

# A WINDOW INTO WINTERSET

WELCOME BACK - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024

WELCOME TO OUR 2024/25 SCHOOL YEAR. WE'RE  
SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome Back - Elementary Music Class Sing-A-Long

WELCOME  
BACK!



## STAFF CHANGES

Please join us in giving a big **Wally Wildcat welcome** to our newest staff members

**Robin Thalgott** - 2nd grade teacher

**Sally Abou-Harga** - ESL I.A.

**Russell Bartholomew** - P.E.

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STAFF CHANGES:

**Rachel Concitis** - 1st grade

**Emily Homan** - ESL

**Laura Hammer** - LC

Lisa Adenegan . - Rm 14- I.A.

Laila Meherhera - Rm 9- I.A.

The staff directory is located under the  
'Information' tab on the school's website homepage.

[www.ccsch.us/WintersetES](http://www.ccsch.us/WintersetES)

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 2- **NO SCHOOL** - Labor Day
- Sept 5 - **PTA INFORMATION MEETING** -5pm via ZOOM - not an in person meeting
- <https://ccsch-us.zoom.us/j/85931454066?pwd=d3VxdnM2eIE1WE1kYWY5cUd3S01WQT09>
- **Code: Winterset**
- **Meeting ID: 859 3145 4066**
- Sept 11 - **COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER BEGINS**
- Sept 15 - **PRAYER WALK- 11:15am** with Atonement Congregation
- Sept 18 - **NO SCHOOL** - P.D. Day
- Sept 24 - **OPEN HOUSE - 5:00-6:30pm**
- Sept 25 - **COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER ENDS**



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## IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

IF YOUR STUDENT IS GOING TO BE ABSENT  
PLEASE USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER BELOW  
TO LET US KNOW.

**DO NOT CONTACT OUR SECRETARY DIRECTLY**

- **Winterset Attendance Email:**
- [attendance.winterset@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:attendance.winterset@columbus.k12.oh.us)
- **Winterset Attendance Phone Number: 1-380-997-7071**

Accepted reasons for which a student may be excused absent and / or tardy are:

- Personal illness or quarantine
- Illness or death in the immediate household
- Emergencies or any other occurrences or situations which, in the judgment of the principal, may necessitate absence from school as a last resort.
- Religious holiday
- Superintendent's designation

In the event of excessive absences, parents will be requested to meet with our attendance team to support their children.

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## DAILY SCHEDULE

- Our instructional day begins at 9:00 am and ends at 3:30 pm.
- Students are expected to be in classrooms at 9:00 am or they will be considered tardy.
- **No student may be dropped off before 8:30 am, UNLESS** they are enrolled in our latchkey program.
- **Students who are being dropped off by a parent/guardian and are NOT eating breakfast should not arrive before 8:45 am.**
- Students wishing to eat breakfast at school should arrive between **8:30 and 8:50 am. The expectation is that children planning to eat breakfast at school will arrive early enough to finish breakfast by 9:00 am so they are not late to class.**



## BREAKFAST/SCHEDULE

- Breakfast is served from **8:30 to 8:55 am daily in the gym** and is free for all students. Students who are eating their breakfast at school (whether from the cafeteria or packed) must eat in the breakfast room only.
- Please note that students are not permitted to consume food or beverages (other than water) in the classrooms.
- Students who walk to school or are transported by parents and who wish to eat breakfast should arrive no later than 8:45 am. If your child is going to be late to school AND he/she will need a school lunch, you must call the school office to order one before 9:30 am. Otherwise you should plan to send a packed lunch as there may not be a lunch available.

## LUNCH SCHEDULE

Lunch will be served free for ALL students. Menus are available on the CCS website.

- **Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd grade classes** will have **lunch** from **11:45 to 12:15 pm** followed by **recess** from **12:15 to 12:45 pm**.
- **3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes** will have **recess** from **11:45 to 12:15 pm** followed by **lunch** from **12:15 to 12:45 pm**

## AFTERNOON RECESS

- **3rd-5th - 1:45 to 2:00 pm**
- **kdg-2nd - 2:05 to 2:20 pm.** On inclement weather days, students will have recess in their classrooms.



