

DECEMBER 2023

Columbia Elementary School

'Tis the Season 📌

Hark! the district angels sing
Vacation's coming; it's a thing.
Parties in school, the kids are wild
I can't wait till grades are filed.



Dates to Remember

- December 1st - Zebra Zone - wear your ZZ t-shirt
- December 7th - Kindergarten music concert (details below)
- December 18th - Dress up day - Grinch Day (wear green)
- December 19th - Dress up day - Christmas Spirit/Ugly Sweater Day (we will have an ugly sweater contest for those who'd like to participate)
- December 20th - Polar Express Celebration (wear pajamas)
- December 21st - January 2nd - Winter Break - **NO SCHOOL**
- January 3rd (Wednesday) - **RETURN TO SCHOOL**

**All students will be expected to go outside for recess if the wind chill feels like is 25 degrees or above, be sure your child wears the appropriate clothing to go to recess. Please label your students winter gear with their name: sweatshirts, coats, hats, mittens.*

****Before school care** - if we have a 2 hour delay and then get the call that school has been closed students need to be picked up within 30 minutes of closure. There is no childcare at Columbia on days when school is closed. During Christmas Break we do not offer childcare.*

****Car Line** - if you need to buckle your student into their seat be sure to pull forward to the stop sign to not cause delays for all of the cars behind you.*

Kindergarten Music Program

Please plan to join us for their concert entitled
M•E•R•R•Y C•H•R•I•S•T•M•A•S Spell It Out



- December 7th, Thursday, at 6:00pm @ RHS
- RHS Auditorium doors open at 5:30pm, students need to report to their classroom by 5:45pm
- If your child has not been given a costume they should wear nice Christmas clothes.
- Please plan to join the PTO after the program for an ice cream social. Cups of vanilla ice cream will be available for \$2.00 in the high school cafeteria.

December breakfast and lunch menus



I am most looking forward to.....

Making a snow angel🧊

Having a snowball fight❄️

Building a snowman🧊

Loading...

Sipping cocoa indoors☕

📅 Voting ends in 15 days

👁️ Votes are anonymous but results are public



THANK YOU

We would like to thank all those that made our Veteran's Day lunch special - Thank you to the *Columbia Cafe* for an amazing lunch, *Columbia PTO* for helping to decorate, *Shalena's Photography* for giving her time to photograph all of our Veterans, *Columbia Teachers* for being flexible as we had so many visitors in our building, and most of all.. **Thank you to all the Veterans for your sacrifices, for your valor, for protecting us, and for defending our rights.**

Mr. Snyder

Mrs. McClain, Mrs. Leslie, Ms. Lahman



Columbia Cafe Staff

Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Lahman, Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Loving, Miss Madison

Counselor's Corner

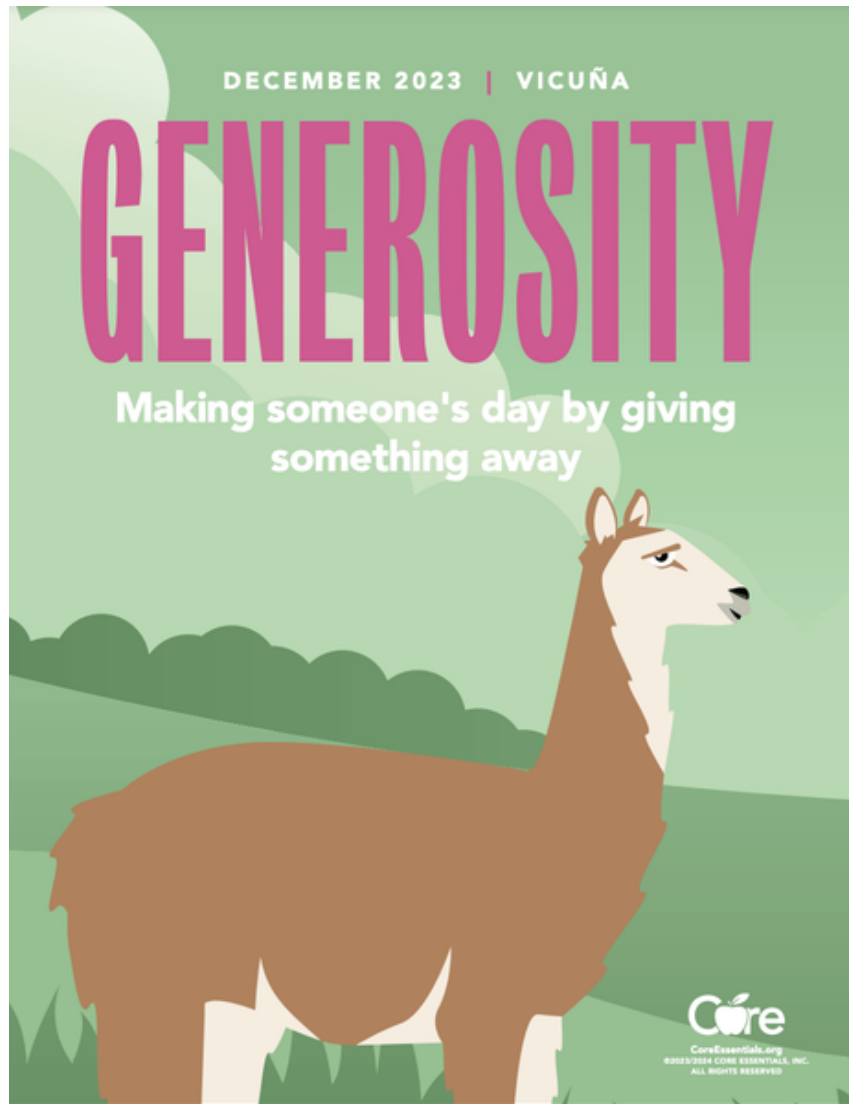
Our big idea for December is generosity

It is common for young children to be self-focused. However as children grow and mature, it is important for them to learn how to build and maintain healthy relationships with others. Generosity is a trait in healthy relationships.

Ways to help raise children to be generous:

- **Encourage empathy-** Help your child imagine how others feel (could be their siblings or characters in a show).
- **Praise generous deeds-** Praise your child when they share, say something nice or are helpful.
- **Set an example-** Our children learn by our example; be the parent who chips in and helps out.
- **Pick a charity-** Is there a charity that gives to a cause dear to you? This season is an easy time to donate a few canned goods to a local food bank or some spare change to the Salvation Army buckets.
- **Generosity is not always gift-giving or volunteering-** Generosity can be small everyday acts that do not cost money or much time.

- **Spread cheer-** Small acts of kindness like delivering baked goods, handmade cards or a small gift teaches children to appreciate the people in their lives.



A Note From Nurse Stacey

- **Please ensure your children have proper clothing to go outside for recess.** Remind your child not to share clothing items such as hats. If your child needs a hat or gloves, please let me know and I will be happy to provide them.
- Flu & R.S.V. cases are higher than usual for this time of the year and are expected to soar in the coming weeks. Please keep your child home if they are ill. If parents keep their children home at the first signs of illness, it will help us prevent the spread of illnesses to other children. The following are guidelines to help determine when to keep your ill child home and what is determined to send your child home from school: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, sore throat, persistent cough, temperatures of 100.4 or higher, headache & stomach ache in combination with other symptoms (i.e., cough, sore throat, and low grade fever).



Free Movies.pdf

Schedule of free movies and events that will be at The Times Theater during the month of December.

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Pay preschool tuition - due on the 1st of each month



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The Littlest Zebras In The Herd

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