



# The Columbus

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June 2016

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

Greetings Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe how quickly the school year has passed and come to an end. As I reflect on the school year, I can't help but be proud of the wonderful efforts and achievements of our students, staff and contributing community members. I would like to thank you for all your support, trust and commitment that you have shown for the Columbus School Staff. Serving as partners in the education process has played a major role in making our year together a success!

I wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. Please be sure to take time as a family to relax and enjoy each other. To those families who are not returning to Columbus School, I wish you the best as you make your journey on to new places and experiences!

Always remember, "If you can dream it, you can do it!"

By: Walt Disney

All the best,  
The Columbus Administrative Team

### Columbus Information:

#### Principal:

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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.

#### Mission Statement:

Our mission, at Columbus School, is to create a Safe environment, promote Teamwork, instill Accountability, and foster Respect while striving for academic excellence and the critical problem solving skills needed in the 21st century.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 1st—One Session Day Dismissal at 12:50 PM
- June 9th—PreK Promotion Ceremony 10:00 AM
- June 10th—Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony 9:30 AM in Gym (2 Adults per Student)
- June 13th—8th Grade Promotion Ceremony 9:30 AM in Gym (2 Adults per Student)
- June 15th—Last Day of School—Dismissal at 12:50 PM—Parents and Guardians Please Expect to See Report Cards!

# **What Are Our STAR's Learning About at Columbus?**

The Pre-K students went to Sacred Heart University to see the play "The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy Winkle. They enjoyed the wonderful play singing and hopping along with Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny. The bus ride was a great first-time experience.

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All kindergarten students have been working towards creating a beautiful promotion ceremony for their families. This year they will be inviting two guests per child. They are delighted to share all that they have learned!

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The first grade team is working on picture graphs and bar graphs.

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The second grade has been learning about endangered animals, the different kinds of habitats, products that come from around the world, and life cycles. As a culminating event, we will be taking a field trip to Beardsley Zoo. The students are excited to see some of the animals they have been learning about.

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The third grade has been exploring polygons. Students are defining polygons by their attributes.

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The fourth grade students, in Mr. Meyer's class, along with their kindergarten Science Buddies, in Ms. Tomlinson's class, released their fingerling-sized trout into the Pequannock River this past month. They were delighted to watch them all swim into the river! Both classes have watched them grow throughout their entire life-cycle. Students and their teachers received them from the CT DEEP and Trout Unlimited with the promise that they would raise them and release them to help repopulate the depleting population.

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The seventh and eight grade students will be handing in and presenting their Bridgeport History Projects this week in History\Social Studies. I can't wait to see the final products and the anticipated boost in student grades.

The Pre-K students in Mrs. Larson's Music classes have been exploring the xylophones. They have created such a variety of music because everybody has their own ideas and their own style. The Kindergarten students have been playing a beanbag toss game to help them learn about the line and space notes on the music staff. 1st and 2nd graders are learning about the instruments and characters in the music and story of "Peter and the Wolf." The 3rd graders have been working on a dance with several sections (A, B, and C, with a coda) and a musical play called The Bremen Town Musicians. I hope that your children have enjoyed their Music classes this year! Congratulations to the members of our school Chorus and all of the other student musicians who sang and played in last week's evening concert!

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Did you know that this year our teachers in grades Kindergarten, first, and second began teaching Wilson's Foundations to our students! It was a huge success! And our students soared! We are so proud of our teachers and students! Recently, our Foundations Coach, Cynthia Braca, told our very own Mrs. Moore, "On the whole, your staff has done an outstanding job learning to teach Foundations." We are so proud of our Columbus Learning Community!



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Congratulations to Yessenia Trinidad, from Mrs. Warnken's Second Grade Class, and Kimberly Tavares, from Ms. Tomlinson's Kindergarten Class! Their poems were selected to be in this years Words on Wheels! WoW! We are so proud of you!

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This year our Junior Responders continued to work so hard throughout the year! They have learned to balance their academics as well as support our school community and keep our environment safe! We look forward to another great year!