

March 2026

Columbia Elementary School

March breakfast and lunch menus

This Month at a Glance

- Now - June 11 - Schoolkidz school supply kits for sale (details below)
- March 2nd - Junie B. Jones RMS performance at High School Auditorium (bus leaves at 9am)
- March 2nd thru March 6th - Free Slush (Breakfast promo for all students - details below)
- March 2nd thru March 6th - Read Across America dress up days (see attachment below)
- March 2nd - PTO LaBraid fundraiser money and forms due
- March 8th - Daylight savings time starts (spring forward one hour)
- March 12th & March 13th - Mobile dentist at Columbia (pre-registration required)
- March 16th thru March 27th - **SPRING BREAK - No School**
- March 23rd - March 26th - Spring Intersession at Columbia
- March 25th - Bowling Enrichment at Country Lanes (must be pre-registered)



2026 Read Across America.pdf

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1.1 MB

2026-2027 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 June 11 (for incoming grades PK, K, and 1)

Attendance Corner

Coming to school regularly helps students feel connected and confident.

- Our school attendance last month: 93.81%
- Goal for this month: 95%
- **Reminder:** Every day matters! If your student will be out, please let us know.

Counselor's Corner

Teaching Kids How to Deal With Conflict - By: Juliann Garey

It is never too early to start teaching children how to manage conflict, however we all experience conflicts and we do a disservice to children if we fail to give them the tools needed to handle conflicts in a healthy way. This article provides techniques on helping young children learn how to respond to conflicts; both big and small in constructive ways.

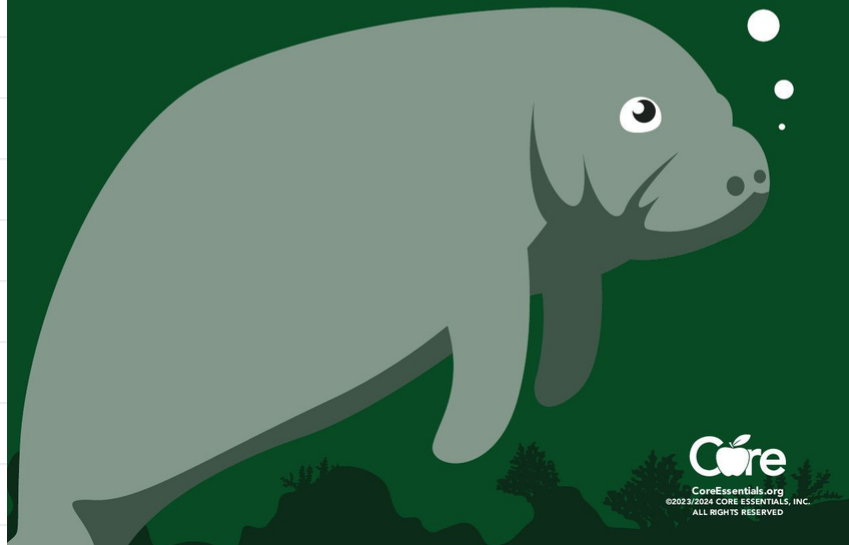
<https://childmind.org/article/teaching-kids-how-to-deal-with-conflict/>

- Tackle feelings first- need to be in a place emotionally where they can think & process; being able to identify and put words to their feelings is helpful
- Pinpoint source of conflict
- Brainstorm solutions
- Perspective- think beyond, put yourself in the other person's shoes & context
- Practice effective communication- "I statements" & role playing

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PEACE

Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument



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****



Zebbie's Diner

Join us on the quest for school breakfast

- When: March 2nd thru March 6th
- If your student eats school breakfast they will get a sticker.
- Then, when they come back for lunch and show their sticker they will get a **FREE SLUSH** to enjoy with lunch!



Pay preschool tuition - due the 1st of each month

🦓😊 Summer Childcare Program - Stripes & Smiles - Registration Now Open

Stripes & Smiles

Summer Childcare Program

With Rochester Community School Cooperation

👤 Who Can Attend

- Current PK-4th grade students enrolled at RCSC
- Option to participate in the City Parks Program too
- Transportation provided between programs if enrolled in both

🍽️ What's Included

FREE Breakfast & Lunch
Field Trips
Local Adventures:

- Pool
- Parks & Trails
- Theater
- Library...and more!

📝 Registration Details

- Registration is OPEN NOW
- Closes April 17
- \$50 deposit required to hold spot
- First week paid in full before summer begins
- Payments due one week in advance
- Submit a separate form for each child

📅 Program Dates

- June 1 - July 31
- (Monday-Friday)
- Closed July 3
- Hours: 6:30 AM - 5:30 PM
- Drop-off & Pick-up required

💰 Weekly Costs

- \$175 - First Child
- \$75 - Second Child
- \$50 - Third Child

Parks Program Discounts:

- \$25 discount if attending parks program
- \$50 discount if 2-3 children attend parks program
- (Discounts apply only during weeks parks program is in session)

❓ Questions? ➔

Contact: brooke.towell@zebras.net

🌟 Register here! 🌟

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLStWVnp8-C3bj2SL3KqEvIjaod5PZkK6NERwugoSNziufTYrFQ/viewform?usp=dialog>

Register TODAY for Stripes & Smiles Summer Childcare!



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The Littlest Zebras In The Herd



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