

April 2026

Columbia Elementary School

April breakfast and lunch menus

Important Dates

- Now - June 11th - SchoolKidz school supply kits for sale - <https://www.shopttkits.com/> - code 44171
- April 1st - Report cards
- April 2nd - **Kindergarten Roundup** - 12:30-2:00pm and 4:30-6:00pm - meet our Kindergarten teachers and do a quick "I'm going to Kindergarten" entry screener
- April 3rd - NO SCHOOL (Make-up day, not used)
- April 20th - 24th - Scholastic Book Fair (details below)
- April 24th - Scholastic Book Fair Family Night - 4:00-5:30pm
- April 20th - 27th - Kindergarten Teacher Requests - **late requests will be NOT be accepted** (details below)
- April 28th - *Wild @ Kindergarten* - for incoming Kindergarten students (details attached)



Attendance Corner

Coming to school regularly helps students feel connected and confident.

- Our school attendance last month: 95.86% - We met our goal for March!
- Goal for this month: 95%
- **Reminder:** Every day matters! If your student will be out, please let us know.

Counselor's Corner

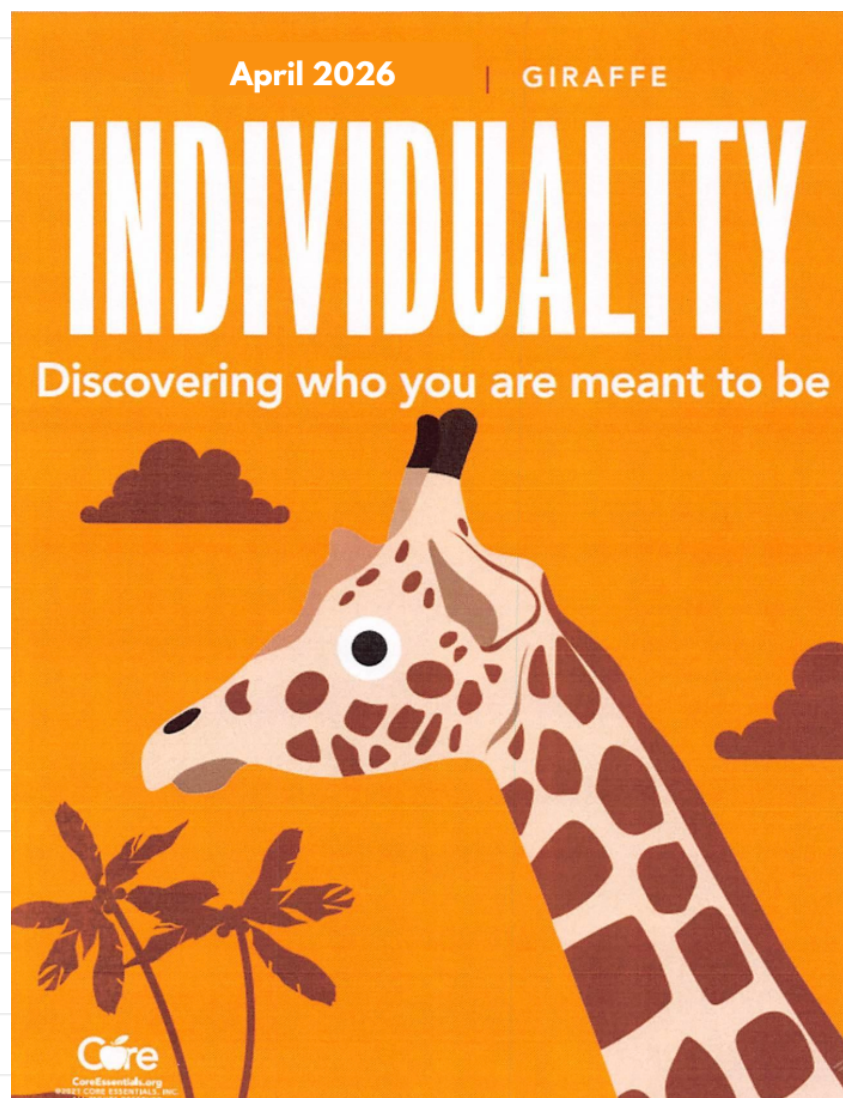
During the month of April, students will learn the difference between Safe and Unsafe Secrets. A Safe Secret is one that is eventually told and that makes everyone happy. An Unsafe Secret is one that makes you feel confused, "icky," or scared and that you are told not to share. Students will learn that it is never safe to keep an Unsafe Secret, no matter who tells them to keep it. When confronted with an Unsafe Secret, students are taught it is important to tell someone in their Trusted Triangle or a Grown-Up Buddy as soon as possible.

