



# WINTERSET FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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## SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

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BOOK FAIR - Feb 5th - 9th

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PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE - Feb 6th and Feb 8th -  
3:45-7pm

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NO SCHOOL - Feb 7th - P.D. Day

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VIRTUAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOICE FAIR - February 13th

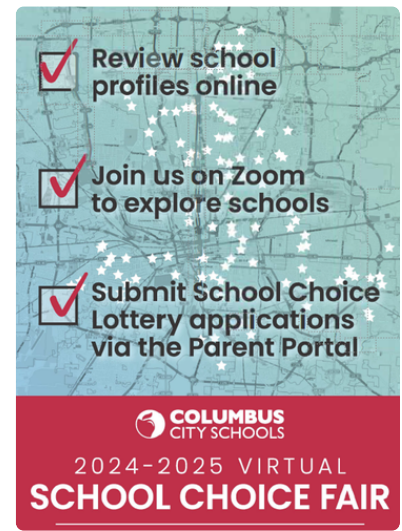
Virtual Elementary School Choice Fair - February 13th

Elementary School Lottery Applications:

Elementary School Choice Lottery Applications are now available on the [Parent Portal](#) through Friday, March 29, 2024.

Lottery information:

- Families must first enroll a new student using the online enrollment information and proper documents.
- Families may (but are not required to) select up to 3 schools to apply for in the lottery. All 3 schools are entered into a school's lottery draw separately. No one school has a higher priority than another.
- Applying for a lottery school does not guarantee a spot is available, or that your child will be selected.
- Students placed on a waitlist for a school will remain there until another option is selected, or December 31st.
- Families wishing to accept an offer to a school should do so quickly, before the offer expires.
- Late applications are added to the bottom of the waitlist in the date/time order of receipt. The last date for the acceptance of late lottery applications for students who completed the 2023-24 school year with CCS is August 16, 2024.
- New students enrolling into Columbus City Schools can submit a lottery application for two weeks after their enrollment date until December 6, 2024.



[School Choice Lottery General Information - Click Here](#)

[Elementary School Video Profile Link - Click Here](#)

## CCS NEWS AND EVENTS

Columbus City Schools' Family University Presents

# Summer

## Opportunities & Engagement

# Fair '24



**COLUMBUS**  
CITY SCHOOLS

**COLUMBUS**  
METROPOLITAN  
LIBRARY

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | February 10, 2024**

**CML Main Library, 96 South Grant Avenue**

**2024 CCS SUMMER OPPORTUNITY AND ENGAGEMENT FAIR**

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Downtown Columbus Metropolitan Library**

**96 South Grant Street**

**Free parking**

**Translation services available**

**THIS EVENT IS FREE!**

Over 50 community organizations, partners, and Columbus City Schools departments have gathered to share information on camps, academic enrichment, STEM, arts, and overall summer fun.

This year's festivities also feature workshops to guide families through the graduation requirements, college financial aid updates, special needs opportunities, and more.

Get the resources you need to plan your summer!!

Brought to you by the Columbus City Schools' Office of Engagement.

**Click Here to Register for the CCS Summer Opportunities and Engagement Fair**





**Open House**  
**Saturday, Feb 10**  
**10am - 2pm**

This event is free  
and open to the public!



*Columbus City Schools*  
*Spruce Run Nature Center*  
4175 Sunbury Rd, Galena, OH 43021

Scan to  
visit the  
Spruce Run  
website!



Questions? Contact Heather Allen [hallen704@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:hallen704@columbus.k12.oh.us)

**Spruce Run Nature Center Information Link - Click Here**

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

HEATSHARE Administered by the Salvation Army, is a fuel fund that combines customer, employee and company donations to assist families in paying heating bills. This winter the fund has \$750,000 available for families. For more information, please use the Salvation Army link below.

For a full list of heating assistance programs working with Columbia Gas, see link below.

**Salvation Army Heat Assistance Program Info - Click Here**

**Columbia Gas Heating Programs - Click Here**

## **U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP TICKETS FOR FAMILIES**

The country's best skaters come to Nationwide Arena for the first time January 22-28, 2024, to compete for national championships and a spot on Team USA. We're excited to offer Columbus City Schools families 20% off tickets! Here's how to access it:

1. Go to [ticketmaster.com/promo/wpc0c5](https://ticketmaster.com/promo/wpc0c5)
2. Pick any session
3. Use passcode LOCSKATE to unlock the offer
4. Pick your seats and check out
5. Have fun watching

Head to [FigureSkatingColumbus.com](https://FigureSkatingColumbus.com) for more information on the event.



## **OHIO STATE PARKS ARE OPEN and FREE FOR WINTER OUTDOOR FUN**

Did you know that Ohio is one of only seven states that offer free admission to ALL of its state parks and waterways? Did you know that Ohio state parks and waterways are open to the public all year long?

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources State Park Division invites you and your family to explore the beauty and wonder of Ohio's parks. Join a wildlife expert for a closer look at native animals, enjoy a hike on a trail, stay in a cabin or lodge (check website for pricing), or explore a cave and view a waterfall. For a full list of offerings, please see the calendar of events in the link below.



**ODNR State Park Event Calendar - Click Here**

**Ohio State Parks Information Link- Click Here**



# 13 benefits of reading aloud:



Read it LOUD! is a non-profit organization dedicated to early reading exposure. Read it LOUD! believes the single most important thing a parent can do to help their child acquire language, prepare their child for school, life, and to instill a love of learning in their child is to read to them. Reading to a child just 10 minutes a day can have a huge impact on the life of a child. Let's all get ready to Read it LOUD! For more information visit their website in the link below.

[Read it LOUD Information Link - Click Here](#)

## New Name - Same Great Resources: HandsOn Central Ohio is now LSS 211

Formerly HandsOn Central Ohio, LSS 211 provides community access to thousands of programs and services available from nonprofit, government, and healthcare organizations in Central Ohio. For a full list of resources and programs offered by LSS 211, please click the link below.



## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### CHECK AND CONNECT

We are making **Check & Connect** phone calls to our families. This is a way for us to hear what you are experiencing in real-time and provide you with up-to-date information about **social, health, and government services**. It is also a way to remind you of **upcoming district and building events**.

Your family ambassador, **Desma Bennett**, will be contacting you, between **9:00am-3:30pm** from Winterset's number - **(614) 365-5510**. If you have questions, she can be contacted at the school or by email at [dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us).



### PARENT PORTAL

Please update your **contact information** via the parent portal. It is vital that we have the **MOST UP TO DATE phone, text or e-mail numbers** should we need to contact you. 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).



## WINTERSET EXPECTATIONS - 3R'S

**Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Ready To Learn**

### CONTACTING WINTERSET

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