

Dear Patrons,

The holiday season is upon us so let me begin by saying *Happy Holidays* from the Columbia School District! December is here so winter sports are already in full swing along with various holiday activities, concerts, etc... We hope to see you all at one of our upcoming events over the next month. Speaking of events, on Tuesday, November 20th, the Columbia School District officially opened our new Activities Wing at Columbia Elementary School. Thank you to those that came out and braved the cold weather for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The classrooms and gym space are already in use. It really is an amazing building and investment in our community. Thank you again for your support.

Before we end the calendar year, I want to take a moment to inform our community on some technology updates that are in the works. Our district is currently in the midst of developing a four year technology plan. Our current students live in a world that is changing faster than we can imagine or dream. Did you know that the average smartphone you have in your home is (depending on where you do your research) thousands to millions of times more powerful than the computer used to pilot the astronauts on the Apollo 11 moon landing mission? I don't say that to scare you, I say it to prove a point of how far we have come. With this in mind, we have recently purchased over 200 Chromebooks that will be put into use following the start of the new calendar year beginning at Columbia Middle School. While all the details have not been finalized yet, we have made it our mission to get technology in the hands of students throughout the district over the next four years. We hope you will join us on this mission!

Sincerely,
Todd Hilberg, Superintendent

Band News

We would like to thank everyone who purchased wreaths for our fundraiser. We truly appreciate your support!

Please join us at our next Band Booster Meeting, Monday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the high school band room. We would love to see you!

The Middle and High School concert bands and the choir will be performing their Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the High School auditorium. Please join us for a wonderful evening of performances!

Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon

The Columbia High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) invites all Burbank senior citizens to come celebrate the holiday season at the annual FBLA Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon. The FREE luncheon will be held at the Burbank Grange Hall on **Wednesday, December 12th at 11:30 a.m.**



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Columbia Middle School **ASB** would like to thank everyone who purchased coffee, cookies or fudge during our Java Joe's Fundraiser. We anticipate product being delivered between Dec. 17th - 20th. Thank you again for your support of CMS ASB!

CMS Library is holding a **Scholastic Book Fair** December 3rd through the 7th. The book fair will be in the library from 8:00-3:30 pm daily. Please contact Adele Chism at adele.chism@csd400.org with any questions.

HELP WANTED

Columbia School District is currently accepting applications for substitute FOOD SERVICE WORKERS and substitute BUS DRIVERS. If you are interested, please visit our employment website at <https://csd400.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx> or call 509-547-2136 with any questions.

HONOR SOCIETY EVENTS

The CHS Honor Society will be accepting food donations to assist local community members in need during this holiday season. The **food drive** will run until December 14th. Unexpired, non perishable food can be dropped off at any of the schools. If you have a donation you would like us to pick up or know of someone who could benefit from a food basket, please contact Sheena Kelly at 545-8573 or sheena.kelly@csd400.org.

Come support the Coyotes on December 7th as they host Colfax for high school basketball. Bring a non perishable food item for the CHS Honor Society's food drive and receive a FREE BAG OF POPCORN!! Thank you for your help in supporting local families!

The CHS Honor Society will be collecting coats for the **KNDU Coats for Kids School Challenge**. If you have a donation, you can find a collection box at any of the three schools. We will also have a collection box available at the High School Basketball game on December 7th. We will be collecting coats until December 9th.

Attention High School Students!

Columbia High School Yearbooks are on sale for \$45, now through December 20th. Hurry and order yours today before the price goes up!

Coyote Basketball Dinners

Have dinner out and watch a game! Sound Perfect? During Basketball season dinner will be served at every Friday and Saturday home game. Come on out, cheer on the Coyotes and support the class, club, sports team or organization that will be serving up something delicious.

December 7th- Meatball Subs, Chips and Dessert (CHS Volleyball)

December 14th- Back Alley BBQ (TBD)

December 28th- Pizza and Dessert (Booster Club)

Come out and support these great organizations that provide so much for our students!



Burbank Public Library News

Sign up your 1st thru 6th grade student for **BEEz, Burbank Education and Enrichment Zone**, our after-school homework and activity hour. Register your child at the library today! Held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

Come see us every Wednesday morning @ 10:30 am for **Toddler Story Time**. No story time on December 26th.