## SCHOOL/HOME COMMUNICATION

- Please check the Winterset website at <https://www.ccsch.us/WintersetES>. We will also utilize e-mail, text, and auto dialer to send updated information.
- You may also contact staff members via e-mail (addresses are on the Winterset website). For a prompter response from the office, please use Ms. Pearson's or Mrs. Jennings' direct e-mail and NOT the generic 'Winterset.'
- The Winterset PTA maintains its own website at

[www.wintersetpta.com](http://www.wintersetpta.com).

- **'Friday Folder'** will be our method of getting hard copies of important information to our families, such as fliers about upcoming dates and events. We will also utilize electronic

communication through **Class Dojo, Blackboard and the Parent Portal**. It is imperative we have a valid phone number and email address on record for a parent or guardian of each student. You are able to update this information at any time through your parent portal on Infinite Campus. We will also continue to use auto dialers and update the school website regularly.

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## INFORMATION and FORMS

On the first day of school, your child will bring home several forms which need to be completed and returned to school. Our goal is to have all forms **returned by Monday, September 9th** (preferably before). Please help us in this effort by completing these forms when you receive them.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that we have these important documents on time. Please remember to update the Parent Portal with any information changes that occur throughout the year.



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Our full time school nurse is **Sarah Emery RN**. Please return any forms or information pertaining to the health of your child as soon as possible

- For the **2024-2025** school year, our school will follow state mandated health screenings for students (ORC 3313.69). This typically includes **vision and hearing**.

- As a reminder to parents, both over-the-counter medications and prescription medications (including asthma inhalers and epi-pens) need a **medication authorization form completed** by both parent and health care provider.

These forms are available online at <http://www.ccsOH.us> From there, select Departments, select Health Services, select Student Health Forms, select Medication Forms.

- It is extremely important that you complete and return all emergency forms. Please feel free to call Nurse Sarah at **614-365-5510** or email at [semery@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:semery@columbus.k12.oh.us) to discuss your child's health and medical needs

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## FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

### Schedule

Your child will have library once a week. Please see the daily schedule listed below, and help your child to remember his/her library book on his/her library day. Lost books will need to be replaced,



so please help your child find a responsible place to keep library books during the week. - Thank you - Mrs Thorne

**Monday: Lewis/Bossa-5th grade; Dietry-2nd grade; Mitchell-4th grade**

**Tuesday: Armpriester-5th grade, Thalgott-2nd grade; Burke-3rd grade**

**Wednesday: Concitis-1st grade; Kennedy-1st grade**

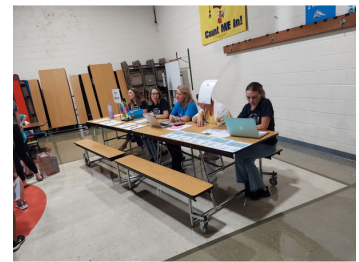
**Thursday: Hulteen-4th grade; Abernathy-3rd grade; Eichman-kdg, Gresock-kdg**

**Friday: Rammel; Amos; Darst - all SLC**



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## MEET & GREET THE 'TEACH'

