



COLUMBUS SCIOTO TIMES

NOVEMBER 2018

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Columbus, OH 43207
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Greetings Parents, Staff and Students...

The Columbus Scioto staff and students have settled into the 2018-19 school year nicely. We have just completed the first grading period with the highest attendance average of 84%. This is the highest it's been in 3 years! 😊 Thanks to the attendance committee and other staff members, and our parents that make it a priority to get our students and their children to school.



Keep Up The Good Work Everyone!

Parents! We still need and appreciate your support in ensuring that your child comes to school ready to learn. The staff's efforts of providing a safe environment that is conducive to learning, and free from bullying and incessant disruption, requires that we have YOUR full support. Every child deserves an equal chance to be in a stress-free, instructional environment. Please continue to talk with your child about complying with the rules and safety protocols that we have in place to protect everyone. I know sometimes that your child can perceive these measures to be an inconvenience, but these measures are meant to protect everyone. We have to always be aware of potential threats.

I am excited to announce that the Family Mentor Foundation is sponsoring our school this year by providing "Buddy Boxes" for our students to take home weekly. These "quick" nonperishable snacks are available to any child whose parent completes the application, and turn it back into the office. So far, we have given out over 154 food boxes. Thanks to the Family Mentor Foundation for partnering with the Sharks. We hope this is the beginning of a long partnership.

And as always, if you have any concerns, please contact our school about any concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michelle Milner
Principal

11/5	Parent/Teacher Conference Night 2:45 – 6:15 pm
11/6	Professional Development Day No School
11/13	Parent/Teacher Conference Night 2:45 – 6:15 pm
11/21	Parent/Teacher Conference Day No School
11/22 – 11/23	Thanksgiving Break No School
11/27	Picture Retakes
12/24	Winter Break Begins No School
1/7	Classes Resume
1/16	Records Day – No School
1/21	Martin Luther King Day No School
2/5	Parent/Teacher Conference Night 2:45 – 6:15pm
2/13	Parent/Teacher Conference Night 2:45 – 6:15pm
2/18	Parent/Teacher Conference Day – No School
3/25	Records Day – No School
4/19	Spring Break Begins No School
4/29	School Resumes
5/27	Memorial Day – No School
5/30	Last Day for Students

Buddy Box Weekend Food Program

The Family Mentor Foundation have given our Columbus Scioto students an opportunity to receive a Buddy Box each week.

Throughout the school year on Friday's participating students will receive a box that includes two breakfasts, two lunches, snacks, milk or pudding, fruits and vegetables for the weekend. There is no cost associated with this program. If you would like your child to participate in the Buddy Box program, please contact *Jennifer Davis* at Columbus Scioto.



PROTECT Yourself

PROTECT Loved Ones

100 % IMMUNE

PROTECT Your Community

Herd im-mu-ni-ty: n. The protection of a population against infectious disease that arises when enough of the population is vaccinated to shield them from infection.

When no one is immunized  disease spreads through the population.

When some of the population is immunized  disease spreads through some of the population.

When most of the population is immunized  spread of the disease is constrained.

**DO YOUR PART. HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD
OF THE FLU. GET IMMUNIZED!**



**COLUMBUS
CITY SCHOOLS**

In Columbus City Schools, we are SAFER TOGETHER.

We are safer when we work together to prioritize safety, when we act together to protect each other, and when we speak out together about the need to end gun violence.

The Columbus Board of Education and the leaders of this District are committed to doing all we can to keep students and staff safe. No one should be afraid to come to school to learn or work or check on their child. Still, in every classroom and building – and likely in your own household – the recent tragic events in Florida have heightened all our concerns about school safety.

