



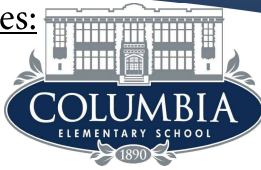
# ColumbiaSplash



## From the Principal



## Columbia Student Outcomes:



- Learners who possess strong character - *Character*
- Learners who seek to understand self and others - *Perspective/Equity*
- Learners who are prepared to positively impact their local and global communities - *Action/Impact*
- Learners who develop a compelling passion for learning and knowledge now and forever - *Passion/Knowledge*
- Learners who pursue all options for a healthy, fulfilling, and productive life - *Balance*

Safety at Columbia; our number one priority!

Here are some things where we could use your, the communities, help:

- As you use the gates to enter or leave school property, PLEASE be sure to close and clip the gate shut between 8:00 and 3:30. This supports all our students with being safe on our school grounds.
- We have a designated drop off and pick up area on the East side of our school on Walnut St. PLEASE do not park along the yellow curbing, in the designated bus zone, up against the crosswalk or any area where there are cones. We need cars to see kids and kids to see cars. It is also important that students are dropped off heading South on Walnut so student are not crossing traffic to get to the school grounds.
- If you bring your dog to the school grounds, PLEASE be sure to pick up their waste and dispose of it into the trash to help us keep our play areas sanitary. As a reminder, all dogs (and cats) must be on a leash at all times while on our school grounds.
- We have had two pieces of playground equipment removed from the playground due to safety concerns. A big THANK YOU to our CPA for supporting the new playground equipment! We are working to add additional replacement pieces this summer.
- As always, PLEASE be sure to check in at the office if you are visiting Columbia during the school day.

THANK YOU all for helping us support all or kids and staff with being safe every day here at Columbia and PLEASE spread the safety word!

**Please remember to register your kindergarteners for next school year! Kindergarten Open House is May 17th 1:00-3:00 PM**

## WE Day Seattle

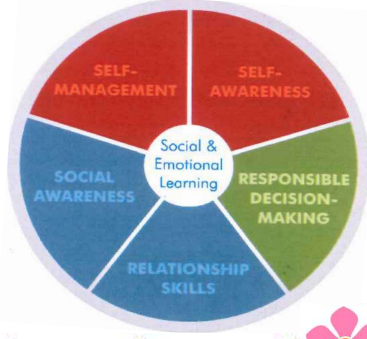
In Canada, the US, and the UK, WE Day and WE Schools are initiatives of WE Charity that educate and empower young people. WE Schools is a yearlong educational program that nurtures compassion in students and gives them the tools to create transformative social change. And WE Day is a series of stadium-sized events that celebrate youth making a difference in their local and global communities.

Our 5th graders from room 12 learned about the Global Refugee Crisis. They held a personal hygiene drive to benefit refugees in Whatcom County, collecting about 1,850 items! They created information reports about countries with high volumes of refugees and held a fundraising event to educate others and raise money for Doctors Without Border, an organization that provides medical aid and support to refugees worldwide.

Room 13 5th graders helped organize the annual school-wide Food Drive benefitting the Bellingham Food Bank to fight hunger in Whatcom County. Their efforts helped to collect 1,300 pounds of nonperishable food. They have focused on environmental learning and community awareness. They completed all three ReSources Sustainable Schools (Waste Prevention, Water Conservation and Energy Efficiency) and Action Plans, earning their Green Classroom Certification.

Fourth graders learned about human relationships with the environment- they studied marine life and the influence it has on humans as well as the influence humans have on it. Students learned that marine life is vital to human existence and that humans are behaving in ways that threaten the oceans. Students learned that a major factor threatening the oceans and marine life is pollution. Their learning about the reciprocal relationship between humans and the environment motivated students to:

- Conduct interviews with major snack companies such as Annie's and — to ask about their packaging



**REMINDERS:**

April 20: Rm 12's Puppet Show  
 April 27: NO SCHOOL  
 May 3: 4th/5th to WE Day Seattle  
 May 4: 5th Grad WMS Visit  
 May 11: Taproot Theatre  
 May 15: Columbia Music Event  
 May 16: Bike Rodeo  
 May 17: Kinder Open House; 2nd Gr. Poetry Night

Please remember that you can view all of Columbia's scheduled events on our school's website

## TAPROOT THEATRE'S ROAD COMPANY

tours dynamic educational plays to students throughout the Pacific Northwest, reaching tens of thousands of students each year with productions that address relevant social issues and provide youth with safe steps to approach them. They will be at Columbia May 11th performing:



## The Case of the Missing Friends

The fact is this: making friends can be a mystery. Jessie "Google" Blackstone is a detective, and the new girl at Hardy Elementary. She's incredibly smart with keen observation skills – but she can't quite crack the code on making new friends. When a classmate starts calling her names like "know-it-all" and "freak," Google thinks she'll never fit in. But when a mysterious jewel heist puts her back on the detective trail, all of the clues start to add up. Follow Google as she uncovers allies that teach her the secret of the three R's: Recognizing, Reporting and Refusing Bullying.



## WE Day Seattle, continued

- Organize a community trash clean up
- Organize a walk to raise money for clean water,
- Conduct interviews with district officials and influence the school district 's decision making around the use of plastic in the cafeteria,
- Teach the community about the importance of reducing our waste, recycling, and creative ways to reuse.
- Participate in habitat restoration with Habitat for Humanity

