



# The Columbus

## *\*STAR\**

November 2014

### Letter from Mr. Douglas, Principal and Mrs. Moore, Assistant Principal:

Hello Everyone,

The average daily attendance for Columbus School for the month of November 2014 was at 92%. The goal for every Bridgeport Public School is to reach an average daily attendance rate of 95%. Please help us in our efforts to achieve this goal by sending you child to school every day in uniform and ready to learn!

Mr. Douglas

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Wednesday, December 10—Half-Day (School Improvement)
- Friday, December 19, 2014—Let's Move Columbus Free Zumba Session with Holiday Raffle 8:00 am Gym and 8:45 am Parent Information Session
- Tuesday, December 23— Half Day (Winter Recess)
- Wednesday, December 24—January 4 (Winter Recess)

### Boys and Girls Basketball

The boys won their first game against Ceasar Batalla 21-20. Unfortunately, our girls lost 16-13, but it was a thrilling game! Coach Mastri thanks everyone for their continued support! Check out a game!

### 2014-2015 Basketball Game Schedule

	Boys	Girls
12/6	11:00 (Bassick)	12:00 (Bassick)
12/13	1:00 (Bassick)	2:00 (Bassick)
12/20	1:00 (Harding)	10:00 (Harding)
1/10	11:00 (Bassick)	12:00 (Bassick)
1/24	9:00 (Bassick)	10:00 (Bassick)
1/31	Bye Week	Bye Week
2/7	1:00 (Bassick)	2:00 (Bassick)

### Columbus Information:

#### Principal:

Mr. Steven Douglas

#### Associate Principal:

Mrs. Christina Moore

#### Associate Principal:

Mrs. Marybeth Williamson

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#### Vision Statement:

The Columbus family will strive for all students to develop into productive citizens who take pride in themselves and the global community around them.



# Columbus School

## STAR's Hard at Work!

### Ready for "The Snow Angel" in Pre-K!

The pre-k classes will be going to Sacred Heart University to see the holiday musical, "The Snow Angel." The story is about friendship, hope, and dreams.

### **Multicultural Brunch**

Mr. Ward's first grade class had a multicultural brunch right before Thanksgiving break. Students in 105 even made salsa and guacamole from scratch. Families shared dishes that represented their cultures and Mr. Ward talked to parents about various ways that parents can help their children with reading. Parents and students had a wonderful time together!



### 4th Grade Talk Trout!

The 4th Graders in Mr. Meyer's classroom and their reading buddies had one exciting surprise this month! Their brown trout eggs arrived from the CT DEEP. The students and their teachers will be raising the trout eggs from eggs to alevin to help repopulate the rivers. The students will release them this spring in the Pequannock River!

### October Student of the Month!

#### **Pre-K**

Leonardo Mejia-Villeda  
Gabriela Urbacz

#### **4th**

Evelin Urvina  
Janessa Santos  
Anthony Lozada  
Alejandro Garcia-Barajas  
Lymaris Rivera

#### **Kindergarten**

Sabastian Gutierrez  
Ashley Aguilar  
Brayan Reyes

#### **5th**

Sirayah Milton  
Nashod Palmer

#### **1st**

Mirivon Tavaréz  
Fa'rell Gallimore  
Yailianette Rivera  
Jahniely Padilla  
LaShiya Jurado

#### **6th**

Elizabeth Garcia

#### **7th**

Naomi Burke  
Abraham Reyes

#### **2nd**

Michael Lugo  
April Reyes

#### **8th**

Miriam Martins  
Elicia Williams

Cleivan Dos Reis  
Lizmary Negrón  
Orianna Richards

#### **3rd**

Alizah Cruz  
Mariano Rodriguez  
Rayne Annuzzix

#### **Specialists**

Abraham Reyes  
Michael Lugo  
Elicia Williams  
Nashod Palmer





# Columbus School

## STAR's in their Classrooms and More NEWS!

### PAC Turkey Bingo Night Was a Success

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO! For the month of November our Columbus PAC hosted its annual turkey bingo night in our schools cafeteria. This years event welcomed 62 parents, 41 students and 10 staff members from Columbus Elementary School. The goal was to provide resources to our families for the Thanksgiving holiday. On this night the prizes were turkeys that were given away to those families that earned bingo. Food and refreshments were provided for the event. Families were able to eat pizza, drink soda and juice along with snacking on a table full of delightful desserts. We also had entertainment from our students! Mrs. Warnkens' second grade class performed the Turkey Trot song. This was an excellent opportunity to showcase our students talents with the families that were present. It was an awesome experience for us all! Our parents were very excited. They were clapping, singing, and taking pictures of their child(ren). The Columbus staff helped set up for the night, served the food, called out the bingo numbers, passed out turkeys and cleaned up after the event. As we prepare for the upcoming holiday season it is important to reflect on the what and how do we give thanks. The PAC Turkey Bingo Night was a huge success and we are thankful. The Columbus staff was THANKFUL for the student and parent participation. Higher grades and an increase in attendance are the results of parents who actively participate in their child's education. Let us continue to encourage our children, show interests in school activities, and continue to advocate for public school education!



