



October 2018

# Columbia Splash



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Hello Columbia Families!

We are so excited to be entering fall and working to deepen our understanding of the IB Learner Profile Attributes. We spent the month of September doing an overview of the Learner Profile. The plan moving forward is to focus on one attribute per month and continue to learn about the attribute of "Inquirer" throughout the year.

### Learner Profile Attributes by Month:

Inquirers – learned about all year

Principled – October

Reflective – November

Caring – December

Risk-Taker – January

Communicators – February

Open-Minded – March

Thinkers – April

Knowledgeable – May

Balanced – June

### Questions you can ask your kids:

What did you investigate and ask questions about today?

How did you act responsibly or safely today?

What did you consider or think about in a different way today?

How did you help someone today?

How did you challenge yourself today?

What ideas or information did you share today?

How did you show someone respect or understanding today?

How did you use your brain to solve a problem or make a decision today?

What did you learn about or remember today?

How did you keep your mind and body healthy today?



### October:

- 10/13: Columbia Work Party
- 10/15: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to Mt. Baker Theatre Return Student Paperwork to Office
- 10/18: The Great Washington ShakeOut
- 10/19: No School/Teacher Workday 10:00-3:00
- 10/23: Make-up & Retake Pictures IB Night 6:00-7:30 PM
- 10/24: Hearing & Vision Rechecks
- 10/25: Parent/Teacher Conferences 9<sup>th</sup> Annual School Harvest Dinner hosted at Whatcom Middle School 5:00-7:00
- 10/27: Make a Difference Day and Arbor Day Work Party 9:00-12 at Whatcom Falls Park

### November:

- 11/1: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/2: No School/Teacher Workday
- 11/8: PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/12: No School – Veteran's Day

## CELEBRATIONS & HOLIDAYS

We are continuing to learn and grow here at Columbia elementary school. As we do so, we are working on developing more inclusive and equitable practices that support the learning and development of all our students. One area we have been looking into is celebrations and holidays. We know and believe celebrations and holidays are an important part of a community. Knowing there are many different perspectives and beliefs in our Columbia families, this year we have decided to not focus on Halloween but rather focus on the importance of fall and harvest. By not wearing costumes and hosting Halloween parties, our hope is all our families will send their students to school on this day.

We will continue to refine our practices and align them more with the IB mission: The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

Thank you for your partnership and support.



## SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please help Columbia School with safety on school grounds. Recently there has been an increase in dog feces on the playground and dogs off leash. Please help keep our students and community safe by:

- Keeping dogs leashed **at all times** on school grounds. This includes both the playground, black top, and south field.
- Picking up dog waste and discarding it into garbage cans. A garbage dumpster is located on the East side of the building.

Thank you for your help and please encourage others to support the safety of our kids and our community.