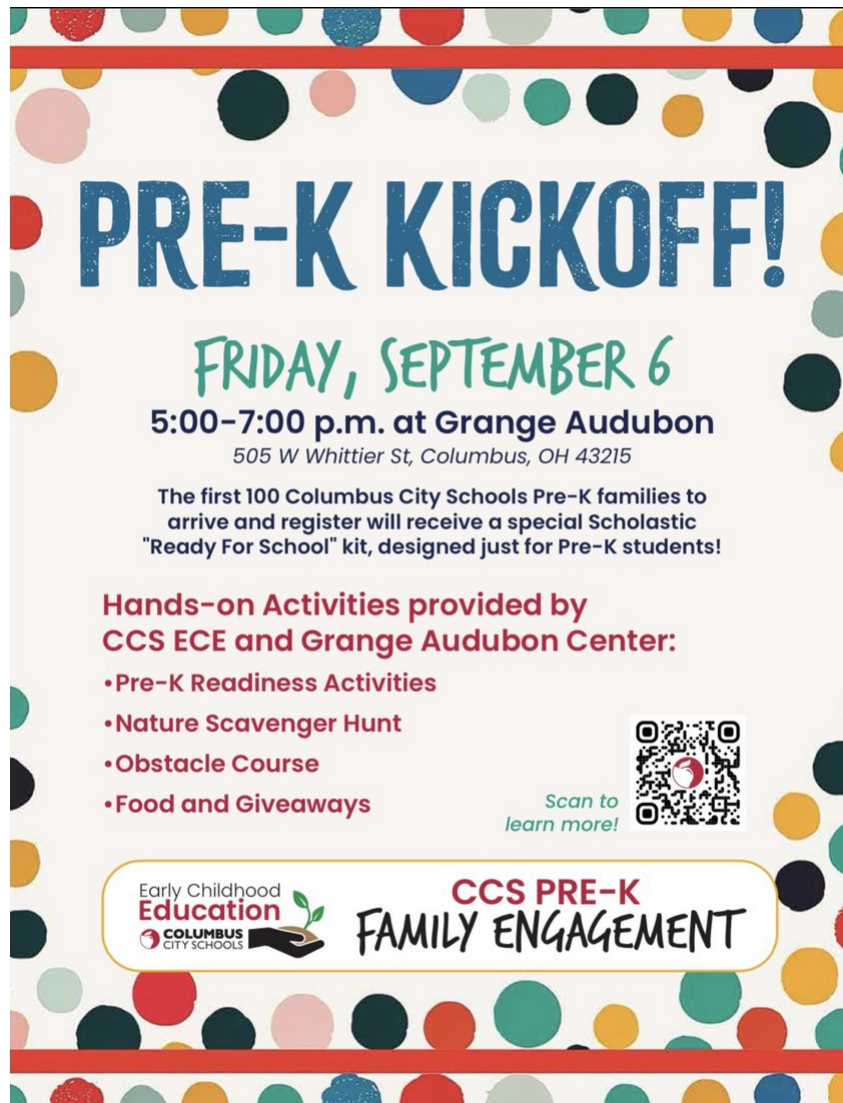


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## WELCOME NEW KINDERGARTENERS



## PreK Kick-Off



CCS PreK families are invited to start the year off right by attending a FREE PreK Kick-Off event. Experience hands-on activities, a scavenger hunt, food, giveaways, and more! Scan the QR code to learn more.

### CCS PreK Kick-Off

Friday, September 6, 2024

5PM-7PM

Grange Audubon Center

505 W. Whittier St. Columbus, OH 43215

## Pathway Express Is Back



**PATHWAY EXPRESS**  
COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

**NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM**

**STOP #1**

**FREE LEARNING EXPERIENCES**

**Saturday, Sept. 14**  
Join Us  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- FREE Admission and Parking
- Author Marc Brown (Arthur Series)
- Author, Veteran Rogelio Cervantes
- Books and Interactive Learning Experiences
- 122nd Army Rock Band Concert
- Military Vehicle Touch a truck, and MORE!

**300 W. BROAD ST.  
COLUMBUS, OH 43215**

**COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS**

**SCAN TO REGISTER HERE**

**Pathway Express Stop #1**  
**National Veterans Memorial and Museum**  
**Saturday September 14, 2024**  
**10AM - 1PM**  
**300 W. Broad St. Columbus, OH 13215**

Join CCS for another great year of discovery on the Pathway Express. This years first stop is the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. Meet Author Marc Brown (Arthur), explore the museum, and enjoy interactive learning experiences. Admission and parking are FREE.



