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 second semester conferences are March 6th and 7th. Please plan to attend to hear how your child is achieving. We will keep your conference time the same as was scheduled during the first 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.

Please see the flyer included in this newsletter on giving feedback through the link provided. This survey can be accessed from home or school. We will have computers available in the library at conferences if you would like to complete yours at school. We appreciate your participation and feedback.

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

THE NEXT PTO MEETING IS MARCH 5th

The next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, March 5th 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.
The Counselor’s Corner

A Cobra To COUNT on!

Cobra’s recognized in January & February were:

Congrats to our Cobras to COUNT on!

Kindergarten

Harper Johnson
Keith Jones
Shay Kilgore
Cindy Lin
Elliott Williams-Todd

1st
Carter Anderson
Ama Asantewa
Kaylia Dove
James Jones
Haydon Nunn
Evie Swanson
Charlotte Ziegler

2nd
Clare David
Neena Griser
Carlos Montanez-Lopez

3rd
Juliet Baker
Hanson Duke
Kemper Englund
Alex Hoffman

3rd continued........

Callie Huffman
Timothy Janicek
Charlotte Kielion
Aniyah Lawson
Charlie Pella
Payten Wright

4th
Taylor Elsasser
Alexia Lopez
Renatta Rogers

5th
Lea Hanson
Tye Hatfield
Paige Katz
Pavithra Raghavan
Nitya Reddymasu
Jordan Wright

6th
Chloe Buckles
Amelia Vyborny

Way To Go Cobras!!

KIDS CLUB REGISTRATION

It is time to begin registration for Kid’s Club. Registration must be done at Kids Club from 7-9 AM or 4-6 PM. If you have any further questions, please call (402) 697-1433, ext. 10.
**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 6th and Wednesday, March 7th from 4:15 to 7:30 PM. There will be no school Thursday and Friday, March 8th and 9th.

**We will be using the same times as fall conferences unless there is a conflict.** Call (402) 697-1433 to schedule or change a time.

**SCHOOL SAFETY**

Please remember when picking up or dropping off your students:

- **We are in the construction process.** As the weather warms, more contractors will be on and off our property. Please drive slowly and add extra patience during arrival and dismissal. The end product will make the inconvenience all worth it!

- **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!

- **Please watch carefully as your child gets out of your car in the morning.** Children should exit vehicles on the passenger side.

**NO BUILDING PERMITS FOR 2018-2019**

We will not have any building permits at Columbian for the 2018-2019 school year due to construction. We wanted our families to know early to make other plans for next year.

**LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS**

Jeffrey Halbert, 5th grade, donated *Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties* by Dav Pilkey.

Bruce Bowen, kindergarten, donated *Dinosoaring!* by Deb Lund in honor of his birthday.

Callie Huffman, 3rd grade, donated *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School* by Jeff Kinney in honor of her birthday.

Thank you for supporting the Columbian Library!

**GOLDEN SOWER CLUB**

The Golden Sower Club has been meeting since January. Members have been working hard to get all the Golden Sower nominated books read (there are TEN of them!), complete the Book Reviewers for each title, and group discuss the books.

Golden Sower Club members are: Alexis Grams, Paige Katz, Vivian Dauner, Pavithra Raghavan, Argyrenia Pipinos, Dillon Birge, Alexis Ochsner, Julia Petrova, and Lauren Raduchel. At our last meeting, the students were given a test to determine our four-person team for the Golden Sower competition. Golden Sower Club will continue to have our meetings. Club members that did not make the team still are an important part of the process to prepare our four contestants for competition!

I am pleased to announce that Vivian Dauner, Dillon Birge, Alexis Grams, and Alexis Ochsner will represent Columbian at the Golden Sower Competition. These students will participate in the preliminary competition at Girls Inc. on Friday, March 23 during the school day. Our GATE facilitator, Ms. Sherri Schumann, will begin working with these four students to help prepare them for the competition.

If we make it to the finals, we will compete at Northwest High School on Thursday, April 19.

Mrs. Becky Nicholson