

# SEPTEMBER 2023

Columbia Elementary School

## Dates to Remember



- September 1st - Kindergarten color day - GREEN
- **September 4th - Labor Day - No school**
- September 6th - Progress report
- September 8th - Kindergarten color day - BLUE
- September 15th - Kindergarten color day - PURPLE
- September 22nd - Kindergarten color day - PINK
- September 25th - Duke Electric Energy show for all students (not open to the public)
- September 25th - 29th - Scholastic Book Fair (details below)
- September 29th - Kindergarten color day - BROWN
- September 29th - Book Fair, Family Night 5pm-7:30pm

## Save the Date - Upcoming Music Concerts

- 1st Grade - November 9th, Thursday
- Kindergarten - December 7th, Thursday



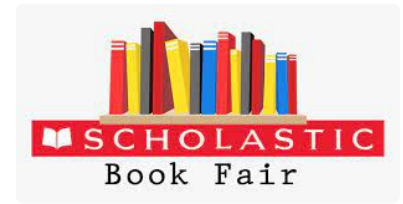
To celebrate College Go Week we will be having dress up days!  
Join us as we learn about exciting college fun facts and get  
prepared for a bright future!

- MONDAY SEPT 25TH: CRAZY ABOUT MY FUTURE! (CRAZY SOCKS)
- TUESDAY SEPT 26TH: COLLEGE BOUND! (FAVORITE COLLEGE APPAREL)
- WEDNESDAY SEPT 27TH: LATE TO CLASS! (PAJAMA DAY)
- THURSDAY SEPT 28TH: CAREER DAY (DRESS FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER)
- FRIDAY SEPT 29TH: NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, WE ARE ALWAYS ZEBRAS! (SCHOOL SPIRIT ATTIRE)

## September breakfast and lunch menu

Dear Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.



Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place from September 25th to September 29th . With Family night being September 29th at 5p.m. to 7:30p.m.!

Say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy. (We accept cash, check, and card as well as an ewallet!)

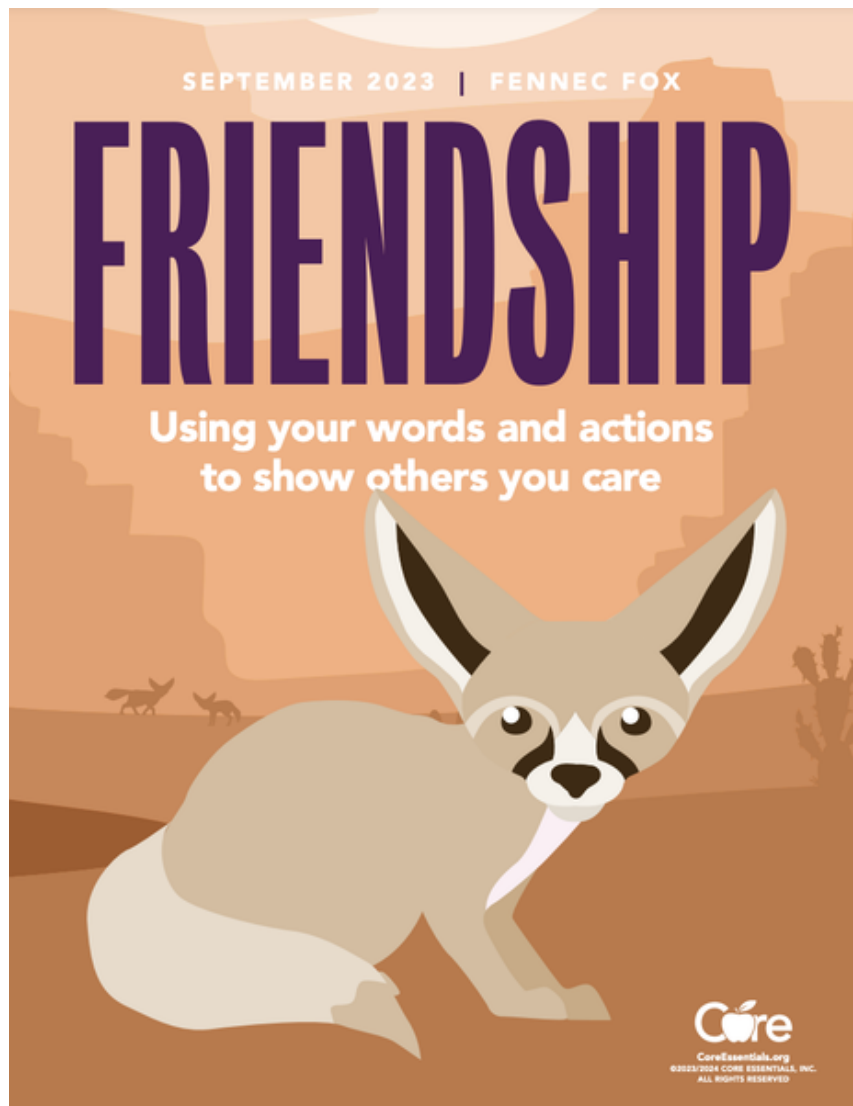
If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Book Fair online**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:  
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/columbiaelementaryschool11>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,  
Miss Jazmine Rentschler  
Media Specialist





