



Kestrel Chronicle

Columbia River Elementary School
Robin Hay, Principal

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



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Principally speaking . . .

Dear Kestrels,

A big thank you to everyone who has worked so hard, been flexible and assisted to make the start of this year successful! As a former teacher, I did not take any classes in video production or online learning. Although there have been quite a few hiccups in the technology that we are using, we appreciate everyone's work on smoothing out the issues. Parents, we understand and sympathize with the role that is being asked of you! Students, we miss seeing you in our hallways. So far there have been very few students who have walked the hallways! That is so unlike anything that our whole world has ever considered for public education.

A few changes have begun to occur, and you might be aware of them. We have brought in 12 students into some special situations for in person learning. We have found great success with this! Kudos to the staff, parents and students for jumping through all the hoops that have been put in place to make this happen. Teachers, paraeducators, nurses, food service, bus drivers and our office staff have done an excellent job of setting up routines, contacting parents and working with students to make this a success. Thank you! We will continue to increase our student participation where appropriate.

The Benton Franklin Health Department feels that our numbers are getting close to in person education. Before that happens, parents will be surveyed for preferences in educational format. We are putting together specific plans and routines to ensure the safety of all when it is decided we can bring in more students. Please know that we will seek your input and develop plans to accommodate all perspectives and needs as we move forward.

We now have a Columbia River PTO. Elections will be coming soon. Please consider being an officer. We will try to keep the commitment low this year and spread the work around. We have some wonderful people who have volunteered to do work, so please watch for a link to join our next meeting. It will be held via Zoom, which does make it easier for more parents to attend. We will be voting on the proposed by-laws, which have been posted on Class Dojo. We will be planning some fun activities for the upcoming months, whether we are in person or still online. Please watch for these and participate to the level that you feel comfortable.

Our first event will be this Friday and involve our specialists. More information to follow.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hay



PTO Meeting Virtual at 5:30 p.m.	6
Professional Day ~no classes held	9



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Calling all parents! We are looking for parents/guardians that want to be involved in our P.T.O group for Columbia River Elementary School.

If you are interested, please send your contact information to kestrelpridepto@gmail.com.

