

# A WINDOW INTO WINTERSET

January - 2025

As we remember Dr Martin Luther King Jr this month,  
let us strive to live his famous  
"I HAVE A DREAM" speech

Martin Luther King Jr. 'I have a dream' speech



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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 13 - **STUDENT OF MONTH LUNCH RECOGNITION**
- Jan 15 - **DENTAL SEALANTS** - 2nd grade
- Jan 20 - **NO SCHOOL** - M.L.K. Day
- Jan 21 - **NO SCHOOL** - Professional Development
- Jan 22 - **NO SCHOOL** - Records Day
- Jan 23 - **5th GRADE TO ARTFUL READING**
- Jan 23 - **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES** - 3:45 - 7:00pm
- Jan 24 - **SCHOOL SMILES DENTAL PROGRAM**



- Jan 28 - **CAMERA CLUB** - 3:30pm
- Feb3 - **STUDENT OF MONTH LUNCH RECOGNITION**
- Feb 3 - Mar 31 - **SCHOOL LOTTERY**
- Feb 4 - **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES** - 3:45 - 7:00pm
- Feb 6 - **VIRTUAL SCHOOL CHOICE FAIR** - 6-7:30pm
- Feb 21 - **S.O.M. BREAKFAST with Parents** - 8am \*\*\*\*\*
- Feb 17 - **NO SCHOOL** - P/Teacher Conference Comp Day

\*\*\*\*\*MORE INFORMATION TO COME come\*\*\*\*\*

## WELCOME TO WINTERSET

Join us as we welcome our new Administrative Assistant, **Mrs Erin Davis** to our team. Suzanne Jennings has accepted a different position outside CCS. Her value to Winterset has been invaluable and we wish her the very best in the next chapter of her life.

We are excited to have Mrs Davis join our staff and continue the great work that has been started.

**Jenny Hulett** will be our new Latchkey Teacher. Shanna Clark has accepted the position of assistant coordinator in the Latchkey department. We wish her nothing but the best, and her presence will be missed by all at Winterset

**WELCOME ERIN & JENNY**

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The students this month were recognized for demonstrating **BEING RESPONSIBLE, BEING RESPECTFUL and BEING READY TO LEARN.**



Mrs. Malone - Rm 1 - **Nimo Ahmed**  
 Mrs Darst - Rm 14 - **Jace Adams**  
 Ms Eichman - Rm 6 - **Aya Ounis**  
 Mrs Gresock - Rm 7 - **Dallas Roquemore**  
 Mrs Kennedy - Rm 19 - **Cecelia MacDonald**  
 Mrs Concitis - Rm 18 - **Axel Heath**  
 Mr Dietry - Rm 17- **Dexter Dodge**  
 Mrs Thalgott - Rm 16 - **Ash Troyer**  
 Ms Amos - Rm 8 - **Retal Djeddou**  
 Mrs. Rammel - Rm 9 - **Emmanuel Martin**  
 Mrs Burke - Rm 3 - **Axel Heath**  
 Mr Abernathy - Rm 2 - **Adnan Koliqi**  
 Mrs Hulteen - Rm 11 - **Anniah Augenstein-Adams**  
 Mr Mitchell - Rm 12 - **Jemira Williams**  
 Mrs Armppriester - Rm 15 - **Jack McDonald-Stampfli**  
 Ms Lewis /Mrs Bossa - Rm 10 - **Abdul Azad**

## UPCOMING MUSICIAN AT WINTERSET

**Bronze Burton-Duru** a 5th Grader in Room 10 recently performed at **St. Joseph Cathedral** in downtown Columbus. Below is an interview by his Instrumental teacher, Mr Travis Damicone, here at the school We're proud to profile one of our all-star musicians.

