



# Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School  
Robin Hay, Principal

Office Hours: 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



## Principally speaking . . .

Kestrel Families,

It is Spring! We have been blessed with wonderful weather, since the snow in February. I notice this a lot, because on such beautiful days students really enjoy being outside for recess. We watch in the cafeteria and at recess, noticing the new friendships and the laughter that is being shared. That has been missing in school buildings for nearly a year! Thank you for sharing your children and their laughter with us!

As we come into Spring, we begin to look towards the 2021-22 school year. We are hoping to offer many classes for Summer School. If you are interested in your child attending, keep watching Dojo. A survey will come out from Columbia River to find your preferences. We hope to have students in the classroom to make up for time lost during this school year and last Spring.

We are also planning our staffing needs for next year. If your child is attending Distance Learning, but you are considering having them attend in person in the Fall, please let us know. I posted in the Distance Learners class on Dojo. Comments to me are great as a response. If you are not sure yet what form of education your child will participate in, you can let us know later this Spring or even late Summer.

The Pasco School District is hoping for a more normal start to the school year in the Fall. Our numbers are looking good locally. Vaccination is of course a family choice, but many people are taking the vaccine. I was vaccinated in January and only had about 24 hours of side effects. I feel better knowing that I will not be passing COVID to other people.

Finally, we are encouraging registration of upcoming kindergarten students. There is more information on that in this newsletter. Registration is online. If you know of families that live in our attendance area but are not attending Columbia River Elementary, please encourage them to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Hay



<b>Report Cards</b> Sent home with Cohort B	<b>1</b>
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<b>Spring Break</b> <b>No classes held</b>	<b>5-9</b>
<b>PTO Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m.—Zoom	<b>13</b>
<b>Dedication Ceremony</b> 3:30 p.m. <b>Open House</b> 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tours for families and the public	<b>21</b>
<b>Earth Day</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Virtual Group and Spring Personality Picture Day</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Kids Heart Challenge</b> 10:00 a.m. Zoom Assembly-Cohort B	<b>29</b>
<b>Poem in Your Pocket Day</b>	<b>29</b>





# Columbia River P.T.O.

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## Monthly P.T.O. Meeting

The next monthly P.T.O. meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in our P.T.O. group.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://psd1-org.zoom.us/j/81520700298?](https://psd1-org.zoom.us/j/81520700298?pwd=NXJFMGI0d1NGMmpPVm52QWZZaXdJdz09)

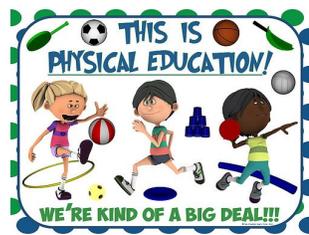
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Meeting ID: 815 2070 0298

Passcode: 309187

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Earth Day activities



## Mrs. Payne Health/Fitness

Hey Kestrels,

It is time for the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge! By participating in the Kids Heart Challenge, your child will raise funds to help kids with special hearts and make all communities healthier. Students will also learn about taking care of their hearts and participate in cardio-pumping challenges.

We will be kicking off the event on April 29th at 10:00-10:30 a.m. with a special Zoom assembly, where all the new Kids Heart Challenge characters and theme will be introduced. We are excited to participate in a fun online experience and raise funds for the American Heart Association. Everything can be done easily online with the Kids Heart Challenge app or website. Students will be able to send emails, text and post social media messages to collect donations online. Families can make a pledge to move more as a family and track progress with the free online Move More tracker. Doesn't that sound fun? 🤝❤️

We hope everyone takes the challenge by participating in this very worthwhile event. And we hope that you all encourage our Kestrels to select a personal health challenge:

- ◆ Be physically active for 60 minutes a day
- ◆ Choose water over sugary drinks daily
- ◆ Do a good deed daily and be kind

Thank you for your support!

MaryAnn Payne  
Health/Fitness



**Kestrels are: Safe, Respectful, Responsible. Watch us, Rise!**

## 2021-2022 Student Registration is Now Open

Registration is open for the 2021-2022 School Year. We are encouraging parents of upcoming kindergarten students to get registered. As well as any student who is new to our area.

THE PROCESS IS EASY:

Go to [www.psd1.org/register](http://www.psd1.org/register) and click on the 'Register your Student' button and follow the instructions.

INFORMATION NEEDED TO REGISTER:

- Age Verification (hospital certificate, previous school records, entry in family bible, other)
- Immunization records
- Proof of district residency (utility bill, lease, other)
- Health history with list of allergies and current medications

**DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER?**

We have kiosks for you to use!

We will have a supply distribution date in May for our 2021-2022 kindergarten students. Along with that, we will pass out some worksheets and helpful tips for parents leading up to the start of school.