## REMINDERS 😊

- *No transportation changes will be made after 1pm.*
- When picking up students in the care line do not block driveways or alleyways belonging to our Columbia neighbors.
- Stay in your car in the car line, if you need to buckle your student please pull forward.
- **Before School** - Drop off begins at 6:30am. If your student is having breakfast before they come in all needs to be eaten prior to drop off, no outside breakfast should be brought into the school.
- **After School** - When you come to pick up your child please park in a parking spot, **do not park alongside the curb** to come into the school. *Please be sure you up to date with your payments, if you need to know how much you owe contact Mrs. Towell, [brooke.towell@zebras.net](mailto:brooke.towell@zebras.net).*

Welcome back to school, my name is Mrs. Butler and I am your child's school nurse. As the school year begins I would like to remind parents of some important items that will help keep your children healthy and in school for the school year.

1. School Nurse's Clinic: If your child comes to the nurse's office, phone calls will be made to a parent/guardian for almost everything. This is to ensure communication is being established in



regards to your child. Children at this age will often not relay what actually happened, or may even forget they were seen.

2. All students must meet state immunization requirements in order to attend school.

3. If your child needs medication at school, a parent/guardian must bring the medication to school in its original pharmacy container, this includes OTC medication; Don't send with your child! Permission to administration forms must be signed to administer any forms of medication.

4. 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 or sore throat). A 24 hour return guideline is recommended for the above illness. All communicable diseases such as an unidentified skin rash, strep throat, and conjunctivitis will require exclusion until examined by a healthcare provider and approved for readmission. Healthcare providers usually recommend exclusion until 24 hours after starting antibiotic therapy.

5. Healthy children learn better, so please be sure they get plenty of rest each night. Encourage healthy foods, get fresh air and daily exercise, and teach your children to keep their bodies and hair clean.

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## Counselor's Corner

Starting in September, your student(s) will be participating in the Safer Smarter Kids abuse prevention and personal safety curriculum program. The curriculum was created by lifelong classroom educators, developmental psychologists, and experts in abuse prevention to teach personal safety from a place of fun- not fear, without being explicit or scary in any way.

The SSK curriculum will equip your child with protective principles and the knowledge needed to identify and avoid unsafe situations, people and behaviors and how to access help.

Our monthly lessons will be taught in 20-30 minute lessons that incorporate videos and fun activities. Our first PK and Kindergarten lesson will discuss safety rules, grown up buddies, the safety stop sign and the "I mean business voice." First grade will review safety rules and grown up buddies and identify people in their Trusted Triangle. 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

### Internet Safety

Our children are growing up in a technology saturated world and it can be difficult to keep up with it due to its ever changing nature. The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force of the Indiana



State Police provides numerous resources to help keep stay informed. All of their resources can be accessed at <https://www.icactaskforce.org/internetsafety>.

Several resources on the ICAC Task Force website:

Common Sense Media- reviews for multiple types of media including movies, TV, apps, books, etc.

Comparitech- a guide for steps to take to protect your child's privacy online

Cyberwise- learn about apps like Snapchat and Tik Tok or take a free digital citizenship course

Facebook Safety Center

PTA Connected- resources to help children use the internet safely

Thorn for Parents- tips for conversations with your child

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



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