### Let's Move Columbus!

Let's Move! is America's initiative to increase health and decrease childhood obesity across our nation. Launched in 2010, the initiative works through schools and communities to teach the foundations of healthy living. This is an initiative of action! It leads communities to *Get Active and Eat Healthy* as a part of everyday living.

The implementation at Columbus/Columbus Annex will begin October 2014. Following Principles of the nationwide Let's Move initiative, Let's Move Columbus School will connect *physical activity (Move Healthy)*, *healthy eating (Eat Healthy)* with overall *healthy living (Eat Healthy)*.

*Please join us for Free Family Sumba © Sessions and Parent Workshops, once a month.*

**This Session is Friday, December 19th, 2014 with a Holiday Raffle at 8:00 AM in the Columbus Gym with a Parent Discussion to Follow in the Columbus Parent Room at 8:45 am.**


### **A Message from Nurse Terri:**

- Hand Washing — Wash hands regularly after using the bathroom, playing and before meals.
- Cover coughs and sneezes because that prevents the spread of germs.

**\*Preventing Falls: Please tie your shoelaces!**

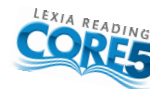


## A Message about Lexia Core 5:

- Getting started is easy!  
Launch a web browser and go to [www.lexiacore5.com](http://www.lexiacore5.com).  

- Create a bookmark for this web address or add it as a favorite.  
You will see a link to download Adobe Flash Player if you do not have it.  
Flash Player 11 or higher is required.
- If you have a slow Internet connection and have speed issues, you can download the Core5 software to your computer instead of using the website. Go to [www.lexialearning.com](http://www.lexialearning.com) and click **Downloads** at the top of the page.
- iPad and iPad Mini users can download the Core5 app from the App store. Search for "Lexia Reading Core5."  
The first time you access Core5, you must set up your device:  
Click the Student/Parent button.  
Type in your teacher's email (below) and click the arrow button to continue.  
You will not have to set up again unless you delete the browser's "cookie" files.
- Allow or help your child to login. Your child can obtain their Username and Password from their Teacher. **Important!** Please allow your child to work independently at his or her own pace. Provide encouragement, but don't give away the answers!
- Please try to ensure an average of 20-30 minutes per session. We recommend that usage be kept to a reasonable level - not too short and not too long.  
Pre-K students may need shorter, more frequent usage (10-15 minutes daily).
- Need more help getting started? Go to [www.lexialearning.com](http://www.lexialearning.com) and click **Support**.

### Kindergarten Lexia Core 5 Pizza Party Champs!

Over the course of the past month my class and Ms. Tomlinson's Class participated in the Lexia Pizza Party Usage Contest through Twitter and the week before Thanksgiving week was the final round. The Friday after Thanksgiving, Lexia announced the final winners for the last round and #mstskdg (Ms. Tomlinson's Kindergarten Class) from Columbus School won! Students met the criteria through 100% usage, teacher tweets about their usage, and tweets about our love for Lexia Core 5! Students will be eating their pizza soon!



## The Uniform Policy:

### *"Everyday is a Uniform Day!"*

1. Navy blue or white shirt. It must be a solid color with no printing on it. The shirt must have collar and buttons. It can have long sleeves or short sleeves. No t-shirts.
2. Khaki or navy blue pants. NO JEANS. No stretch pants/no leggings.
3. Khaki or navy blue uniform skirt or jumper. No skirts above 2" from the knees.
4. Navy blue or white sweaters and sweatshirts are allowed. It must be a solid color with no printing on it. NO HOODS ARE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL.
5. Sneakers or shoes must be worn. No sandals.
6. Navy blue sweat pants are allowed only when there is gym class.



Columbus STARS...Be the first in your class to find the hidden December Words around Columbus School! Your Teacher has the List!  
Good Luck! ☺