**How old are you:** 10 years old

**How long have you been playing the cello?** 1.5 years

**How much do you practice?** Every day

**Do you play any other instruments?** Saxophone, recorder

**What your favorite part about playing the cello:** It has a beautiful sound.

**Why did you choose to play the cello?** It felt natural to me.

**Who is your favorite musician?** cellist Wendy Law

**When did you begin playing in Urban Strings?** I auditioned in Summer 2024

**Describe Urban Strings:** The music is more challenging and I'm one of the youngest students in the group. More info on Urban Strings:

**How often do you rehearse for Urban Strings?** Saturdays, and we play lots of concerts.

**What advice would you give to a new student looking to play an instrument?** Keep practicing, keep trying, never give up, and one day you'll do something big.

**Other interests other than playing?** Listen to cello music on YouTube

**How long will you play the cello:** My whole life.



## REINDEER GAMES IN DECEMBER







# PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

## PREPARING FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

- School conferences will be held on **Jan 23rd and Feb 4th from 3:45-7:00pm**. Please choose the date that best suits your schedule. You will receive information from your child's teacher with details on scheduling time.

The goal of these conferences is to let you know how your child is doing at school, what they are learning and the plan for teaching them this year. It's also a time for you to give feedback and ask questions of the teacher

### How to Prepare Before Conference

Look over schoolwork

Talk with your child about any questions/concerns they may have

Make a list of questions

### **At the Conference**

Be on time and prepared

Ask the most important question first

Give teachers positive feedback- what is working

### **Possible Questions to Ask**

(PICK THE TOP 3)

How will my student be evaluated?

What are my child's strongest and weakest subjects?

What are some examples my child's strengths and weaknesses?

Does my child turn homework in on time?

What can I do at home to help support my child's academic progress?

What types of tests & evaluations will my child have to take this year?

How are my child's test-taking skills?

Is my child participating in class discussions and activities?

How are my child's social skills at school?

Does my child seem engaged?

Have you noticed any unusual behaviors?

Has my child missed any classes other than excused absences?

Do you think my child is reaching his or her potential?

### **After the Conference**

Update your child

Make a plan with your child

Follow up with teacher and/or other support staff

Continue to stay in touch with the teacher/support staff

**Update your contact information via parent portal**



**SCHOOL SMILES ON-SITE DENTAL CARE IS COMING**



**School  
Smiles**  
On-site Dental Care



# THE DENTIST IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL!



**Signup your child today:**

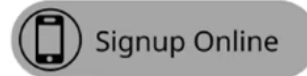
**[www.schoolsmiles.com/student-signup](http://www.schoolsmiles.com/student-signup)**

**or scan the QR code with your camera**

## DENTAL SERVICES



**CLEANING  
FLUORIDE  
X-RAYS  
SEALANTS  
RESTORATIVE CARE  
FREE DENTAL SUPPLIES**



The dentist is coming to Winterset Elementary on **January 24, 2025!** The School Smiles on-site dental program provides on-site dental care at our school for ALL students that signup to participate. They offer full comprehensive care: both preventive and restorative services to fully treat the student. The dental team will set up inside our school and they accept Medicaid, private insurance, offer self-pay rates and grants through their foundation.

Registration is now open online at: [www.schoolsmiles.com/student-signup](http://www.schoolsmiles.com/student-signup) with over 100 languages to choose from when completing the online form. See the attached flyer for additional ways to register, don't miss out! Consent forms will also be sent home with your student after winter break.

### **Attention 2nd Grade Families**

Columbus Public Health Dental Sealant Team is returning to Winterset this year! This is a free service that will help prevent cavities on your child. Dental decay is the number one unmet health care need in children and this is a wonderful opportunity to get this work done for free.

The team will be at Winterset on January 15, 2025 to place sealants on second grade students who return a consent form. Consent forms will be sent home with students in the next few weeks. The team will also check 3rd grade students who received sealants during the 23-24 school year.



# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOTTERY & SCHOOL CHOICE FAIR



## COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL CHOICE FAIRS FOR 2025-2026 ENROLLMENT

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Middle & High Schools • January 9 • 6-7:30 p.m.  
Elementary Schools • February 6 • 6-7:30 p.m.

