

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."

Target School Goals:

- Accepting "No" for an Answer
- Disagreeing Appropriately
- Following Instructions

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Greetings Parents, Staff and Students...

The Columbus Scioto staff and students have settled into the 2019-20 school year nicely. Thanks to all of the Scioto staff members, our students are becoming acclimated to our newly implemented behavior model. The staff and students are focusing on the following building priority goals: **Disagreeing Appropriately, Following Instructions, and Accepting "No"**.

These three priority goals are directly related to some of the more common behavioral challenges our students seemed to struggle with daily, both inside and outside of school. Our purpose is to consistently reinforce, model and reward positive behavior. This behavior shift narrows our focus. These three target behaviors help in encouraging our students to build strong character and perseverance, provides skill-sets that will help them sustain employment, and lastly, it demonstrates a framework for our students maintain positive social relationships. Our mission is to prepare and empower our students to become productive citizens. And to do that successfully, we have to teach them how to expect more for themselves.

Parents and Guardians! 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 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 perceives these measures to be an inconvenience, but these measures are meant to protect everyone.

In closing, if you have any concerns, please feel free to contact the school about any concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michelle Milner
Principal

11/5	Professional Development Day No School
11/7	Parent/Teacher Conference Night 2:45 – 6:15 pm
11/13	90 Minute Early Release
11/19	Picture Retakes
11/27	Parent/Teacher Conference Comp Day – No School
11/28 - 11/29	Thanksgiving Break-No School
12/11	90 Minute Early Release
12/23	Winter Break Begins-No School
1/6	Classes Resume
1/8	90 Minute Early Release
1/15	Records Day – No School
1/20	Martin Luther King Day No School
1/23	Parent/Teacher Conference Night 2:45 – 6:15pm
1/30	Parent/Teacher Conference Night 2:45 – 6:15pm
2/12	90 Minute Early Release
2/17	Parent/Teacher Conference Comp Day – No School
3/11	90 Minute Early Release
3/25	Records Day – No School
4/10	Spring Break Begins No School
4/20	Classes Resume
5/25	Memorial Day – No School
5/28	Last Day for Students

Nurse Notes *(From the Desk of Nurse Tina)*

Clean Hands Keep You Healthy

Did you know washing your hands can prevent illness and the spread of infections. Yes, that's right washing your hands can prevent illness and the spread of infections. Here are some important facts about handwashing:

- Handwashing with soap removes germs from hands.
- Handwashing help prevent infections because we frequently touch our eyes, ears, nose and mouth without realizing it, and this is how germs get into our body.
- Handwashing helps prevent germs from being transferred to our food, drinks, and the surfaces we touch.



- Germs from unwashed hands can get into the food, & drinks, while people prepare, or consume them.
- Removing germs through handwashing therefore helps to prevent diarrhea and respiratory infections and may help to prevent skin and eye infection.

Prevent Flu: Cover Up When You Say Achoo!!!

The Flu virus is passed from one person to the other through fluids from the mouth and nose secretions. To help prevent a Cold and the Flu we should cover our nose and mouth to prevent droplets from getting into the air.

Nationwide Children's Hospital



The Nationwide Children's Hospital School-Based Therapist, (*Evin Wimberly*), based at Columbus Scioto is present 5 days a week providing behavioral health services to youth who may be experiencing non-academic barriers to school success. This may include students experiencing recent loss/grief, dropping grades due to behaviors or non-school compliance, inattention/hyperactivity, anxiety, lack of social skills, peer/adult conflict, etc. Treatment primarily consists of individual and family therapy utilizing CBT informed by a family systems approach, with 2-3 sessions per week including a family session, (If needed). Services offered also include consultation with teachers and administrative staff, evidence-based group interventions (e.g., Too Good for Violence, Skillstreaming), universal prevention models such as PAX Good Behavior Game and Signs of Suicide, partnerships with summer programs to provide continuity of care for clients and the communities we serve throughout the summer break. If you would like more information, please contact Ms. Evin through the main office at (614)365-5030.

From the School Counselor's Office:

Let me first introduce myself: My name is *Mrs. Robin Barker* and I am the new full-time School Counselor at Columbus Scioto. I will be working with grades 9-12, but also 6-8. A little about me: I am happily married and have 2 children, ages 16 and 17! I have worked with kids my whole professional life but have been with Columbus City Schools for 23 years, both as a teacher, grades 1-8 and a School Counselor grades 6-12.

