

Columbus Scioto Times

JANUARY 2019

Columbus Scioto 6-12
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Columbus, OH 43207
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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| 1/18 | Report Cards
Mailed Home |
| 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 |
| 2/13 | 90 Minute Early
Release |
| 2/18 | No School |
| 2/22 | Interims Mailed Home |
| 3/13 | 90 Minute Early
Release |
| 3/25 | Records Day –
No School |
| 3/29 | Report Cards
Mailed Home |
| 4/18 | 30 Minute Early
Release |
| 4/19 | Spring Break Begins
No School |
| 4/29 | School Resumes |
| 4/29 | Interims Mailed Home |
| 5/27 | Memorial Day
No School |
| 5/29 | Senior Graduation
Ceremony
(King Arts Center) |
| 5/30 | Last Day for Students |
| 6/3 | Report Cards
Mailed Home |



District Mission:

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

The 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.

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Happy New Year! Greetings Parents, Students and Staff,

It is hard to believe that we have less than 16 weeks of school left for the 2018-19 school year. Columbus Scioto has once again had some “ups and downs” that has created some intense moments at the building this year. But through resilience and perseverance, we have remained steadfast in our effort to improve academic growth and reduce the number of volatile acts of physical aggression. With YOUR help parents, we can together, continue to make positive gains in these two focused areas.

For the remainder of the year, our goal is to continue to use “data” language to describe what we are doing in the classroom as it pertains to “leveling-up” student performance. All this simply means is that we are focused on making sure students continue to show progress by meeting their targeted goals on school and district assessments, which include but not limited to MAP, Achieve 3000, ALEKS, and End of Course Exams. We as a staff are making efforts to help students understand and take responsibility for their own academic success. And the first part to understanding how to accomplish this is practicing and modeling the behavior we want to see. So please, when asking your children about their day, or what they are doing at school, ask them questions such as the following: “How many knowledge checks did you complete this week?” “Did you score better than 75% on your achieve articles this week?” “Did you improve your score on your MAP test?” We want to extend these conversations from school to home so that the children can get used to talking about and taking ownership of their learning and progress. It has to be everyone’s priority!

So as always, please feel free to call the office and speak to any of the administrators. We are happy to hear from you. Again, thank you for sending us your best!

Sincerely,

Dr. Michelle Milner

Principal

BUY YOUR Yearbook

PAST YEARBOOKS FOR SALE!!

2017-2018 10 BOOKS AVAILABLE

2016-2017 8 BOOKS AVAILABLE

2014-2015 2 BOOKS AVAILABLE

2013-2014 1 BOOK AVAILABLE

2018-2019 Yearbooks

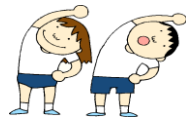
Yearbooks are available ONLINE!

1. Visit <http://www.memorybook.com/online-pay/parent-pay/>
2. Enter your school code 124385 then click "Go to your school account log in"
3. Click on the link below your school name
4. Register as a new user
5. Buy a yearbook for \$25.00



Columbus Scioto Food Drive

472 food items were collected to be donated to the Kitchen to feed the homeless at St Sophia's Greek Orthodox Cathedral. The students in Room 215 Collected 182 items to win the opportunity to participate in a field trip to deliver the food and go to lunch on Thursday, 12/20/18 with Mr. Chambers. Congratulations to Mrs. Langston's Room 215 – WAY TO GO!!!!!!



Middle School Physical Education – Ms. McGrew

In Middle School Physical Education 1st semester classes, we finished 2018 with a leisure sport unit. Students participated in table tennis, pickle ball and cornhole. The 6th grade students did an excellent job of completing their testing for the Ohio Department of Education.

On January 17th, the 2nd semester classes begin. It is important that students have athletic shoes for class participation. If your child must wear boots to school because of inclement weather, please have him/her bring athletic shoes for class. Safety is very important while moving around the gym. Following the rules of the activity and using the equipment properly will be key to keeping everyone safe. Good sportsmanship and being a socially responsible participant will be emphasized every day. I look forward to the second half of the school year!

From the Desk of Mrs. Stone – HS Math I and II

We just finished up our 2nd quarter and want to congratulate **Raymond Kirk** and **Javon Hannah** for completing the most topics in **ALEKS** this quarter. **Raymond** completed 70 topics and **Javon** completed 71. Great job!

So What is ALEKS?

Assessment and **LE**arning in **KN**owledge **SP**aces is a Web-based, artificially intelligent assessment and learning system. **ALEKS** uses adaptive questioning to quickly and accurately determine exactly what a student knows and doesn't know in a course. **ALEKS** then instructs the student on the topics he/she is most ready to learn. As a student works through a course, **ALEKS** periodically reassesses the student to ensure that topics learned are also retained. **ALEKS** courses are very complete in their topic coverage and **ALEKS** avoids multiple-choice questions. A student who shows a high level of mastery of an **ALEKS** course will be successful in the actual course he/she is taking.

