

November 2025

Columbia Elementary School

Zebra Zone Fundraiser

✧ Exciting news, Columbia families!

You can now **have your child's name displayed on our school sign** for just \$20!

This is a fantastic way to support our Zebra Zone program. Fill out this form and drop off **\$20 cash** to the Columbia office anytime the month before you'd like the name displayed.

The money will need to be in an envelope with your child's name and the words "Zebra Zone Fundraiser". We'll do the rest!

Who's excited to see their name in lights? 🦓

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)



* Indicates required question



Coming Up!

- November 2nd - Daylight savings time ends - set clocks back 1 hour
- November 6th - School picture retakes
- November 6th - 1st grade concert (details below)
- November 10th - Veteran's appreciation lunch at Columbia
- November 19th - Progress reports
- November 25th - Zebra Zone
- November 26th-28th - Thanksgiving break - **NO SCHOOL**



First Grade Music Program - Salute To Our Veterans

- Doors open at 5:30pm, students need to be in their gathering rooms by 5:45pm
- Students are asked to wear dark pants and plain white shirts if they have not been given a costume to wear.

When?

Thursday, Nov 6, 2025, 06:00 PM

Where?

Rochester High School, Rochester, IN, USA

Art to Remember - The perfect way to capture your child at this point in their life!

Columbia is participating in a creative fundraiser that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art, while raising money for art education with custom printed keepsakes.

The student's have been busy in art class making their project.

You will be receiving an order form soon, order are due by

November 14th, items will be delivered around December 8th.



TIME TO ORDER YOUR 2025-2026 YEARBOOK

<https://shop.memorybook.com/>

School Code: 246727M

All users will have to register the first time they access the site.



SAVE THE DATE

Kindergarten Christmas Concert at RHS on **December 4th, Thursday**. More details coming soon



November breakfast and lunch menu

Little Zebbie's Diner

We started our Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program in September and the students are having fun trying new things.

November starts our Winter menu cycle. Please encourage your children to try our new items for breakfast and lunch. We are excited to celebrate our Veterans on November 10, 2025. It's so great to see each of them and thank them for their service and provide them a nice meal.

Since winter is around the corner, we encourage students to eat lots of fresh fruit and vegetables to stay healthy.

We hope everyone has a safe and healthy winter!

Nurse News

Now is a great time of the year to consider a flu shot for prevention of the flu or symptom reduction if your child were to get the flu! These are not required to attend school, but recommended especially if there is an underlying health concern, such as asthma. The flu shot is available at local pharmacies.

Are your children wanting to help in the kitchen around the holidays? Try this quick, simple recipe that would be fun to make with kids ages 2+ (bonus: it's only 4 ingredients). Kids that are involved in the kitchen are more likely to develop healthy habits, improve motor skills, and build confidence! Check out the recipe here: <https://www.theleangreenbean.com/sweet-potato-banana-muffins/> Physical activity remains a pillar for our children during the winter months. It can be challenging with wet and cold weather, but here are some ideas for indoor activities that keep kids' brains and bodies active: building blanket forts, creating obstacle courses, making a scavenger hunt for their family to complete, and of course items like Legos, Play-doh, and coloring books are mainstays! These are all a wonderful alternative to television! Board games, a family movie night "camp out" on the floor, or reading a chapter of an age-appropriate book as a family each evening are a few ways to get the whole family involved.

Counselor's Corner

Safer Smarter Kids

During the month of November, 1st Grade students will be introduced to the concept of a "Guiding Voice," the little voice inside each of us that helps us decide if a situation is safe or unsafe. Your child will be encouraged to pay attention to what his or her Guiding Voice says in any situation. Your child will also learn the safety process of Think, Feel, Act (TFA). The children will be presented with a variety of scenarios and asked what they might **Think** in that situation, how they might **Feel** and how they might **Act**.

Kindergarten students will resume Safer Smarter Kids lessons until after Winter break.

