

A WINDOW INTO WINTERSET

SEPTEMBER 2025

WELCOME TO OUR 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR. WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome Back - Elementary Music Class Sing-A-Long

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome



STAFF CHANGES

Please join us in giving a big **Wally Wildcat** welcome to our newest staff members

Lauryn White - KDG teacher

Zion Lauderdale-Collins - KDG I.A.

Davan Jones - P.E.

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STAFF CHANGES:

**Holly Eichman** - 3rd grade

The staff directory is located under the 'Information' tab on the school's website homepage.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 23 - OPEN HOUSE - 5:00-6:30pm
- Sept 24 - COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER ENDS
- Sept 29-Oct 10 - PANORAMA SURVEY \*\*\*\*Watch for Info\*\*\*
- Oct 16 - FALL PICTURE DAY \*\*\*\*Watch for Info\*\*\*
- Oct 17 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
- Oct 22 - NO SCHOOL - Records Day
- Oct 23 - PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES - 3:45-7:00pm \*\*\*\*Watch for Info\*\*\*
- Oct 31 - VOCABULARY PARADE \*\*\*\*Watch for Info\*\*\*



## IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

IF YOUR STUDENT IS GOING TO BE ABSENT  
PLEASE USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER BELOW  
TO LET US KNOW.

DO NOT CONTACT OUR SECRETARY DIRECTLY

- Winterset Attendance Email:  
• [attendance.winterset@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:attendance.winterset@columbus.k12.oh.us)
- Winterset Attendance Phone Number: 1-380-997-7071

Accepted reasons for which a student may be excused absent and / or tardy are:

- Personal illness or quarantine
- Illness or death in the immediate household
- Emergencies or any other occurrences or situations which, in the judgment of the principal, may necessitate absence from school as a last resort.
- Religious holiday
- Superintendent's designation

In the event of excessive absences, parents will be requested to meet with our attendance team to support their children.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

- Our instructional day begins at **9:00 am** and ends at **3:30 pm**.
- Students are expected to be in classrooms at 9:00 am or they will be considered tardy.
- **No student may be dropped off before 8:30 am**, UNLESS they are enrolled in our latchkey program.
- **Students who are being dropped off by a parent/guardian and are NOT eating breakfast should not arrive before 8:45 am.**



- Students wishing to eat breakfast at school should arrive between **8:30 and 8:50 am**. **The expectation is that children planning to eat breakfast at school will arrive early enough to finish breakfast by 9:00 am so they are not late to class.**

#### **BREAKFAST/SCHEDULE**

- Breakfast is served from **8:30 to 8:55 am daily in the gym** and is free for all students. Students who are eating their breakfast at school (whether from the cafeteria or packed) must eat in the breakfast room only.
- Please note that students are not permitted to consume food or beverages (other than water) in the classrooms.
- Students who walk to school or are transported by parents and who wish to eat breakfast should arrive no later than 8:45 am. If your child is going to be late to school AND he/she will need a school lunch, you must call the school office to order one before 9:30 am. Otherwise you should plan to send a packed lunch as there may not be a lunch available.

#### **LUNCH SCHEDULE**

Lunch will be served free for ALL students. Menus are available on the CCS website.

- **Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd grade classes** will have **lunch** from **11:45 to 12:15 pm** followed by **recess** from **12:15 to 12:45 pm**.
- **3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes** will have **recess** from **11:45 to 12:15 pm** followed by **lunch** from **12:15 to 12:45 pm**

#### **AFTERNOON RECESS**

- **3rd-4th - 1:45 to 2:00 pm**
- **kdg-2nd - 2:05 to 2:20 pm**. On inclement weather days, students will have recess in their classrooms.



#### **SCHOOL/HOME COMMUNICATION**

- Please check the Winterset website at <https://www.ccsok.us/WintersetES>. We will also utilize e-mail, text, and auto dialer to send updated information.
- You may also contact staff members via e-mail (addresses are on the Winterset website).
- The Winterset PTA maintains its own website at [www.wintersetpta.com](http://www.wintersetpta.com).
- **'Friday Folder'** will be our method of getting hard copies of

important information to our families, such as fliers about upcoming dates and events. We will also utilize electronic communication through **Talking Points, Blackboard and the Parent Portal**. It is imperative we have a valid phone number and email address on record for a parent or guardian of each student. You are able to update this information at any time through your parent portal on Infinite Campus. We will also continue to use auto dialers and update the school website regularly.

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#### **INFORMATION and FORMS**

On the first day of school, your child will have brought home several forms which need to be completed and returned to school. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that we have these important documents on time. Please remember to update the Parent Portal with any information changes that occur throughout the year.



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE



Our full time school nurse is **Sarah Emery RN**. Please return any forms or information pertaining to the health of your child as soon as possible

- For the **2025-2026** school year, our school will follow state mandated health screenings for students (ORC 3313.69). This typically includes **vision and hearing**.

- As a reminder to parents, both over-the-counter medications and prescription medications (including asthma inhalers and epi-pens) need a **medication authorization form completed** by both parent and health care provider.

These forms are available online at <http://www.ccsOH.us> From there, select Departments, select Health Services, select Student Health Forms, select Medication Forms.

- It is extremely important that you complete and return all emergency forms. Please feel free to call Nurse Sarah at **614-365-5510** or email at [semery@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:semery@columbus.k12.oh.us) to discuss your child's health and medical needs

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## FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

### Schedule

Your child will have library once a week. Please see the daily schedule listed below, and help your child to remember his/her library book on his/her library day. Lost books will need to be replaced, so please help your child find a responsible place to keep library books during the week. - Thank you - Mrs Thorne

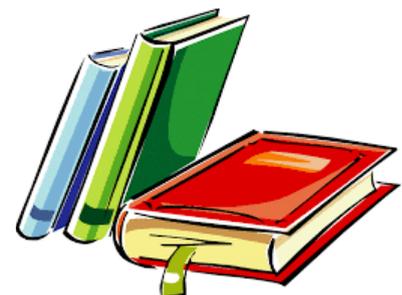
**Monday: Bossa**-5th grade; **-Dietry** -2nd grade; **Mitchell**-4th grade

**Tuesday: Armpriester**-5th grade, **Thalgott**-2nd grade; **Eichman**-3rd grade

**Wednesday: Concitis**-1st grade; **Kennedy**-1st grade

**Thursday: Ellis**-4th grade; **Abernathy**-3rd grade; **White**-kdg, **Gresock**-kdg

**Friday: Rammel; Amos; Darst** - all SLC



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## MEET & GREET THE 'TEACH'



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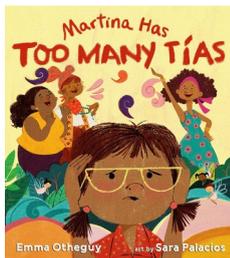
## 1st DAY OF SCHOOL

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Happy Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month

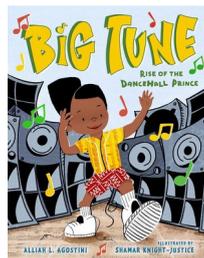
Happy Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month! Columbus is the proud home to over 70,000 people who identify as Hispanic or Latino. Many CCS schools are enriched by the inclusion of families, students, and staff that share the diverse experiences, cultures, and histories of Latino and Hispanic backgrounds. During this month, we will share local celebrations, businesses, and educational resources to celebrate community and heritage.

## BOOKS TO CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



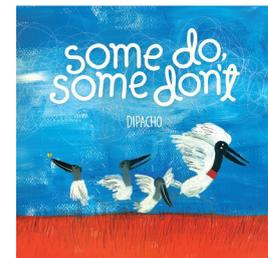
### **Martina Has Too Many Tías By: Emma Otheguy**

A quiet girl overwhelmed by her rambunctious family finds a magical land of solitude only to discover what truly makes a home a home in this lively and magical bilingual picture book that reimagines the beloved Caribbean folktale “La Cucaracha Martina.”