For us to be **SAFER TOGETHER**, we are enlisting the help of all students, families, staff, caring adults, and community partners. We want you to know that:

- **Columbus City Schools has a Zero Tolerance policy on possession of a weapon.** Students will face disciplinary actions, including the potential of suspension or expulsion, if found to be in possession of any item deemed potentially dangerous to themselves or others in a school environment.
- The consequences of having a weapon outside of school can be even more extreme. Whether in the neighborhood or at home, young people need to understand the dangers of having a gun, taser, or other type of weapon. **We need families to have thoughtful conversations about gun violence.** That includes warnings about posting comments or pictures about guns or violence on social media accounts.
- **Safety is a very serious matter.** All threats to school safety are taken seriously, whether they are made on social media, in a crowd, by phone or note, or even as a joke. Columbus Police and our Safety & Security teams are immediately investigating every threat we are made aware of and swiftly addressing those who make the threats. Students need to know they will be held accountable, even if the threat they made wasn't real.
- **Safety awareness has been heightened in every CCS building as a precaution.** Teachers and principals in all schools are taking time to talk with students about the importance of safety. A greater security presence has also been added to many of our buildings. Visitors are likely to experience additional scrutiny before being allowed to enter buildings.
- If you **See Something, Say Something.** One of this District's greatest safety resources is the trusting relationships that have been built between our students, families, staff, and safety teams. This is more than reporting weapons or fights; it's encouraging students to speak up anytime they see another student who is out-of-sorts or chronically alone.
- We encourage anyone connected to Columbus City Schools to **"See Something, Say Something"** by calling or texting our anonymous hotline **844-SAFER-OH** if you are aware of a potential danger to one of our students or our schools.

Safety is a fundamental priority in all that we do in Columbus City Schools. Our principals and safety teams will continue to provide updates whenever safety concerns might impact the learning environment in our buildings. We thank you for continuing to support their work and our school community. We are truly Safer Together!

SPEAK UP
SAVE LIVES

TEXT or CALL:
844-SAFEROH
844-723-3464

 **COLUMBUS
CITY SCHOOLS**
#SAFERTOGETHER

October Character Education Theme: **RESPONSIBILITY**

Submitted by: Linda Siroskey Middle School Counselor

As part of our middle school-wide character education efforts, each month the students will study and practice a different component of good character. During the month of September, the students spent time researching and learning what it means to be *Respectful*. The staff made sure to provide students with opportunities to discuss and practice being respectful and acknowledged students who demonstrated respectful acts with a *Caught Being Respectful Ticket*. The month's activities ended with a classroom created acrostic poem using the word, *Respect*. Congratulations to the home room students and staff in rooms 218 and 221 who tied for first prize. Their submissions earned them each a \$25 Target Gift Card to buy something for their class. These submissions are currently on display in the 7/8th grade hallway for anyone who would like to see them.

For the month of October, our theme is RESPONSIBILITY. We will continue to look for students who demonstrate responsible behavior and acknowledge them with *Caught being Responsible* tickets. When turned in to Ms. DeMoss, these tickets will be displayed and will earn them a small reward and a chance to earn a bigger reward later in a random drawing. The month's activities will conclude with the submission of a classroom created crossword puzzle relating to the theme. A prize will be awarded to the class with the best puzzle submission.

Parents, your support in reinforcing our efforts here at school is always appreciated. This can be done easily by asking your student about the monthly theme and the associated activities and rewards, as well as, being on the lookout for opportunities to discuss, reinforce, and teach your students what responsibility looks like. Lastly, if you see your student being responsible make sure to recognize them for it and let them know that you noticed what a great job they're doing!

This is a term that can mean many different things, including:

- being dependable so people know they can count on you,
- keeping one's word and agreements,
- meeting one's commitments,
- doing something to the best of one's ability,
- being accountable for one's behavior,
- accepting credit when you do things right and acknowledging mistakes,
- being a contributing member of one's family, community and society.

(From <https://centerforparentingeducation.org/library-of-articles/responsibility-and-chores/developing-responsibility-in-your-children/>, October 2, 2018).