**Registration Link - Click Here**

**CCS Transition Fair for Students with IEP or 504 - Sept. 14th**





## CCS Transition Fair

Sept. 14, 2024

10am-1pm

East High School

1500 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43205

Plan your child's future by attending the Columbus City Schools Transition Fair. This event is an opportunity for families and students with IEPs and 504 plans to learn about tips, tools, strategies, and information to assist with life changes as students move through PreK/ elementary to middle school to high school and beyond.

- 50 Community partners available to provide families with information for PreK to High School student needs
- Guest speakers talking about tools to help plan an IEP, Medicaid Waiver services community resources, and strategies to support student through school
- Family fun with Cleveland Cavaliers Free 30 minute basketball clinics & Touch a Truck

Click link below to register. This event is FREE!



## Registration Link - Click Here

### PARENT PORTAL

**ANNUAL UPDATE IN THE PORTAL IS WHERE YOU UPDATE OR CHANGE:**

-contact information,- home address, -emergency contacts, -phone numbers, -email addresses and make a request to change school enrollment.



#### **HOW TO LOG INTO PARENT PORTAL & ANNUAL UPDATE**

1. Go to our website at [www.ccsch.us](http://www.ccsch.us) and click on the **Students and Families Families tab**.
2. Click on the **PARENT PORTAL** box at the bottom of the page.
3. Click on **EXISTING PARENT**, then **CAMPUS PARENT**
4. Log in using your **USER NAME AND PASSWORD**
5. Click on **MENU** on top left hand side of page
6. Scroll down to **MORE** and click on
7. Scroll down to **ANNUAL UPDATE** and Click on

#### **HOW TO ACTIVATE THE PARENT PORTAL**

Each parent/guardian has their own **personalized Activation Code**.

1. Go to our website at [www.ccsch.us](http://www.ccsch.us) and click on the **Students and Families Families tab**.
2. Click on the **PARENT PORTAL box** at the bottom of the page.
3. Click on the button that says **NEW USER ACTIVATION**.
4. Enter your **ACTIVATION CODE** (contact your school to obtain one if needed). We know it's long - that helps keep the data secure - so type carefully. Once the code has been activated, it can't be used again.
5. Follow the prompts to set up your username/password and to add a recovery email address.

#### **FORGOT USERNAME/PASSWORD**

6. Click on **EXISTING USER** in the Portal, then click **FORGOT USERNAME/PASSWORD**, and the information will be sent to the email used to set up the account. If you no longer have access to the email you used when setting up the account, please send a picture ID and your student's name and date of birth to [parentportalaccess@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:parentportalaccess@columbus.k12.oh.us).

#### **STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?**

Call the District FACTLine at 614-221-FACT (3228) or the Parent Portal Assistance Line at 380-997-7245.

If you need assistance, please contact your family ambassador, **Desma Bennett** at (614) 365-5510 or by email at [dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us).

**PARENT PORTAL INFORMATION - CLICK HERE**



## About Winterset Elementary School

- **Family Ambassador** is Desma Bennett. *You can contact her at* [dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us)
- **Winterset Attendance Email:**
- [attendance.winterset@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:attendance.winterset@columbus.k12.oh.us)
- **Winterset Attendance Phone Number:** 1-380-997-7071
- **PTA Email:** [wintersetpta@gmail.com](mailto:wintersetpta@gmail.com)

- **FACTline Email:** [factline@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:factline@columbus.k12.oh.us)

**FACTline Phone Number:** 614-221-FACT (614-221-3228)

**Customer Relations Phone Number:** (614) 365-8888

**Customer Relations Email:** [customerrelations@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:customerrelations@columbus.k12.oh.us)

**Email:** [wintersetes@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:wintersetes@columbus.k12.oh.us)

**Website:** <https://www.ccsok.us/WintersetES>

**Location:** [4776 Winterset Drive, Columbus, OH 43220, USA](#)

**Phone:** [614-365-5510](tel:614-365-5510)



**Desma Bennett**

Desma is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters