

COOKING UP FUN!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **4th Annual Family Picnic & BBQ**— Thursday, 9/15
- **Picture Days**—
Tuesday, 9/20 (2nd-8th)
Wednesday, 9/21 (PreK-1st)
- **6th Annual Muffins with Mom**— Tuesday, 10/4
(PreK-3rd Grade)
- **Pajama Day**—
Tuesday, 10/11
- **No School**— Friday, 10/14
- **Halloween Dress-Up Day**— Monday, 10/31
- **Late Start**— 9:30 AM,
Tuesday, 11/1
- **Daylight Saving Time Ends**— Sunday, 11/6
(set clocks back one hour)

Our 4th Annual Family Picnic & BBQ was a great opportunity for Columbia Academy families and staff to get better acquainted and have some good ol' fashioned fun.



Grillmasters Geoff, Nicole and Aimee cooked burgers and hot dogs to perfection while the kids raided the dessert table.

Clothespin Tag helped everyone burn some calories, before we started eating again... with Mystery Baby-Food Tasting! Beef & Gravy... or Pears?!

Then came the Limbo. How low can you go?! We ended off with a ripping game of softball. Good times!



BIRTHDAYS!

Elliot R.
9/2 — 7 years

Logan T.
9/7 — 6 years

Reed T.
9/14 — 5 years

Hailey D.
9/21 — 4 years

Jack T.
9/25 — 9 years

Pennelope A.
9/25 — 4 years

Marissa J.
10/5 — 10 years

Owen S.
10/10 — 10 years

Ashley P.
10/24 — 8 years

Nicholas T.
10/26 — 11 years

Dylan P.
10/30 — 8 years



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Notes from the Teachers



work
hard



play
hard



get
results

Pre-K—1st Grade

Hissssss... we are starting our Reptile unit with a visit from the Creature Feature Man and his awesome, real-life reptile exhibit! Then it's off to Miss Daryl's orchard to pick apples. We are kicking off October by baking lots of muffins for our **Muffins with Mom** event, October 4th. The rest of October will be devoted to night animals and the starting of our Native American unit. We will also be doing spider research and learning about other creepy crawlies. Lastly, our class Halloween party is sure to be FUN with bobbing for apples, costumes, a sensory table, Dracula's Donuts, and the famous Monster Mash!



Artists, Pennelope & Hailey go green!

2nd—3rd Grade

It's great to be back to school. A warm welcome to our new students, Marissa, Megan and Savanna!! We just started the Animal Kingdom unit; we will be learning about all the different classes, doing research reports, and visiting Bonneville Dam, the Fish Hatchery and the Zoo. In October, students will learn about the history of Halloween and visit Hoffman Dairy Farm for a fun-filled day of exotic animals, races, a hay maze, bouncy houses and much more. We are also looking forward to our Halloween party, complete with a Haunted House, Dracula's Donuts, the Monster Mash and other fun games.



Savanna & Marissa play math games with the electronic dice!

4th—8th Grade

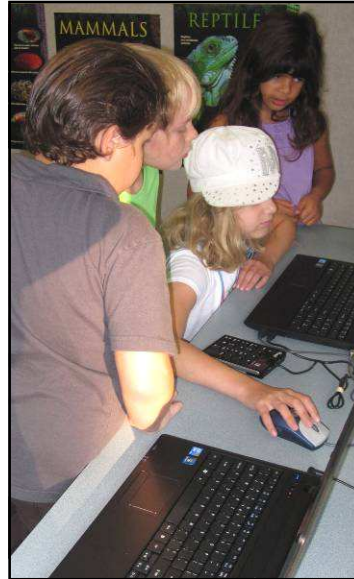
Our class is hitting the fall term at a quick pace! September sees us beginning our State of Oregon unit, in which we will be learning about Oregon's geography, history, government, and taking an historical tour of the State Capitol in Salem. We will also be doing self-portrait masks, various autumn crafts, and a cooking project. October will take us to Hoffman Dairy Farm to do a hay maze, visit the exotic animals and pick out a pumpkin. We will be putting together a Haunted House to share with the younger classes, as well as having a Costume Dress-Up Day and party at the end of the month. Students will be continuing their individual courses of study... some of which are *Money & Exchange*, *Beginning Health*, *Earth & Its Neighbors*, and *Microscope Basics*.



Owen & Chad fall into art.

Technology Upgrade

Thank you once again to those of you who contributed to our Technology Upgrade fundraiser last spring. With your help, we purchased three desktop and three laptop computers! Not only did we replace aging hardware, we added workstations so that more students will be able to work through the Math Facts



program and perform Internet research without delay. **This will be a huge boost for our incredible Math and Language programs.**

A Lasting Memory

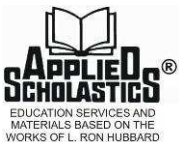
A personal note from Michele

On a recent camping trip I overheard a good friend of mine sharing a childhood memory with another friend. I had heard this story before.

On his first day of Kindergarten, over 40 years ago, he was looking for the coat-hook labeled with his name. After a futile search, the teacher came to his aid. She asked him for his full name, then hastily pointed out to my friend, Jim, that his hook was right in front of him. It was labeled "James." She also did not hesitate to ask, sarcastically, how it was that at five years old he did not even recognize his own name. He had never seen his formal name in writing! As he puts it now, he felt stupid. The fact that he remembers this so vividly after all these years shows just how deeply it affected him. What a shame.

The way in which our students are treated here at Columbia is just one of the things that sets us apart from many other schools. We are small and homey. We hug the kids. Students call staff by our first names and we prefer it that way.

We love our students and see them as young people, just as deserving of respect as adults. They simply have less life experience! We are here to help them gain some of that experience along with a great education.



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