To increase your child's responsibility, you may

- Modeling responsible behavior
- Increasing responsible behavior slowly
- Show that irresponsibility has consequences
- Allowing choices for your child
- Trust your child
- Having your child accept failure

Here are other suggestions:

- Don't do things for your children that they are capable of doing for themselves (such as picking up their toys or making their beds).
- If chores are part of a routine, parents won't have to nag. For example, clearing the table immediately after dinner, or feeding the dog before leaving for the bus becomes part of a routine. Once kids get used to this, they don't have to be asked to do it every day.
- Training kids for their job is important. Try the "I do, we do, you do" method. Show the child how to do it, explaining as you go. Then do the job together. Then have your child do the job, while you watch and encourage. Make sure the job isn't too difficult for your child, but don't underestimate him either. If he knows how to work a complicated video system, he can probably learn how to start the dishwasher!
- Don't nag or expect perfection. If your child doesn't set the table perfectly, look at the bigger picture. Kids who are constantly criticized won't want to help. When you do need to talk to your child about a forgotten chore, or a chore done sloppily, emphasize that your child is making an important contribution to the family, and that you are counting on her to do this job well.
- Compliment them on a job well done, especially noting how they are helping the family.

The most important thing to remember is that your child is a unique person with many attributes. Each child develops at their own pace. One child may develop earlier at being responsible than another. Please do not compare children. Eventually, each child will mature and become responsible.

Happening at Columbus Scioto



Students Learning CPR in Ms. McGrew's Health Class



Dr. Milner Encountered a Shark Sighting!



Farmer Kevin Penn at Circle S Farms



Columbus Scioto participates in the Food Rescue Program through Food Runners. It is a national program where our students volunteer and receive community service/internship hours by going to participating restaurants to pick up donated food to take to food pantries, shelters, churches and places that have food lines where you can serve the homeless communities. By doing this our students can see the impact of their volunteering to help the community in which they live.

(Picture to the left)

The Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Toy & Food Program 2018 Registration Information



DOING THE
MOST GOOD

May we serve you? Applications for Christmas **TOYS** and hearty Christmas **FOOD BOX** will be taken:

MONDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	
October 29 10:00 am - 1:00pm	October 31 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	November 1 10:00 am - 12:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BRING:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picture Identification for Head of Household Proof of Dependents with Birth Dates for all Household Members <p style="text-align: center;"><u>EXAMPLES OF PROPER DOCUMENTS</u></p> <p>PICTURE ID: Driver License; State ID card; Employee identification card; Human Services card</p> <p>PROOF OF DEPENDENTS: Birth certificates; Current health card; Shot record; Job and Family Services printout</p>
November 12 10:00am - 1:00pm AND 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm <i>*No evening hours at Stowe Location</i>	November 14 10:00am - 1:00pm AND 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm <i>*No evening hours at Stowe Location</i>	November 15 10:00am - 12:00pm	
November 26 10:00am - 1:00pm AND 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm <i>*No evening hours at Stowe Location</i>	November 28 10:00am - 1:00pm AND 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm <i>*No evening hours at Stowe Location</i>	November 15 10:00am - 12:00pm	

NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY. JUST COME TO THE LOCATION NEAR YOU.

LOCATIONS

The Salvation Army Citadel Worship and Service Center
3662 Karl Road, Columbus, OH 43224
614-262-8450 ext. 205

The Salvation Army Hilltop Worship and Service Center
2300 West Mound Street, Columbus, OH 43204
614-274-7600 ext. 103

The Salvation Army/Stowe Baptist Center
888 Parsons Avenue, Columbus, OH 43206
614-449-8066
There are no evening hours available at this location.

The Salvation Army East Main Worship and Service Center
966 East Main Street, Columbus, OH 43205
614-437-2153

The Salvation Army Chapel at Worthington Woods
760 Worthington Woods Blvd., Columbus, OH 43081
614-846-1884 ext. 10



Parents/Guardians will select toys and pick up a food box the week before Christmas. The time and location will be shared at Registration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (614) 358-2622

The Salvation Army in Central Ohio | 966 E. Main Street, Columbus, OH 43205 | SalvationArmyCentralOhio.org





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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