Naviance is something that I am working on with your students, A LOT! Here is the website address if you would like to glance at what I am working on with them in the classrooms alongside your student and their teacher's: <https://www.naviance.com/solutions/parents-students>. Please reach out if you have any questions and/or concerns about this program. You can sign on to your student's site by using their ID as both the username and password. I will be working on social/emotional needs, career/college goals, direct services (both group and individual) and creating their academic plan through middle and high school.

Another resourceful website: <https://sites.google.com/columbus.k12.oh.us/resources-studentsfamilies/home>

I am available to meet with parents and I am very excited to be a part of the team here at Columbus Scioto. My email is: rbarker@columbus.k12.oh.us **Go Bucks!!!!**



Happening at Columbus Scioto



MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Ellen McGrew

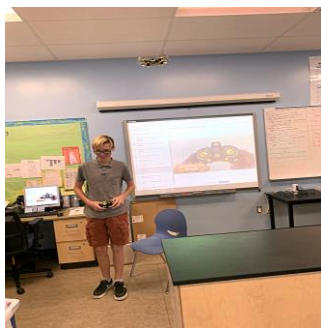
In Middle School Physical Education, each individual student has been participating in the Fitnessgram. It is a national fitness test that includes tests for all parts of health-related fitness: curl ups for muscular endurance, pushups for muscular strength, PACER for cardiovascular fitness and trunk lift and back saver sit and reach for flexibility. Students can score in the “healthy fitness zone” based on the benchmark of each test by age and gender. It gives the students a snapshot of their overall fitness level.

The 6th graders have completed an activity log to see if they have been getting at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day. The 7th grade fitness and wellness class have learned about nutrition and are beginning a unit on the harmful effects of tobacco. Our activities have included units on soccer, speedball and football. The 2nd quarter will begin with a unit on leisure sports including table tennis, corn hole and pickle ball.

STEM Club

In the STEM Club we have used 3D pens to create various shapes and symbols. After a couple sessions of working with the 3D pens, the 6th-12th grade students had a group competition to see who could design and create the best tool for a super hero to use. Tajuan Bass was selected as having the best invention tool for a super hero.

We have also been learning how to maneuver and control drones for a few sessions during STEM Club. In the last STEM session, the students had an obstacle course they were required to maneuver and fly a drones through. Xavier Smith and Heaven Hendricks did an excellent job keeping control and flying their drones.

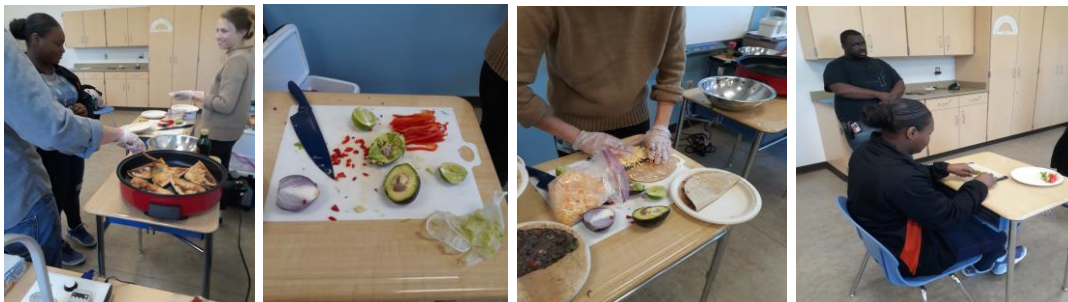


BOYS Club

In the BOYS Club young men learn skills and techniques to navigate life's numerous challenges.



FOOD MATTERS



Food Matters is a 24-week food and ecology curriculum that provides students with an understanding of what health food is, where it comes from, how it grows, and how to prepare it.

Pictured (left):
The students were preparing quesadillas.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS – Mr. Polles



Equipment Used: **SANDER**



SCROLL SAW



BAND SAW

I ❤️ MY CCS PRINCIPAL



October was Principal Appreciation Month. Please join us in celebrating our amazing SHARK Administrators at Columbus Scioto.

WE  OUR CCS PRINCIPALS!



**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



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#SAFERTOGETHER



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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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.