

May 2026

Columbia Elementary

May breakfast and lunch menus

What's Happening This Month

- Now - June 11th - SchoolKidz school supply kits for sale (details above)
- May 8th - **NO SCHOOL!!** Make-up day that wasn't used
- May 15th - Kindergarten field trip to Potawatomi Zoo - bus leaves at 8:30am
- May 15th - All Day PK Prom (student only event - reach out to your student's teacher for more information)
- May 18th - 1st grade students go to Riddle Elementary for a tour
- May 21st - **Last Day of School for Mrs. Moore's Class**
- May 22nd - ALL Before and After school payments are due
- May 22nd - Mrs. Moore's class program please arrive at 8:30am, program at 9:00am in Columbia Gym , refreshments to follow
- May 22nd - Preschool Graduation (for All Day preschool students) please arrive at 10:15am, graduation begins at 10:30am -Columbia Gym - **Last Day of School for All Day Preschool Students**
- May 25th - **NO SCHOOL!!** Memorial Day
- May 26th - iPads need to be turned in to Columbia to be checked in by Technology
- May 29th - Report cards will be available online and **Last Day of School for Kindergarten & 1st Grade Students**

****Our first day of the 2026-2027 school year will be Wednesday, August 5th , 2026****

Supply Kit Ordering - code 44171

Save time and money by ordering your child's supply kit for the 2026-2027 school year!
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:** 95.91% - *We met our goal for April!*
- **Goal for this month:** 95%
- **Reminder:** Every day matters! If your student will be out, please let us know.

Note from Nurse Sydnee



Summer fun is almost here!! As we come to a close, just a couple of things:

1. To all incoming Kindergarteners - please remember all health forms must be returned prior to the first day of school. 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.**

2. Reminder to pick up any medications or supplies by May 29th at 3:00pm.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above information, sydnee.haseman@zebras.net.

Summer Tips to Stay Healthy & Safe

- Wear sunscreen & insect repellent
 - Use shade, wide-brimmed hats, clothing that covers, and broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15 for sun protection.
 - Use insect repellent and wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants to prevent mosquito bites and ticks.
- Keep cool in extreme heat
 - HYDRATE, HYDRATE, HYDRATE
 - Don't be afraid to get a little shade

HAVE A FUN & SAFE SUMMER

Counselor's Corner

During the month of May we will be discussing the difference between tattling and reporting. Reporting is something that involves a threat to safety, while tattling is a complaint about someone else's behavior that doesn't involve safety. If children are unsure if a situation is safe or unsafe, they should always report it to a Grown-Up Buddy until they get the 2 H's: Heard and Helped.

To learn more about our safety 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

Screen-Free Summer Activities for Kids

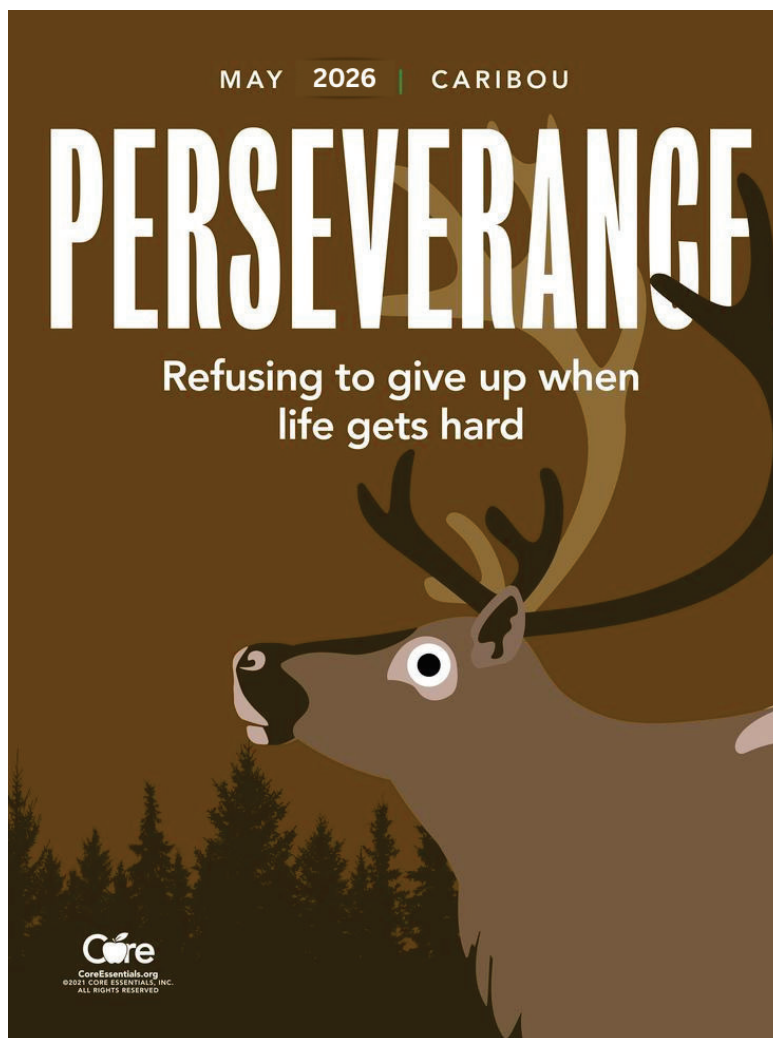
Research has shown screen time has had negative effects on children. Many kids play games or watch YouTube for hours a day and it has resulted in them struggling to manage emotions and

self-regulate. The article in this link shares some of the research and steps parents can take to help their children find a balance to technology use.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/kids-health/negative-effects-screen-time-kids-rcna61316>

Creating a “bucket list” of screen-free activities for your child (and family!) is a fun way to decrease technology reliance and make some fun memories. Several ideas are listed below; and the article in this link provides 50+ ideas. <https://selfsufficientkids.com/screen-free-kids-activities/>

- Build a fort (with blankets or boxes inside or outside with sticks)
- Have a picnic
- Swimming at a lake
- Camping (can even be done in the backyard!)
- Blow bubbles
- Scavenger hunt
- Create art with sidewalk chalk
- Create an obstacle course
- Visit a library (local as well as in other towns!) Link to Fulton County Public Library: <https://www.fulco.lib.in.us/>
- Play board & card games
- Lemonade Stand



Kindergarten parents, please keep your car tags in a safe place over the summer, as those will be your tags for next year.



1st grade parents, if you do not have another students coming through Columbia you can turn those car tags in to the office at the end of the year. If you have another student just keep your tag.

Incoming Kindergarten parents will be issued car tags over the summer at registration. If you have any questions please contact Columbia office at 574-223-2501.



Kids Eat FREE this summer @ Columbia!

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All Good Stories Must Come To An End

The end of the year is almost here. **Please help your student find and return all library books by May 15th.** Students with library books still checked out by May 15th will receive a letter showing the title and price of each missing book. If the book cannot be found and returned we ask that you please pay the amount shown for a replacement book so that other students will be able to have the opportunity to read that book. We appreciate your help in teaching our students the responsibility of borrowing and returning library books. Please encourage your student to continue reading throughout the summer so they will be ready for success in August.



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

Event Information

1st Day of 2026-2027 School Year

When?

Wednesday, Aug 5, 2026, 08:45 AM

Where?

Rochester Community School Corporation, IN, USA



Columbia Elementary School

The Littlest Zebras In The Herd

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