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Dear Parents:

It's hard to believe that in just a few weeks the 2021-2022 school year will come to an end. On behalf of the Liberty Staff, Mr. Marshall and I would like to thank you for your patience, support, and partnership. It truly takes a village and we cannot do it without you. Though the year's end is quickly approaching, there is PLENTY of work yet to be done. I ask that you to make a commitment to ensure your child finishes the year strong by ensuring that he/she is in attendance each day, completing assignments, and putting forth his/her best effort each day. Grades K-2 students will take an end of year I-Ready diagnostic assessments in reading and math; Grade 3 students will take an end of year I-Ready diagnostic assessment in reading only. The diagnostic assessments give the teachers a portrait of your child as a learner, and will help next year's teacher tailor instruction to your child's strengths and weaknesses. Please check the district's web site for summer learning opportunities designed to help bridge the gap in learning that may exist due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Don't wait, as available space for learning opportunities is quickly filling.

### **Important Dates**

- May 2-6 Staff Appreciation Week & Scholastic Book Fair
  - Take a minute to thank your child's teacher this week!
- May 10
  - Adapted Physical Education Track & Field Day @ Independence High School
  - 7pm-Tech Talk Parent Meeting via Zoom:  
<https://trendmicro.zoom.us/j/93028930368?pwd=aWEyZGU0YjA1c0VESkp0SIZiYjBRZz09>([http://trendmicro.zoom.us/j/93028930368?pwd=aWEyZGU0YjA1c0VESkp0SIZiYjBRZz09](https://trendmicro.zoom.us/j/93028930368?pwd=aWEyZGU0YjA1c0VESkp0SIZiYjBRZz09))
    - Join us for a conversation about the opportunities and challenges our families and kids' have experienced with technology due to COVID-19. From TikTok to Zoom to Roblox, hear some best practices on how to help your kids use the internet in safe and healthy ways. These include tech tips as well as guidelines and exercises you can use with your kids. There will be ample opportunity to raise your concerns and ask questions, too!
- May 11, Grade 5 Transition to Middle School Zoom Meeting with Yorktown Middle
- May 18, Prek Field Trip to Spruce Run
- May 20, Prek Field Trip to Columbus Zoo & Aquarium

- May 25 Field Day
  - We need 15-20 Parent Volunteers to run stations. If you are interested, complete the sign up here: [Liberty Field Day Sign Up](#)
- May 26
  - Grade 1 Field Trip to Franklin Park Conservatory
  - Liberty Lion of the Month Luncheon
- May 30, Memorial Day, No School for Students
- June 1, 10am, Grade 5 Recognition (More Details to Come)
- June 2, Last Day of School for Students
  - Final Report Cards Viewed in Parent Portal
  - 10am, Kindergarten Recognition, Cafetorium (More Details to Come)
  - 1pm, Prekindergarten Recognition (More Details to Come)

### **End of Year Academic Celebrations/Promotions**

Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, and Grade 5 teachers are planning end of the year celebrations for students. *Teachers will send information prior to the scheduled event.*

### **CCS Summer Experience 2022 (Summer School)**

Registration is now open for the Columbus City Schools 2022 Summer Experience program. The 2022 Summer Experience takes place **June 21 - July 28**, and it's FREE to all Pre-K through 12 Columbus City Schools students. More than 8,000 students took part in last year's Summer Experience, and we're excited to provide CCS students and families with six weeks of exciting school and community-based learning experiences.

Our teachers and community partners have created powerful, hands-on enrichment opportunities that will challenge students to continue growing as learners.

This year's Summer Experience has expanded to include new and familiar project-based learning students and families were able to enjoy through our Pathway Express focuses: Entrepreneurship, Family & Consumer Sciences, Fine Arts, STEM, and World Languages & Cultures.

Summer Experience will also present students with an opportunity to accelerate their learning or engage in course recovery. **Register in the Parent Portal today!**

### **How to Register**

To register your student for the 2022 Summer Experience, log onto the [CCS Parent Portal](#). If you have not created your Parent Portal Account, [click here](#) for instructions on how to activate your account or to watch an [instructional video](#).

Please note: If hyperlinks are not working, please go to the district's website, and type in summer school.

### **End of Year Report Cards**

Student report cards can be accessed using the Parent Portal on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will not send a paper copy of the report card home with your child. If you need assistance accessing the parent portal, please call the district's FACTLINE at 614-221-3228, or visit the district's website for step-by-step instructions.

**Technology Fees**

Fees for technology repairs/replacement must be paid using the Parent Portal. School sites are not permitted to take money, checks, or money orders.

**Staff Appreciation Week**

May 2-6 is Staff Appreciation Week. Please take a moment to thank your child's teacher via email, phone call, Facebook or Class Dojo.

Lastly, check out our VIP (Very Important Parents) newsletter created by Family Ambassador, Mrs. Collins. The newsletter is updated in real time. [VIP Parent Newsletter](#)