

# April 2024

Columbia Elementary School

## Important Dates

- Now - May 24th - SchoolKidz school supply kits for sale (details below)
- April 5th - Kindergarten Roundup - times will be assigned via email to those who have turned in their enrollment papers
- April 5th - Popcorn fundraiser orders due
- April 5th - 12th - Kindergarten Teacher Requests - **late requests will be NOT be accepted** (details below)
- April 8th - Solar Eclipse - extended day for Kindergarten and First Grade
- April 12th - NO SCHOOL (Make-up day, not used)
- April 15th-17th - Bowling during P.E. (details below)
- April 24th - Progress reports sent home

## Bowling during P.E.

We will be bowling at Country Lanes during your students normal P.E. time April 15th, 16th, and 17th. All Day Preschool will be going on April 17th. Please make sure your student wears socks on their gym day! Any questions feel free to reach out [kristen.jana@zebras.net](mailto:kristen.jana@zebras.net)

April breakfast and lunch menus

## Counselor's Corner

Safer Smarter Kids

We will be continuing our Safer Smarter Kids lessons. To learn more about the curriculum, please visit <https://safersmarterkids.org/> and click on "parents." If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 223-2501 ext. 2005

PK and Kindergarten students will learn the difference between Safe and Unsafe Secrets. A Safe Secret is one that is eventually told and that makes everyone happy. An Unsafe Secret is one that makes you feel confused, "icky," or scared and that you are told not to share. Students will learn that when confronted with an Unsafe Secret, it is important to tell someone in their Trusted Triangle or a Grown-Up Buddy as soon as possible.

First Grade students will learn the difference between tattling and reporting. Reporting is something that involves a threat to safety, while tattling is a complaint about someone else's behavior that doesn't involve safety. If children are unsure if a situation is safe or unsafe, they should always report it to a Grown-Up Buddy until they get the 2 H's: Heard and Helped.

### **Helping Your Child Learn Patience**

Learning patience takes time; even as adults some of us are still learning to be more patient. The following are tips to help your child(ren) learn how to be more patient.

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/others/articles/helping-children-learn-patience.html>

1. **Ride out emotions.** Acknowledge their feelings...all feelings are okay and negative emotions will eventually dissipate.
2. **Go long-term.** Participate in activities with your child(ren) that take time to complete such as a puzzle.
3. **Embrace nature.** The growing process of flowers and vegetables cannot be rushed.
4. **Reward savings.** If your child saves their allowance or chore money, giving them a bit extra is like earning "interest" and they will begin to learn they can purchase something larger or more valuable if they delay their gratification and not spend right away.
5. **Lead the way.** Be a role model by managing your own desire for instantaneous gratification.



## Note From Nurse Stacey

Just a few things to mention as we get closer to the end of the year:

1. Every child residing in Indiana who is enrolled in an accredited school must be immunized by the first day of the Academic Year of 2023-2024 as determined by the Indiana State Department of Health (SEA461). Those who aren't in compliance may be putting their child at risk for exclusion. Immunizations can be scheduled through your physician or through the Health Department by calling 574-223-2881 for those who are underinsured, uninsured, or who are Medicaid patients.
2. All incoming Kindergartner's health forms must be returned prior to the first day of school starting. We advise you to start scheduling the physical, dental, and eye exams early so they may be completed. Problems in any area can affect your child's learning ability. This will also allow the nurse to review your child's medical concerns and ensure your child's teachers are knowledgeable with your child's needs prior to the first day of school. You may drop the completed forms off at Columbia Elementary or mail them to Columbia Elementary Attn: Nurse Ropp 1502 Elm Street, Rochester, IN 46975.
3. Reminders will be sent out for any students that have medications, supplies, or clothing in the nurse's office by May 3rd. This is to remind parents that your child has these items in the nurse's office and will need to be picked up by a parent.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above information.

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

## Supply lists for 2024-2025

### All Day Preschool Supply List 2024-2025.pdf

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### Kindergarten Supply List 2024-2025.pdf

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146.2 KB

### 1st Grade Supply List 2024-2025.pdf

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## 2024-2025 school year supply kit ordering - code 44171

Save time and money by ordering your child's supply kit today!

No running from store to store with our one-stop-shop.

Ordering ends May 24th (for incoming grades PK, K, and 1)

## Kindergarten Enrollment for 2024-2025

**Please stop in the office at Columbia Elementary to pick up a packet, fill out the necessary information and return completed pages to Columbia. Be sure you've included a valid email.**

**If your student is currently in Columbia's preschool program you DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING!**

## Kindergarten Teacher requests for 2024-2025

All requests made prior to the deadline will be considered, however we are not able to make guarantees. Class placement will be made based on a variety of factors.

**LATE REQUESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

**\*Students entering Kindergarten** -an email will be sent from Brenda McClain using Google Forms on April 5th and need to be submitted by April 12th.



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