### Types of School Choice Applications:

**School Choice Lottery:** For parents/guardians of KG-12th grade students wishing to apply to attend a school other than the school assigned.

**Reservation Admissions:** For students who currently attend a school that is eligible to reserve a seat in the next school with the same programming. Reservation applications will be available on **January 6, 2025 and must be submitted by January 31, 2025 via the School Choice link in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.**

**Request to Return to Home School:** For students attending a school in Columbus City Schools that is not their school of address. The request will be available for submission beginning on **January 6, 2025 and must be submitted via the School Choice link in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal by March 21, 2025.**

**Selective Admissions:** For students who meet specific criteria. The Selective Admissions application will be available on **January 8, 2025, for students who qualify, and must be submitted via the School Choice link in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal by January 31, 2025.**

**Inter-District Open (IOE) Enrollment:** For students living outside of the Columbus City Schools boundaries and wish to attend a school in the CCS District. IOE application deadlines follow the same deadlines as the School Choice Lottery.

### School Choice Dates to apply for the 2025-2026 School Year:

- **Elementary School Lottery Applications:** On-time lottery applications accepted **via the [Parent Portal](#)** for the lottery draw **Monday, February 3, 2025 through Monday, March 31, 2025**. Late applications are added to the bottom of the waitlist in the date/time order of receipt.
- **Selective Admissions Applications:** Applications available to eligible students **Wednesday, January 8, 2025 with a submission deadline of Friday, January 31, 2025. Applications must be submitted via the Parent Portal.**
- **Request to Return to Homeschool Application:** Accepted via the Parent Portal **Monday, January 6, 2025, through Friday, March 21, 2025.**

**SCHOOL CHOICE VIDEO WILL BE AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE**



[School Choice Lottery Information Click Here](#)

## FREE COSI MEMBERSHIP

### you're invited to become a **COSI member** for **FREE!**

Thanks to the generosity of the Robert Weiler Company, COSI is proud to offer a **complimentary one-year COSI Membership to Columbus City Schools 5th Grade Students and their families.**

You're invited to give your family the gift of science learning with year-round visits to COSI. It's simple!

### to sign up for your **FREE membership:**

Visit [cosi.org/CCS5](https://cosi.org/CCS5) to fill out your application form.

Visit [cosi.org](https://cosi.org) for hours, directions, Member benefits, FAQ, and policies.

Limited number of Memberships available.  
First come, first served. Application window closes  
February 28th, 2025.

### We look forward to welcoming you!

memberships generously  
provided by:



in partnership with:



### It's absolutely **FREE** and absolutely **FUN!**

#### YOUR COSI MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- UNLIMITED daily admission to COSI
- FREE reciprocal admission to 360+ science centers worldwide\*
- Discounts on parking, Museum Store, and the Atomic Café

\* Some restrictions apply. Pricing and benefits subject to change without notice.

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Give your family the gift of science learning with a free membership to COSI! Thanks to the generosity of the Robert Weiler Company, Columbus City Schools **5th-grade students** and their families can receive **FREE** year-round visits to COSI! **Elementary School Family Ambassadors** can also receive these memberships!

Memberships are limited. Don't wait. Apply today! First come, first served. Application closes on February 28th, 2025.

Please use the link below to register for your **FREE membership**.

[FREE COSI Membership to 5th Grade Families - Click Here](#)





# CAP4Kids Newsletter

Temperatures are finally dropping, which means energy costs are rising. For many families in Columbus, this means incredible hardships that can affect the health of the children living in the home. Sometimes families have to make very difficult decisions, and using alternatives to standard heating can cost lives. Help families reduce energy consumption, as well as find programs to help with bills piling up. There are many free programs out there we want people to know about.