NERF Squadron @ your library! Teens, come and solve clues and have fun with NERF! Open to middle-school and high-school youth. Wednesday, December 12, 7:15 to 8:15 pm.

Lego Robotics Club is open to students in grades 3-12. Students combine Legos and technology to build operational robots. We are limited to 14 students; please call the library at 509-545-6549 to sign your student up. The Club will be held every 2nd Friday of the month, beginning December 14th from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

Santa Story Time! Santa Claus is coming...to the Burbank Library. Join Santa for stories, crafts, and snacks. Of course, you can get your picture with Santa as well. Ho Ho Ho! – it promises to be a wonderful time. See you on Thursday, December 13; event runs from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

The Burbank Library Christmas Tree is being decorated with **new socks** for young and old, male and female. Come hang a new pair of socks on our tree through December 24th and we will deliver them to homeless shelters in our area.

You are invited to the **Annual Friends of the Library Holiday Silent Auction & Open House**. Come enjoy the sights and sounds of the season and support library programming for children. All money raised goes to support after-school programming and special programming for your student(s)! Saturday, December 8, from 3 PM to 4:30 PM @ the Burbank Library.

Yoga Mats Wanted

Do you have a new or gently used yoga mat that you're not using? Mrs. Pierce would love to repurpose them into reading mats for her class. You can drop them off at the elementary school office.

Wrestling Tournament

The CHS wrestling team would like to invite the community to their all girls' wrestling tournament on Friday December 21st. Wrestling starts at 10:00 AM and continues all day until about 5:00 PM. We could use donations of food, snacks, and beverages for the hospitality room and would love to include volunteers who are willing to donate time, even if it's only a few hours to help with scoring tables and the behind-the-scenes work of running a tournament. Karen Holbrook is coordinating the hospitality room and can be reached at 509-551-6131. For all other donations and/or questions, please contact Coach Joe Sloan at 509-851-4677. Thank you and GO COYOTES!

Message from CHS

This fall a major goal for the high school staff continues to be planning and building for the most responsive and responsible learning environment we can construct. One of our main topics of study has been motivation of students and factors influencing our student's ability to persist.

How can parents and families help? A major predictor of a student's performance at school is how the student feels about their parents' or guardians' interest and expectations of their performance. Multiple reviewed studies point to the importance of parental involvement and parental expectations-parental support is typically number one in gauging a student's school success.

Please take time to periodically review your student's grades and coursework on the district's parent portal at www.csd400.org under the link "Family/Student Access." If you have any issues getting into your student's attendance history or grade book, please give us a call at 545-8573 or email me at kyle.miller@csd400.org.

School Board Meeting



Regular Board Meeting

December 17, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Future Board Meeting Dates:

January 14 & 28, 2019

For a complete list of agenda items, please visit the district website at www.csd400.org >>District>>Board

1st/2nd Grade Winter Concert

The 1st and 2nd Graders of Columbia Elementary School would like to invite you to their Winter Concert, which will take place in the High School Auditorium on December 13th at 6:30 pm. We will be singing a delightful assortment of winter and holiday themed songs. Hope to see you there!



Inclement Weather

During inclement weather there are some areas that can be difficult for our school buses to navigate. Because of this, the Columbia School District may declare snow routes from time to time for Dodd Road, Iverson Road and Wallula bus routes. If you hear we are driving emergency snow routes you will need to have your students' board and depart the bus at the Crazy Mary's parking lot or at the Wallula Post office. Also, E. Humorist/Hilltop will board on Merry Lane.

Anytime there is questionable weather please check our website at www.csd400.org for detailed information, or listen to KONA 610 AM or 105.3 FM or watch KNDU TV channel 25's banner. Parents and guardians wishing to receive Columbia School District weather closure/delay announcements via text please see the attached flier on how to sign up for SchoolMessenger.

Transportation would also like to remind all parents and students that all students are to be at their bus stops 5 minutes prior to their stop time. If you are not sure what your time is you can find all bus stops and times on the district website.

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