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

Screen Time & Technology Resource for Parents

Technology is woven throughout our society and it is important we teach children how to use technology properly. With its ever changing nature, it can be difficult for adults to stay on top of changes and to know how to monitor what children are accessing. The following link provides some resources based on age, but also the impact on development and mental health.

<https://childmind.org/topics/screen-time-technology/>



Note From Nurse Sydnee

Just a few things to mention as we get closer to the end of the year

1. Continue to monitor your child's health as we continue through flu season. If you keep your student 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 fevers).

Student must be fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

2. Every child residing in Indiana who is enrolled in an accredited school must be immunized by the first day of the Academic Year of 2026-2027 as determined by the Indiana State Department of Health (SEA 461). Those who aren't in compliance may be putting their child at risk for exclusion. Immunizations can be scheduled through your physician or through the Health Department by calling 574-223-2881 for those who are underinsured, uninsured, or who are Medicaid patients.
3. All incoming Kindergartener's health forms must be returned prior to the first day of school starting. 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 Haseman, 1502 Elm Street, Rochester, IN 46975.**
4. Reminders will be sent out for any students that have medications, supplies, or clothing in the nurse's office by May 4th. This is to remind parents that your child has these items in the nurse's office and will need to be picked up by a parent.

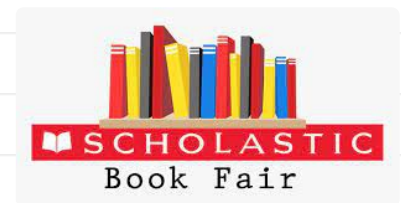
Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above information.

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! 

SAVE THE DATE for 4/20 - 4/24 and get your reader psyched to pick out their own books! Start exploring together:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/columbiaelementaryschool11>

FAMILY NIGHT will be Friday, 4/24, from 4:00p.m.-5:30p.m.



Scholastic Book Fairs bring diverse books and educational products to schools, fostering a love for reading by giving children the joy of selecting their own books, and they also support school libraries and literacy initiatives.

Columbia PTO



Thank you to all the families who participated in our annual **LaBraid Fundraiser!** We truly appreciate the support and the great participation from our Columbia families.

Fundraiser pickup will be on **Thursday, April 2, from 3:30–6:00 PM.** All students who sold items must pick up their orders during that time. Please watch for a **reminder letter coming home on Monday, March 30.**

Beginning **March 30**, PTO will also be selling **Smencils** in the morning from **7:45–8:00 AM.** These fun scented pencils are always a student favorite!

As we move into the final months of the school year, PTO is busy preparing for several **end-of-year events**. Please be on the lookout for information coming home soon about these events and how families can help. We appreciate our volunteers and all the support that helps make these special activities possible for our students and staff.

Thank you for helping make **Columbia Elementary** such a wonderful school community!



Community Health Fair 2026.pdf

Wednesday, April 8th, 3:30-6:30pm - ALL SERVICES ARE FREE - First 50 participants will receive a free hygiene kit and \$10 gas card

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Supply lists for 2026-2027



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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. Be sure you've included a valid email.

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

Kindergarten Teacher requests for 2026-2027

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.

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



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The Littlest Zebras In The Herd



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