ALEKS is available to almost all of **CCS** students and can be used at home or on any device that has internet access. Each student has an individual login name and password so topics can be done outside of school using cell phones, ipads or computers. If you would like your child's login information, please contact their math teacher.





STUDENT FEE PAYMENT

**EASY
PAYMENT
METHODS**

PAY ONLINE WITH A CREDIT CARD

Student fee payments can be conveniently made online with a credit card.

Log on to **Columbus City Schools Parent Portal** to view fees assessed to your student(s) name and pay online.

If you don't currently have access to the **Parent Portal**, please visit your student's school and the secretary can provide the activation code.



OTHER PAYMENT METHODS MUST BE MADE AT THE CENTRAL ENROLLMENT CENTER

Payment forms accepted at Central Enrollment are: Credit Card, Cash, Check and Money Order. The address and hours of operation are as follows:



**COLUMBUS
CITY SCHOOLS**

CENTRAL ENROLLMENT CENTER

430 Cleveland Avenue (Room 108)
Columbus, OH 43215

Hours: 8:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

You may also mail a check or money order to the above address along with the **Student Name, Student ID#, School Name, and Type of Fee.**

Questions? Call Customer Relations: 614.365.8888

Middle Years

Working Together for School Success



Short Stops

Energy investigator

Learning about your family's energy use can

introduce your tween to science concepts—and give him a chance to help take care of the planet. Have him search online for top energy-wasters and then look for examples at home, like a fully charged laptop that's plugged in or a printer in "sleep" mode.

Learning never ends

Let your middle grader see that education is a lifelong process by sharing things that you learn. For example, you might tell her what you're learning in your English class or show her a new yoga pose you're practicing.

Asking for help

When your child struggles with a lesson or concept in school, encourage him to go to his teacher or a classmate for help. Reassure him that it's okay to admit he doesn't understand, and it's important to get assistance before he falls behind.

Worth quoting

"Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later."
Og Mandino

Just for fun

Q: What falls but never gets hurt?

A: Snow!



Become more responsible

As your child gets older, she'll need to take responsibility for more areas of her life. Managing her own schedule, schoolwork, and activities now will help her feel capable and give her practice for the future. Try these strategies.

Hand over tasks

Pick routine jobs that your tween can take full responsibility for. She could pack her lunch, change and wash her sheets and towels, and replace light bulbs when they burn out, for instance. You might need to remind her of new duties at first, but gradually she should be able to do them without being asked. *Tip:* For more ideas, talk to parents of older children about tasks they gave out at different ages.

Encourage planning

Thinking ahead will help your tween stay on top of her responsibilities. Talk about how she can do this. For example, if she's going to a sleepover on Saturday, she'll need to pack her overnight bag, return her library books that are due



that day, and arrange to come home in time on Sunday to finish homework.

Avoid rescuing

Let your middle grader experience the consequences of being irresponsible. If she forgets her project and sends you a text on the way to school, don't deliver the assignment to her. Or if she can't find her sports equipment because she didn't put it away, she will have to tell her coach. Receiving a zero or sitting out from practice may help her remember next time. 👍

Let's brainstorm!

How can your middle grader come up with fresh ideas? Let him work on the art of brainstorming with these activities.

■ **Give prompts.** Ask him to make a top 10 list, like "Top 10 ways to eat potatoes" or "Top 10 reasons to wear a hat." You could also give him a fill-in-the-blank sentence ("I never _____ to _____"), and see how many ways he comes up with to complete it.

■ **Think as a family.** Have everyone suggest things to do during spring break or ways to share the bathroom. Allow family members to say what comes to mind, and write down all the suggestions without judging any of them. Explain that even if one idea won't work, it may lead to others that will. Together, review the list to find the best options. 👍



TUTORING RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus City Schools www.bgccolumbus.org



Milo-Grogan Clubhouse	101 Cleveland Avenue	(614) 294-4366
J. Ashburn Jr. Clubhouse	85 Clarendon Avenue	(614) 221-8830
Pheasant Run Clubhouse	2680 Orono Pike, Reynoldsburg	(614) 221-8830
R.I.S.E. Clubhouse	68 E. 2 nd Avenue	(614) 221-8830 x239
South Side Clubhouse	280 Reeb Avenue	(614) 468-9299
UA/Metro Clubhouse	1929 Kenny Road	(614) 221-8830 x207

*Serves youths ages 6 through 18 from across the city. For a low cost, the nationally acclaimed Club provides members with access to after-school and summer programming oriented around three pillars: Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Character & Leadership. Club members have access to tutoring, gym space, teen-specific area, field trips, career-readiness opportunities and mentoring.

