

# May 2024

## Columbia Elementary

### Supply Kit Ordering - code 44171

Save time and money by ordering your child's supply kit for the 2024-2025 school year!  
No running from store to store with our one-stop-shop.  
Ordering ends May 24th (for incoming grades PK, K, and 1)

## What's Happening This Month



- Now - May 24th - SchoolKidz school supply kits for sale (details above)
- May 9th - Kindergarten field trip to Potawatomi Zoo - bus leaves at 8:30am
- May 10th - **NO SCHOOL!!** Make-up day that wasn't used
- May 17th - **ALL** Before and After school payments are due
- May 20th - iPads need to be turned in to Columbia to be checked in by Technology
- May 20th - 1st grade students go to Riddle Elementary for a tour
- May 21st - **Last day of School for Mrs. Hissong's Class**
- May 22nd - Mrs. Hissong's class program at 9:30am in Columbia Gym
- May 22nd - Preschool Graduation (for All-Day preschool students) please arrive at 12:45pm - Columbia Gym - **Last Day of School for All-Day Preschool Students.**
- May 24th - Report cards will be available online and **Last Day of School for Kindergarten & 1st Grade Students**

**\*\*Our first day of the 2024-2025 school year will be Friday, August 2nd, 2024\*\***

## May Breakfast and Lunch Menus

Kindergarten parents, please keep your car tags in a safe place over the summer, as those will be your tags for next year as well.



1st grade parents, if you do not have another students coming through Columbia you can turn those car tags in to the office at the end of the year. If you have another student just keep your tag. Incoming Kindergarten parents will be issued car tags over the summer at registration. If you have any questions please contact Columbia office at 574-223-2501.

## Note from Nurse Stacey



**Summer fun is almost here!! As we come to a close, just a couple of things:**

1. To all incoming Kindergarteners - please remember all health forms must be returned prior to the first day of school. 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.

2. Reminder to pick up any medications or supplies by May 24th at 3:00pm. If your child will be in the school during intersession and there is a medication/supply that needs to remain, please contact me to make arrangements.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above information, [stacey.ropp@zebras.net](mailto:stacey.ropp@zebras.net).

### Summer Tips to Stay Healthy & Safe

- Wear sunscreen & insect repellent
  - Use shade, wide-brimmed hats, clothing that covers, and broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15 for sun protection.
  - Use insect repellent and wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants to prevent mosquito bites and ticks.
- Keep cool in extreme heat
  - HYDRATE, HYDRATE, HYDRATE
  - Don't be afraid to get a little shade

## Counselor's Corner

During April we wrapped up our Safer Smarter Kids lessons with 1st grade. Kindergarten has 1 more lesson we will cover in May. Kindergarteners will learn the difference between Reporting and Tattling. Reporting is something that involves a threat to safety, while Tattling is a complaint about someone else's behavior that doesn't involve safety. We will review different scenarios to decide if

those situations are considered Tattling or Reporting. Information regarding this curriculum can be found on their website: <https://original.safersmarterkids.org/>

### **Screen-Free Summer Activities for Kids**

Research has shown screen time has had negative effects on children. Many kids play games or watch YouTube for hours a day and it has resulted in them struggling to manage emotions and self-regulate. The article in this link shares some of the research and steps parents can take to help their children find a balance to technology use. <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/kids-health/negative-effects-screen-time-kids-rcna61316>

Creating a “bucket list” of screen-free activities for your child (and family!) is a fun way to decrease technology reliance and make some fun memories. Several ideas are listed below; and the article in this link provides 50+ ideas. <https://selfsufficientkids.com/screen-free-kids-activities/>

- Build a fort (with blankets or boxes inside or outside with sticks)
- Have a picnic
- Swimming at a lake
- Camping (can even be done in the backyard!)
- Blow bubbles
- Scavenger hunt
- Create art with sidewalk chalk
- Create an obstacle course
- Visit a library (local as well as in other towns!) Link to Fulton County Public Library: <https://www.fulco.lib.in.us/>
- Play board & card games
- Lemonade Stand

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Making a plan and putting  
it into practice



## All Good Stories Must Come To An End

The end of the year is almost here. **Please help your student find and return all library books by May 9th.** Students with library books still checked out by May 9th will receive a letter showing the title and price of each missing book. If the book cannot be found and returned we ask that you please pay the amount shown for a replacement book so that other students will be able to have the opportunity to read that book. We appreciate your help in teaching our students the responsibility of borrowing and returning library books. Please encourage your student to continue reading throughout the summer so they will be ready for success in August.

Thank you,  
Miss Jazmine, Media Specialist



### Indiana SUN Bucks.pdf

SUN Bucks is a new program to help families buy food for their school-aged children during the summer. Click here for more information.

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Event Information

**1st Day of 2024-2025 School Year**

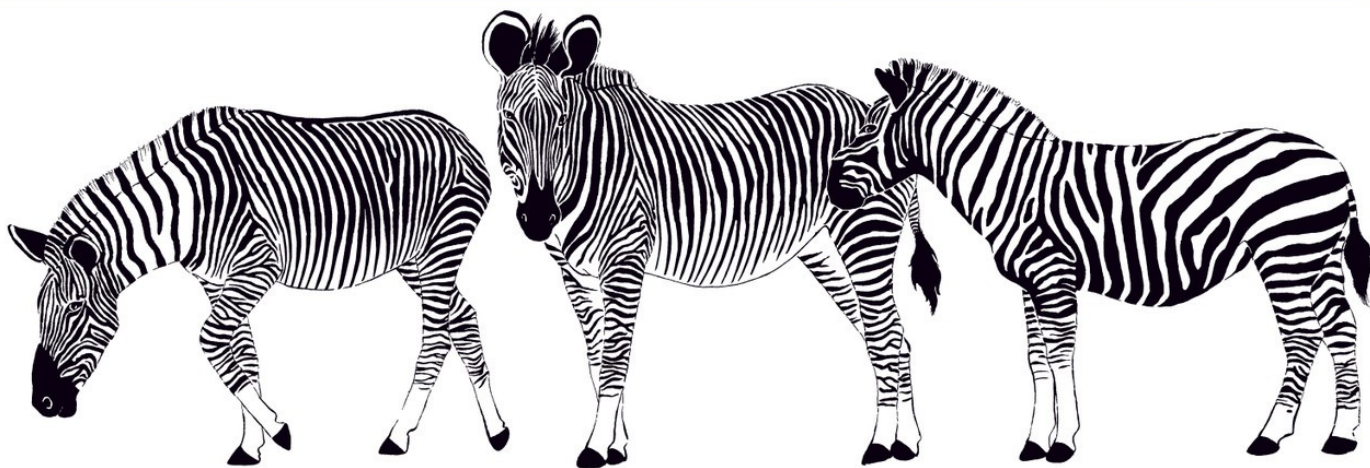
When?

**Friday, Aug 2, 2024, 08:15 AM**

Where?

**Rochester Community School Corporation, IN, USA**

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



**Columbia Elementary School**

The Littlest Zebras In The Herd

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