



Upcoming Events

- **No School**—
Monday, 1/16
- **Field Trip**—
2nd & 3rd Graders
Kendall Planetarium
Wednesday, 1/18
10:15 a.m.
- **Game/Toy Day**—
Friday, 1/20
- **Field Trip**—
Pre-K - 1st Graders
Upper Crust Bakery
Monday, 1/23
2:30 p.m.
- **Valentine's Day**—
Tuesday, 2/14
- **No School**—
Monday, 2/20

I have a vision. My vision is that one day all the people will unite in one goal. That all the people in the world will work together for a common cause. There will be no greed. No evil. No starvation. I have this vision. Nobody shall be judged by race, color, nationality, or religion. They will be judged by the fullness of their soul. I have a vision in which we shall all work together to fight not each other, but to fight global warming and drugs, and the diseases and other evils that plague this earth. I have this vision.

—Chris W.



I have a dream that people would stop smoking because it can make people die and because it can make a black hole in your heart.

— Samuel G.

I have a dream that people would stop selling bad drugs because people are dieing and getting sick. I want everyone to be healthy.

— Julian D.

I have a dream...

I have a dream that innocent people don't go to jail. Because if they send the wrong people to jail, then the bad guys that are guilty will hurt more people.

— Alicia G.

I have a dream that everyone is treated the same because that is fair. I think everyone would feel good.

— Samad T.

I have a dream that people will stop having fights because people that get along are much happier in their lives.

— Anna P.

I have a dream that there were no longer any people that committed crimes. I want all people to be honest and nice because it would make everyone feel happy.

— Britt M.

I have a dream that there are no wars because too many people are losing their dads. I want everyone to have their families together with lots of kids being happy.

— Tyler A.

Winter Entertainment



Once again, enthusiastic and talented students delighted the audience at our annual Winter Graduation and Performance in December.



During the winter break, a fun-loving group hit the snow on Mt. Hood!



Birthdays

Samad T.
1/14 — 7 years

Cassidy H.
1/16 — 4 years

Mike B.
3/8 — 11 years

Anna P.
3/14 — 9 years

**Happy Birthday
to all of you!**

Our website is now up and running! Do you need a reminder of what makes Columbia Academy such a great little school? Would you like to hear more about our phenomenal reading program? Need a hot lunch menu? Or a school calendar? It's all there.

We hope the site is helpful to parents while serving as an Internet billboard for our school and its wonderful program. Take a moment to peruse the site and familiarize yourself with its features. On the "Parent Resource" page you will find announcements, downloadable documents, and even a reminder of our inclement weather policy. Happy browsing!

Welcome to Columbia!

We are starting the new year with lots of new faces. We welcomed new students to each of our classrooms; Benjamin joined Ms. Linda's group, Samuel is settling into Claire's class, and Adam joined Kathy's group. Roy and Steven will also be in Kathy's class during their visit from South Korea. A warm welcome to all of you.



We are also very pleased to have Beverly Mitchell join our staff. She is assisting Linda with the Pre-K—1st graders. Beverly has taught pre-school, operated a daycare, and is a mother herself. She is absolutely wonderful with the children and we are so happy to have her!

Keeping the Arts Alive

For the third year running, Julian (bottom right) spent much of the holiday season on stage, performing in the Nutcracker with Pacific Festival Ballet.

This year, he was in 16 performances, including four specifically for school children. Over 2,000 children from local schools came to see the ballet.

The Nutcracker cast included approximately 100 children between the ages of 5 and 18, as well as professional adult dancers. Our entire school went to see the performance last year, and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Keep up the great work, Julian. We are so very proud of you!



Group Highlights

Pre-K - 1st Grade

"Puppets with Pizzazz" has been the highlight this month. Each student designed and decorated a hand puppet with bright colors, and structures with printed designs, creating an entire neighborhood. Pizzazz Avenue included an array of shops and delightful characters including dogs, a horse, a frog with his own backyard, and even a theater with a performance by a rock and roll star named Joe.



2nd - 3rd Grade

The 2nd and 3rd graders are off to a great start for 2006. We welcomed a new student this month — Samuel. We are happy to have you! The students are currently working on a "Martin Luther King, Jr." unit where they are learning about his life and accomplishments. We have also started a unit on our Solar System. The students will be doing a research report on a planet of their choice. We will also be doing many more fun-filled learning activities, including

a trip to the planetarium. Valentine's Day is sure to be fun, too!



A visit from Claire's new Welsh Corgi puppy, Bosley, was a special treat.

4th - 7th Grade

In addition to continuing their Lewis & Clark unit, the students will be touching upon some Civil Rights issues and the importance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Each student will choose an African American that they find to be of importance and do an in-depth research on that person in celebration of Black History month. They will be doing their own "I Have a Dream" paper and so it'll be interesting to see what issues are important to students in this day and age. We'll also be making Chinese Dragon Kites and doing a bit of history on the Chinese New Year. The students

will celebrate Valentine's Day by doing some baking projects and having a party. We're hoping to beat the Rainy Day Blues by going bowling and doing some Rock Climbing in January and February.



Brandon, Chris and Zach break from a rigorous game of Capture the Flag.