please sign and return the report card envelope to your child’s classroom teacher as confirmation of receiving it.

We are facing a very busy schedule in the upcoming months. In addition to regular daily routines, procedures and instruction, students and staff continue to focus on content standards and prepare to take a number of assessments, district and state.

All students can benefit from setting a goal for continuous improvement as the New Year begins. In addition, a good goal to set for the New Year is to help your child achieve more in school. Some great ways to do this are to check for homework in their assignment notebook every day, ask them about school, discuss notes written in their assignment notebook, sign all important papers (field trip permission slips, etc.) and read every day.

All Columbian students have a college & career ready contract as well as individual MAP growth goals that was signed by students, parents and teachers. Please remind them of the goals in this contract and hard work it requires to achieve success.

Continued warm wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!!

Sincerely, Mrs. Nanette Beller

THE NEXT COLUMBIAN PTO MEETING IS MONDAY, JAN 22ND

The next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 22nd in the library at 6 PM. Childcare for school age children is available – contact Kelly Dunning at Columbian.pto.kelly@gmail.com for more information.
What’s Happening Around Columbian?

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Please join us on Wednesday, January 24th at 10 AM for our special Kindergarten Round Up if:

- Your child is turning 5 before or on July 31st 2018.
- You live in the Columbian area.

Please call (402) 697-1433 to add your child’s name to our 2018-2019 Kindergarten list.

SAFETY FIRST

Please assist the Columbian staff in making sure the students are safe during arrival and dismissal each day. All students and visitors are to enter through the front door. As always, visitors going to the classrooms must sign in at the office and will receive a visitor’s badge.

The construction process of our new building has begun. This requires us all to be extra safe around the site. Please take extra precaution when walking on sidewalks and entering and leaving the drive.

Students are to only cross the street using the crosswalk. Also, please remember there is no parking where marked by “No Parking” signs, where curbs are painted red, or in the crosswalks.

The colder weather is here. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather and is not dropped off in the morning before 8:35 AM for breakfast.

This is just a reminder that dismissal is at 4:05 PM and all students should be picked up at that time. Thank you for your cooperation!

SCHOLASTIC CLASS PHOTO DAY

Tuesday, Jan 30th is class photo day. All students will be part of their class photo, which is for the school yearbook (there is no cost). You may order a copy of the class photo. Individual photos will also be taken of students who order them on their photo envelope. Order forms will be coming home.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM BEVERIDGE MAGNET SCHOOL

Do you have a 5th or 6th grade student? If so, it is time to start thinking about where your child will attend middle school for the 2018-19 school year. Beveridge Magnet School would like to invite interested families to attend the Magnet Open House on Thursday, January 25, 2018, from 6-7:30 pm. This event is designed to provide families with information and showcase various opportunities available to the students. In addition, below you will find some important dates for those students and families that will attend Beveridge in the 2018-19 school year.

- **Thursday, January 25, 2018** - Magnet Open House, 6-7:30 pm
- **Monday, March 26, 2018** - Incoming Parent Information Night, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, April 10, 2018** - Registration (6th/7th grade), 5-7 pm
- **Thursday, April 12, 2018** - Registration (6th/7th grade), 5-7 pm
- **Thursday, April 19, 2018** - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 6-8 pm
- **May TBA, 2018** - Beveridge visit/tour for incoming students, During the school day
- **August TBA, 2018** - Back to School Night, 5-7 pm
A Cobra To COUNT on!

Cobra to COUNT on students recognized in December were:

Ama Asantewa
Bella Baker
Nate Baker
Charlotte Blevins
Jennifer Bonge
Kelli Cain
Carlos Carter
Stella Clark-Kaczmarek
Oliver Dauner
Clare David
Marco De la Vega
Kaylia Dove
Hanson Duke
Tallis Englund
Jaydon Foote
Riley Francis
Everly Grubb
Grant Hamill
Lea Hanson
Max Hatfield
Tye Hatfield
Cadence Heath
Zia Humphries

A Cobra To COUNT on continued..

James Jones
Henry Kanago
Colin Kelin
Chase Kilgore
Kaelynn Kilgore
Jordan Lawani
Aniya Lawson
Song Minor
Brielle Morris
Nallely Nolasco-Hernandez
Hayden Nunn
Jack Peteler
Lily Peteler
Argyrenia Pipinos
Soren Puumala
Jack Raduechel
Niyati Reddymasu
Indya Scaife
John Strahl
Cody Swanson
Charlie Walenz
Julia Walenz
Jae’Veon Williams
Gavin Wycoff
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THE ALICE BUFFET OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Is there an Omaha Public Schools teacher that deserves recognition?

A great teacher can turn a geography lesson into an exciting adventure or make a passing conversation become a life lesson. And the Omaha Public Schools community is fortunate to have so many great teachers. It’s why the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award was created more than 25 years ago—to recognize those teachers who have gone above and beyond to help their students in the classroom and in life. Nominate an OPS teacher for this award, and tell us what he or she has done that has made a difference. Visit district.ops.org or www.buffettoutstandingteachers.org to make your nomination by January 12, 2018.

LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS

Jackson donated Dog Man Unleashed to the library in honor of his birthday.

Thank you for supporting the Library!

A REMINDER FROM THE NURSE ABOUT MEDICATION GUIDELINES

OPS policy states that no medications can be administered to a student without a doctor order and a parent signature. It also states that the parent or adult is to bring in the medication; students are not to bring in the medications. This includes prescription medications and over-the-counter medications including cough drops, Tylenol, ointments, and any other OTC medications.

If your child needs any of these while at school, we would be good to administer them, but we have to follow the policies. You can have your doctor fax an order and when the medication is delivered to school, you can sign the parent medication form.

Also, if your child takes any medications here on a regular basis, you will need to provide the most recent RX bottle with each refill. This insures that we have the most current doctor order and that it matches the order we have on file.

Safety is our number one priority for our students. We have these rules in place to eliminate medication errors. Thank you for your cooperation with our policies. If you have any questions or need assistance in any way, please feel free to call us.

Ms. Brown, RN, BSN and Mrs. Peters, Heath Professional

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