

COLUMBUS SCIOTO TIMES

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District Mission:

Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

Columbus Scioto 6-12 Mission:

"The Columbus Scioto family will collaborate effectively among students, staff, families and stakeholders to implement specific strategies that impact the personal and professional development of 21st century citizens."

FOR MORE INFORMATION & RESOURCES FOR CCS FAMILIES, VISIT: [CCSOH.US/REOPENING](https://ccsoh.us/reopening)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

LEARNING EXTENSION CENTERS

Mission: To provide educational and social-emotional support to Columbus City Schools students in a safe environment during our period of virtual learning.

What is a Learning Extension Center?

Learning Extension Centers (LEC) are community, faith based, and other public sites that provide physical space within the facility to allow workstations for students. At these LECs students have access to internet, learning devices, and school supplies to assist them in remote learning. Staff at the centers are able to assist students in accessing CCS Remote Learning platforms. And in many LEC locations, students will be able to get meals and "after-school" type activities.

What will the hours be for the Learning Extension Centers?

Hours and days of the week vary by LEC. The actual days and hours will depend on the virtual school schedules of the students signed up for each center. Columbus City Schools encourages LECs to open during the same hours as regular school day to provide students with a full day of access to the internet and academic supports.

What other supports should a LEC offer Students of the LECs?

Thanks to the generosity of the business community, nonprofit community and our government funding communities, our students will have the following supports and resources available to them:

- A safe supervised educationally conducive environment that has broadband for students to be able to virtually interface with their teachers or participate in CCS digital academy.
- Volunteers to be able to assist students when needed
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for every student
- Volunteers to assist with tutoring and lunch at many of the sites
- Health and wellness checks via nationwide Children's Hospital

How do I find a Learning Extension Center?

To find a full list of LECs go to:
www.ccs.oh click Reopening/Learning Extension Centers

11/10	Parent/Teacher Conference
& 11/17	Night 2:45 – 6:15 pm
11/25	Parent/Teacher Conference Comp Day – No School
11/26 - 11/27	Thanksgiving Break-No School
12/21 - 1/1/21	Winter Break Begins-No School
1/4	Classes Resume
1/18	Martin Luther King Day No School
1/19	Records Day – No School
2/2	Parent/Teacher Conference Night 2:45 – 6:15pm
2/9	Parent/Teacher Conference Night 2:45 – 6:15pm
2/3	Professional Development Day No School
2/15	Parent/Teacher Conference Comp Day – No School
3/24	Records Day – No School
4/2	Spring Break Begins No School
4/12	Classes Resume
5/31	Memorial Day – No School
6/3	Last Day for Students

HONOR ROLL CEREMONY
11-24-20 Zoom ID
86122822186



**COLUMBUS
CITY SCHOOLS**

FAMILY TECH HELP

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS has enhanced its services to help students and families with their Chromebooks, hotspots, and technical issues with CCS loaned devices.

Here is how to get help, call **COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS HELP DESK** at **614-365-8425** and please listen to all prompts before choosing an option.



The **HELP DESK** can help you figure out:

- General access questions
- Login issues (chromebook, Clever and learning apps, Email, Google Classroom, etc.)
- Parent/Student Account issues
- How to find student Zoom Meeting ID
- How to reset your hotspot password

HELP DESK Hours of Operation: The Columbus City Schools' Help Desk now has extended hours to help families with limited technology issues. Please press Option 3 when calling outside of normal business hours (6:30 p.m. to 5:00p.m.).

Monday - Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:30am-7:00pm	9:00am-6:00pm	9:00am-6:00pm	1:00pm-5:00pm

You can also email the **HELP DESK**: ccshelpdesk@columbus.k12.oh.us

Are you new to the District or need a Chromebook for your child?

Contact your child's school, **NOT** the **HELP DESK**, to arrange for pickup of a new device.

Is your device broken or won't work?

The CCS **HELP DESK** is your main contact point to troubleshoot the problem. Give them a call at the number above. Contact your school principal to arrange for a pickup of a replacement device.

Need a power adapter?

Contact your child's school to arrange dates and times to pick up a replacement and pay any associated fines.

Need a hotspot to access the internet?

Do you need help getting internet access at home? If your family does **NOT** have Wi-Fi access at home, contact your child's school to schedule a date and time to pick up a device.

Is your hotspot not working?

Follow these steps:

- Call the device provider (numbers below) to see if they can resolve the issue over the phone:

Verizon hotspots, 1-800-922-0204 AT&T hotspots, 1-937-215-3796 T-Mobile hotspot, 1-800-937-8997

2020 HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE YOUTH AWARD WINNER:

CONGRATULATIONS TO COLUMBUS SCIOTO STUDENT CIERRA COWAN FOR WINNING THE HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE YOUTH AWARD (EXPECT MORE!)



Every year The Huck House honors students who have been able to overcome challenging circumstance and Expect More. This year one of the winners was Cierra Cowan nominated by Columbus Scioto School Secretary, Mrs. Jackson. Despite the obstacles and challenges that Cierra has faced over the years she has been able to continue to stick to her goals as she strives to pursue her goal of being a cosmetologist. Cierra is currently working two jobs while successfully learning how to navigate through the challenges of remote learning.

HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE EXPECTING MORE OF MYSELF MEANS:

1. I don't miss something important
2. I am looking at behavior from their perspective rather than my own
3. I acknowledge my own humanity and room for growth
4. Growth begins with open wonder
5. Being open to other's perspectives and feedback

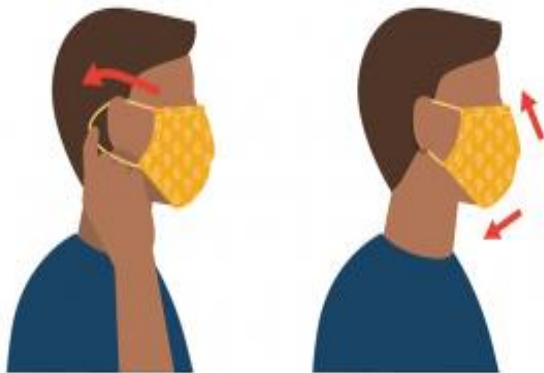


Cierra was honored in October at a small socially distanced dinner at The Boat House with a view of Downtown Columbus

Nurse Notes *(From the Desk of Nurse Logan).*

As the Covid-19 positive rates rise in Ohio and across the nation it is important that we follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) safety guidelines. Here are some Covid-19 protective measures to help keep you and your family safe:

- Wear a mask with two or more layers to help stop the spread of Covid-19. The mask should be worn over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin. Mask should be worn by people 2 years of age and older.
- Clean your hands often
- Cough or sneeze in your bent elbow-not your hands!
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth.
- Limit social gatherings and time spent in crowded places.
- Avoid close contact with someone who is sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



SLOW THE SPREAD MASK UP!

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS BORED?

Your child is stuck at home with nothing to do. “I’m bored!” he says. Before you turn on the TV or suggest that he/she play their favorite video game, here are a few things to consider.

Bored children—what some parents have found

- **The amount and type of entertainment may add to the problem.** A father named Robert says: “For some kids, daily life seems boring when compared with watching TV or playing video games. Normal activities just don’t seem to be as exciting.”

His wife, Barbara, agrees. She says: “Real life requires thinking and effort, and results often come at a slow pace. That’s boring to kids who spend a lot of their time watching TV or playing video games.”

- **Scrolling through social media can lead to negative comparisons.** Looking at the activities of friends can make a young person’s own life seem dull. “It’s easy to think, ‘Everyone else is having fun, while I’m at home,’” says a girl named Beth.

Furthermore, hours spent on social media can leave a person feeling empty—and still bored. “It might keep you occupied, but when you’re done you’ll have nothing to show for it,” says a young man named Chris.

- **Boredom can be an opportunity.** A mother named Katherine says that being bored gives children a chance to think creatively. For example, she says: “A simple box becomes a time capsule, a car, a boat, or a spaceship. A blanket over furniture becomes a tent house.”

For good reason, psychologist Sherry Turkle describes boredom as “your imagination calling you.” * Boredom, therefore, is not something to avoid at all costs. In fact, the book *Disconnected* says: “Boredom is to your brain what weight lifting is to your muscles.”

The bottom line: View your children’s boredom not as a problem but as an opportunity to help them get creative.

Bored children—what you can do

- **If circumstances permit, let your children play outdoors.** Barbara, quoted earlier, says: “It’s amazing how sunshine and fresh air can lift the fog of boredom. Once our children started playing outdoors, their imaginations took over!”

To think about: What opportunities can I give my children to experience the outdoors more often? If playing outdoors is not an option, what creative indoor activities are available to them?

- **Help your children think of others.** A mother named Lillian suggests: “Mow an older friend’s lawn or rake their leaves or cook something for them and stop by to say hello. Doing things for others brings real joy.”

To think about: How can you help your children find joy in doing things for others?

- **Set the example.** How you talk about your daily activities can affect your children. A mother named Sarah says: “If we make it sound as if our life is dull, we teach our children to be bored. But when we take a positive approach, we help our children to do the same.”

To think about: How do my children hear me speak about routine activities? How do they see me handle periods of boredom?

A fantastic opportunity!

When children complain of boredom, this is not the time to nudge them toward electronics so that you can go back to what you were doing. ‘I’m bored’ means your child is open to interaction with their Dad and Mom. What a fantastic opportunity!



Columbus City Schools is committed to keeping all children in their home school for the entire year.

Education of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Your child has the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there;
- Stay in the school that he or she was attending before becoming homeless, or the school he or she last attended, if that is your choice and it is feasible;
- Enroll in school immediately, even if you do not have all the paperwork, such as your child's school or medical records;
- Access the same special programs and services that are provided to other children, including special education, migrant education and vocational education;
- Receive the same public education that is provided to other children, including preschool. (Your child cannot be separated from the mainstream school environment because he or she is homeless. He or she cannot be segregated in a separate school or separate settings within a school).

If your child is assigned to a school not of your choosing, the school district must explain its decision in writing.

You have the right to appeal the district's decision regarding the school to which your child has been assigned. Your child has the right to go to the school of your choice while the dispute is being resolved.

Please call **614-365-5140** for more information.

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Fuel Up! Meal Distribution Program Changes Beginning November 30



Beginning on **Monday, November 30**, CCS will suspend its daily Fuel Up! Meal distribution offering. The District will still offer five-day meal packs to all children 18 and under on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m.

Families will have the choice of two types of five-day meal packs:

- A shelf-stable meal pack that does not require refrigeration or heating, OR
- A meal pack that may require refrigeration at home and could include items such as fresh fruits and vegetables, sun butter sandwiches, cans of soup, rice packets, and shredded chicken packets.

CCS will continue to operate all of its 44 Fuel Up! sites around the city unless staffing challenges force us to close sites. If we see a reduction in available Food Services staff due to leaves of absence or quarantine orders, the District could close some sites to consolidate resources. Advanced notification will be provided if we are forced to close any sites.