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 574-223-2501 ext. 2005

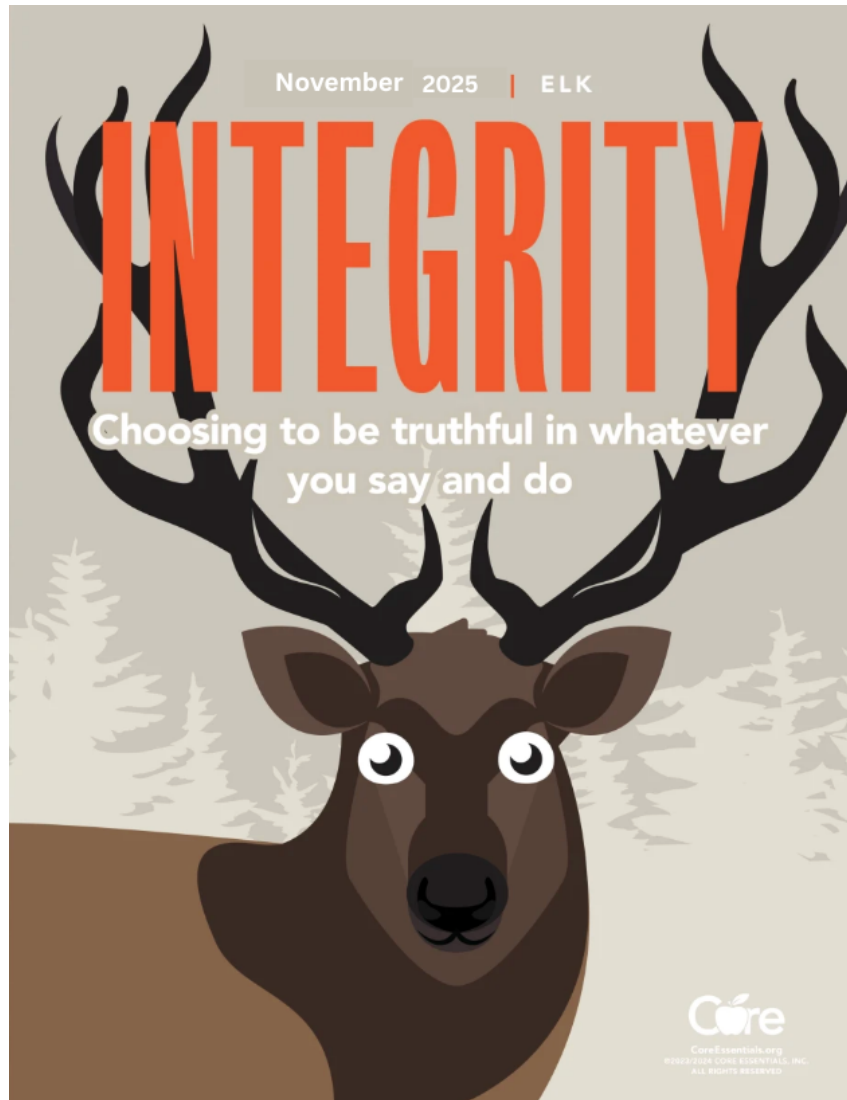
10 Tips for Raising Grateful Kids

The month of November often brings about conversations of thankfulness and gratitude. Having an attitude of gratitude improves relationships, our ability to understand others as well as our overall happiness. Tips for helping children learn how to be grateful are listed below. The entire article can be found on this website:

<https://childmind.org/article/10-tips-raising-grateful-kids/>

1. Set an Example- Kids learn a great deal by watching their parents and other adults around them. Say thank you to those around you; your server at a restaurant, the cashier at the grocery store and your kids!
2. Point out generosity- point out when people go above and beyond.
3. Have a talk- talk about how it feels to show as well as receive appreciation.
4. Find fun ways to say thanks- Showing gratitude does not always have to be written or verbal. Gratitude can be an action.

5. Share the love- Help kids to think of those around them they can show gratitude to; and then help them follow through with the action of gratitude.
6. Put things in perspective- Not everyone has the same advantage in our community, state, country or around the world. Talk with your kids about those who are less fortunate.
7. Let kids choose- Kids, no matter how young, have skills and can be used for good. Let your kids decide how they want to show gratitude.
8. Get involved- Volunteer as a family.
9. Make gratitude part of bedtime- Have your child tell you several things they are grateful for at bedtime. Share things you are grateful for also.
10. Give kids credit- Allow your child to express gratitude in their own way, even if it is different from yours.



United Ministries Christmas Baskets

This year **Applications** for Christmas Baskets, for families in need, will be taken at the **Community Resource Center**, 625 Pontiac St, Rochester on the following dates: Saturdays - November 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 9:30am to Noon; and at **Grace Church (Free Meals)**, 201 W 7th St, Rochester on Wednesdays November 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Please bring a photo ID and proof of address (utility bill, etc.) Applicants must be Fulton County residents.

Money donations are always needed to purchase nonperishable foods. Any remaining funds will help support United Ministries throughout the year. Please send donations to United Ministries, PO

Box 531, Rochester, IN 46975. **Food** and **monetary** donations can also be taken to the Fulton County Fairgrounds December 15th-17th from 10am-4pm (we DO take a lunch hour off).

Delivery will be December 20th starting at 8:00am. **Volunteers** are always needed to help deliver at 8am. Thank you for your generous support to help make a difference in the lives of hungry people in our surrounding community.

If you have any questions please contact Sarah Daulton, 574-835-0220.

Christmas Basket Co-Directors - Erin Leap and Sarah Daulton



Pay Preschool Tuition

"A thankful heart is a smart heart."



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The Littlest Zebras In The Herd



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