

Columbia Splash



From
the
Principal



Dear Columbia Families,

First and foremost, it has been an honor and a privilege to be the principal of this amazing school. Our kids, the staff, and you are what make this place so wonderful and I am so happy to be a part of this great place. This has been a fantastic year full of growth. As I reflect on our learning together on having a growth-mindset, I have so many examples of kids and adults embracing the idea that the way we talk and think about learning matters. We also embrace failure as a part of learning and understand that with hard work and perseverance we can learn, grow, and improve. Columbia is such a supportive and student centered school and as a staff we see our strengths and want to continue to improve what we do for our kids. Next year, we will continue to learn together as we pursue becoming an IB school to support us with meeting our Columbia Learner Outcomes. There will be more to come regarding our work in becoming an International Baccalaureate-Primary Years Program. In the meantime, I hope you are able to have a fun and rejuvenating summer with friends and family that is filled with wonderful memories.

Take care, be safe, and we will see you in August!
Aaron



Boredom Busters: Kids Activities

- * Bake cookies * Ride a bike * Have a water balloon fight * Take a hike
- * Start a scavenger hunt * Learn pottery * Get a library card * Write a story
- * Make your own homemade board game * Fingerpaint * Walk your dog
- * Read a book * Practice origami * Plant a garden * Make a sidewalk chalk mural
- * Get crafty * Visit a fish hatchery * Make totem poles out of paper towel rolls
- * Collect shells * Make a bird house * String beads into jewelry * Play tag
- * Make a fort * Play in the rain * Have a s'more * Camp out * Camp in * Stargaze
- * Have a picnic * Enjoy a game night * Have a puzzle race * Visit a museum
- * Watch a movie * Take a road trip * Jump rope * Blow bubbles * Go fishing
- * Pick berries * Visit a zoo * Play miniature golf * Make a fairy house * Barbecue
- * Build a sandcastle * Make a paper airplane * Skip stones * Play with clay
- * Set up a lemonade stand * Have a garage sale * Make music * Fly a kite

Summer Break Food Program

Bellingham Public Schools will sponsor the Summer Food Service Program for Children during summer break 2018. Meals are available at no charge to children 18 years of age and younger. For more information about the summer food program, please contact the District Office at 676-6400 or visit the link below for site locations and Food Bank hours.

<https://bellingshamschools.org/news/summer-break-food-program-2018-begins-june-18/>

OFFICE HOURS

Columbia will reopen to the public on August 15th. Office hours will be
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
(closed for lunch from 12:00-1:30)
1:30-3:00 p.m.

meet and Greet

for 1st - 5th graders will be from 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 28th. Come and meet teachers and classmates.



**PLEASE REMEMBER
TO PICK UP ALL
MEDICATIONS**

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*



A heartfelt
Thank You
TO OUR
VOLUNTEERS



A HUGE thank you to the Columbia CPA and all of our volunteers! You have done so much to support Columbia and we appreciate YOU!



KINDERGARTEN

AUGUST:

27 & 28: Conferences in P.M.

29: Conferences all day

30 & 31: School / 8:00 - 12:30

SEPTEMBER:

4: First full day of school 8-2:30

ENJOY
YOUR
SUMMER!!!

First Day of
School for
1st-5th Grades
will be
Wednesday,
August 29th.



GARDENING
with
Common Threads

If you're interested in helping with summer garden care, please sign up through: www.commonthreadsfarm.org/summergardencare/