- 🍼 [Free Baby Supplies](#)
- 🧥 [Coats & Clothing](#)
- 🗂️ [Jewish Family Services Job & Financial Wellness Programs](#)
- 💵 [Help Making Ends Meet](#)
- 🏠 [Utility & Rent Assistance Programs](#)
- 📺 [Reduced-Cost Internet](#)
- 🏠 [Ohio Benefits & Assistance Programs](#)
- 🧑 [Compensation for Victims of Crime](#)
- ⚖️ [Low-Cost & Free Legal Services](#)
- 🏠 [Affordable Housing](#)
- 📄 [Free Tax Filing](#)
- 🐾 [Low-Cost Vet Clinic](#)
- 💰 [Temporary Financial Assistance](#)
- 🏠 [Columbus Public Health Lists: Emergency Resources & Job Help](#)

**Click on the link below to find this and more resources for your family**

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

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### FREE TO A GOOD HOME



We have a small trampoline (with handles - not pictured) that is great for a child up to age 8. However an adult can do jumping jacks on it. So it's pretty sturdy. If you are interested, please contact the school.

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### FAMILY ROADMAP FOR E.L.L.

Here is information about ELL supports, the importance and expectations of attendance and other support of children's academic progress. Click on the link below for more information.

## Family Roadmap for E.L.L. Information - Click Here

### PARENT PORTAL

Please contact your family ambassador, **Desma Bennett** at (614) **365-5510** or by email at [dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us). **IF YOU HAVE NOT SET UP YOUR PARENT PORTAL.**



#### **ANNUAL UPDATE IN THE PORTAL IS WHERE YOU UPDATE OR CHANGE:**

**-contact information, - home address, -emergency contacts, -phone numbers, -email addresses and make a request to change school enrollment.**

#### **HOW TO LOG INTO PARENT PORTAL & ANNUAL UPDATE**

1. Go to our website at [www.ccsok.us](http://www.ccsok.us) and click on the **Students and Families Families** tab.
2. Click on the **PARENT PORTAL** box at the bottom of the page.
3. Click on **EXISTING PARENT**, then **CAMPUS PARENT**
4. Log in using your **USER NAME AND PASSWORD**
5. Click on **MENU** on top left hand side of page
6. Scroll down to **MORE** and click on
7. Scroll down to **ANNUAL UPDATE** and Click on

#### **HOW TO ACTIVATE THE PARENT PORTAL**

Each parent/guardian has their own **personalized Activation Code.**

1. Go to our website at [www.ccsok.us](http://www.ccsok.us) and click on the **Students and Families Families** tab.
2. Click on the **PARENT PORTAL** box at the bottom of the page.
3. Click on the button that says **NEW USER ACTIVATION.**
4. Enter your **ACTIVATION CODE** (contact your school to obtain one if needed). We know it's long - that helps keep the data secure - so type carefully. Once the code has been activated, it can't be used again.
5. Follow the prompts to set up your username/password and to add a recovery email address.

#### **FORGOT USERNAME/PASSWORD**

6. Click on **EXISTING USER** in the Portal, then click **FORGOT USERNAME/PASSWORD**, and the information will be sent to the email used to set up the account. If you no longer have access to the email you used when setting up the account, please send a picture ID and your student's name and date of birth to [parentportalaccess@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:parentportalaccess@columbus.k12.oh.us).

#### **STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?**

Call the District FACTLine at 614-221-FACT (3228) or the Parent Portal Assistance Line at 380-997-7245.

If you need assistance, **OR HAVE NOT SET UP YOUR PARENT PORTAL**, please contact your family ambassador, **Desma Bennett** at (614) **365-5510** or by email at [dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us).

**WINTERSET EXPECTATIONS - 3R'S**  
**Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Ready To Learn**

**CONTACTING WINTERSET**

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Website

🌐 <https://www.ccsch.us/WintersetES>



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  - Winterset Attendance Phone Number: 1-380-997-7071
- Family Ambassador - Desma Bennett - [dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us)
- PTA Email: [wintersetpta@gmail.com](mailto:wintersetpta@gmail.com)
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