

February 2026



Columbia Elementary

"How do you spell 'love'?" asked Piglet.

- February 1st - February 28th - **Kindergarten Enrollment for 2026-2027 school year** (more details below)
- February 11th, Wednesday - Progress reports
- February 16th, Monday - Make up day, SCHOOL WILL BE IN-SESSION
- February 27th, Friday - last day to order yearbooks
- February 27th, Friday - Zebra Zone

"You don't spell it... you feel it," said Pooh.

February breakfast and lunch menus

Reminders

- We have used our limit of eLearning days (3) for the school year and our built in make-up days (3). Any other weather cancellations will move us to synchronous learning days. Mr. Snyder sent an email with some details and your student's teacher will have further information, if needed.
- With Valentine's Day around the corner....Deliveries of flowers, balloons, and other gifts are *discouraged* at Columbia!! Please see page 7 of our Student Handbook under **GIFTS AND PARTIES.**
- Before school care - if we have a 2 hour delay and then get the call school has been closed students need to be picked up within 30 minutes of closure. There is no childcare at Columbia on days school is closed.
- *Please label your student's winter gear!*

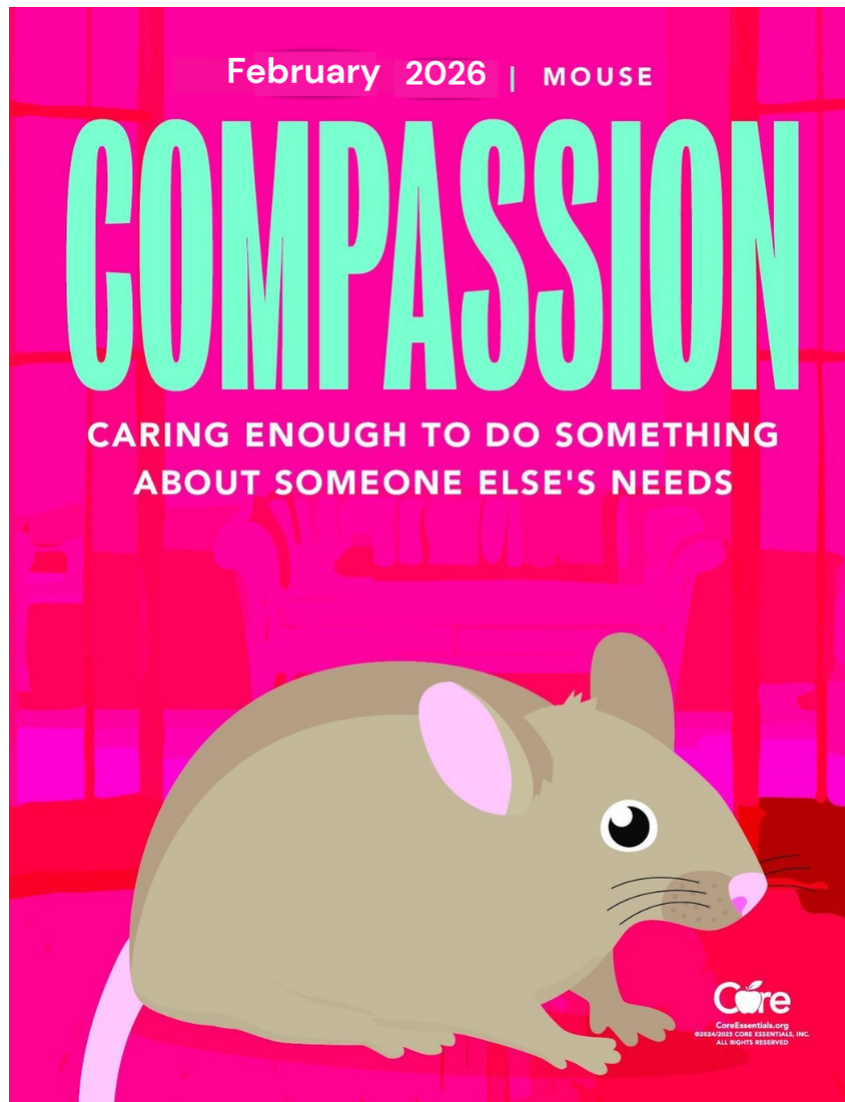
Click to order your yearbook - school code: 246727M

Counselor's Corner

Safer Smarter Kids

During the month of February, students will be learning about personal space. We will brainstorm about Safe Touches (a welcomed hug, encouraging pat on the back or cuddling with a parent) and Unsafe Touches (“icky,” uncomfortable or confusing touches) make them feel. Students will learn they have private parts, which are covered by their bathing suits, and that NO ONE should touch or look at their private parts, except their Grown-Up Buddies and doctors when they are in pain or feel that something may be wrong. Students will also learn their mouths are private parts and no one should put anything in them, unless they’re at the doctor or dentist. Students will be strongly encouraged to tell a trusted adult about any touch that makes them feel unsafe and to keep telling until they get the 2 H’s- Heard and Helped.

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



Kindergarten Enrollment for 2026-2027

Please stop in the office at Columbia Elementary to pick up a packet, fill out the necessary information and return completed pages to Columbia along with student's birth certificate and

proof of address. Be sure you've included a valid email for further information and communication from Columbia.

More information about Kindergarten Round-up will be coming soon!

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

Times are tough. A good laugh always helps.

Valentines written by kids (who tell it like it is!)

Teacher requests for 2026-2027

Below are the different ways to make a teacher request, depending on what grade your student will be in next school year. 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 20th and need to be submitted by April 27th.

*Students entering 1st Grade - an email will be sent from Brenda McClain using Google Forms on March 6th and need to be submitted by March 13th.

****RCSC does not offer teacher requests beyond 1st Grade****

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

Coming Soon: Summer 2026 Childcare Program!

Planning ahead for summer?

Open enrollment for our Summer 2026 Childcare Program will be opening soon. This program is designed to provide a safe, structured, and fun environment for our students throughout the summer months.

Who can join?

To participate, students must have been enrolled and attending RCSC during the 2025–26 school year. Enrollment will be open to students entering **Kindergarten through 5th grade**.

More details regarding registration, schedules, and program offerings will be shared soon. If you have any questions, please contact **Brooke Towell** at brooke.towell@zebras.net.

From The Nurse

- As we continue to make our way through winter, 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 coat, hat, or gloves, please let me know and I will be happy to provide them.
- Please continue to monitor your child's health as we continue through the flu season. 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).



February is Children's Dental Health Awareness Month!

Here are some Healthy Smile Tips for your children:

- 1) Brush your teeth 2x/day with fluoride toothpaste.
- 2) Clean between your teeth daily.
- 3) Eat healthy foods & limit sugary beverages.
- 4) See your dentist at least twice a year.



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The Littlest Zebras In The Herd



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