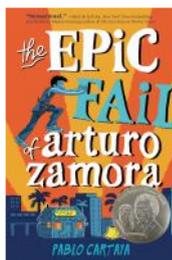
### **Big Tune: Rise of the Dancehall Prince By: Alliah L. Agostini**

An exuberant picture book written by Alliah L. Agostini and illustrated by Shamar Knight-Justice about a Black boy with big dancing dreams who learns the meaning of courage and community.



### **Some Do, Some Don't By: Dipacho**

How do families live together, and why are they sometimes apart? This profound and moving book will inspire reflection and conversation about what unites us and what makes us distinct individuals.



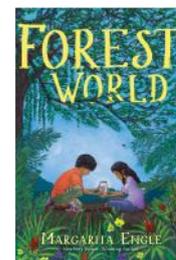
### **The epic fail of Arturo Zamora By: Pablo Cartaya**

For thirteen-year-old Arturo, summertime in Miami means playing basketball until dark, sipping mango smoothies, and keeping cool under banyan trees. And maybe a shift as a junior dishwasher at abuela's restaurant. Maybe. But this summer also includes Carmen, a cute and funny girl who turns



### **The first rule of punk By: Celia C. Perez**

Twelve-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malú) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang—violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band



### **Forest world By: Margarita Engle**

Sent to Cuba to visit the father he barely knows, Edver is surprised to meet a half-sister, Luza, whose plan to lure their cryptozoologist mother into coming there, too, turns dangerous.

his stomach into a deep fryer.  
So when a smarmy land  
developer rolls into town,  
Arturo teams up with Carmen  
to make sure his family and  
their community don't go down  
without a fight

with a group of like-minded  
weirdos.

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## CCS News and Events

### CCS Spruce Run Nature Center Open House - Sept 27

oin CCS families at Spruce Run Nature Center Open House Events!  
Open house events are **FREE** and **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. All open  
houses run from 10am - 2pm. Families can explore the nature  
center, walk the outdoor trails and grounds, and participate in  
activities. Please mark your calendars and share with friends and  
family.



#### Open House Events:

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**

**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**



[9:27:25 open house flyer PIC.png](#)

[drive.google.com](https://drive.google.com)

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## CCS Special Transition Fair - Oct 4

Mark your calendars for the annual **Special Education Transition Resource Fair!**

**Saturday, October 4**

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Arts Impact Middle School (680 Jack Gibbs Blvd)**

Don't miss expert speakers on autism, student and parent portal, school services and more!

Register today using the link below.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Halloween Haunt On Parsons

The Franklin County Safe Communities and Safe Routes program at Columbus Public Health's mission is to save lives and reduce injuries from traffic crashes through collaboration among state, county and local partners. The goal of the annual Halloween event is to reduce crashes and promote pedestrian safety for trick-or-treaters.

The Halloween Haunt event is planned for October 18 at Columbus Public Health and will include activities for all ages, such as costume drive, crafts, a pumpkin patch, resource tables, and yard games. It is also a chance to connect the community with valuable safety resources in a fun, engaging way.

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### 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.ccsOH.us](http://www.ccsOH.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.

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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, 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).

## **PARENT PORTAL INFORMATION - CLICK HERE**

### **WINTERSET EXPECTATIONS - 3Rs**

**BE RESPONSIBLE - BE RESPECTFUL - BE READY TO LEARN**



### **About Winterset Elementary School**

- **Family Ambassador** is Desma Bennett. *You can contact her at* [dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:dbennett1@columbus.k12.oh.us)
- **Winterset Attendance Email:**
  - [attendance.winterset@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:attendance.winterset@columbus.k12.oh.us)
  - **Winterset Attendance Phone Number: 1-380-997-7071**
- **PTA Email:** [wintersetpta@gmail.com](mailto:wintersetpta@gmail.com)

- **FACTline Email:** [factline@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:factline@columbus.k12.oh.us)

**FACTline Phone Number:** 614-221-FACT (614-221-3228)

**Customer Relations Phone Number:** (614) 365-8888

**Customer Relations Email:** [customerrelations@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:customerrelations@columbus.k12.oh.us)

**Email:** [wintersetes@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:wintersetes@columbus.k12.oh.us)

**Website:** <https://www.ccsok.us/WintersetES>

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**Desma Bennett**

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