

"GOING FOR THE GOLD"



Columbus Magnet School

September 30, 2010

THURSDAY NOTICE

Important Dates

Friday, October 1 ASM- Visiting Artist – 9:30am
Tuesday, October 5th Governance Council Meeting-7:00pm
Wednesday, October 6 Overtime Athletics – 3:45-4:45pm
Thursday, October 7th Dad's & Donuts Breakfast– 8:30am
Parent/Child Book Club -3:30-4:30pm
PTO Executive Meeting-7:00pm
Friday, October 8th ASM-4th Grade Shares-9:30am
Thursday, October 14th ECHOes – 2:15pm-3:00pm

The Columbus School Website is:

www.norwalk.k12.ct.us/columbus

Check it out!

Reminder: The Thursday Notice deadline is every Tuesday.
Please email all submissions to Teri Gaberman, Parent
Coordinator at: gabermant@norwalkps.org.



A Message from Mrs. Dorfsman

Dear Parents – It has been a great pleasure working at Columbus School. I would like to say a brief goodbye and an enormous thank you to all the wonderful, supportive, and enthusiastic parents who have shared this seven year journey with me. I will be retiring from the classroom on October 8th, but rest assured, you will all see me waddling through the hallways during my frequent visits.

*Peace & Love,
Joan Dorfsman*

Queridos Padres – Ha sido un gran placer trabajando aquí en Columbus School. Me gustaría decir un breve adiós y un gigantesco agradecimiento para todos los maravillosos y entusiasmados padres que siempre me dieron su apoyo, y que compartieron mi viaje durante estos siete años. Me retiraré del salón el 8 de Octubre pero sin duda ustedes me van a ver caminando estos pasillos durante mis frecuentes visitas a la escuela.

*Paz y Amor,
Juanita Dorfsman*



All School Meeting

Friday, October 1st- 9:30am

Friday's ASM will feature Visiting Artist Rachna Agrawal.
**Please be sure to join us at next Friday's ASM on October 8th at 9:30am for a farewell tribute to Joan Dorfsman.



CMS Cooks!!!

A HUGE **THANK YOU** goes out to ALL members of our Columbus School Community who contributed not only their own recipes but who reached out to friends and family for their recipes as well!!! As a result, we have achieved our goal of obtaining **300 recipes!!!** In an effort to offset the publishing costs, we are selling advertising space in the back of the cookbook. So, if you have a business that you'd like to advertise in the cookbook, please complete the attached form and return no later than **Wednesday, October 6th**. Ads received after this date cannot be accepted in order to meet the publisher's deadline for holiday distribution. **ALL** CMS family businesses will receive a 20% discount. In addition, any businesses solicited and submitted by members of the CMS community, will also receive this discount. Please contact Tara Forschino at #202-855-8060 or finnfor@optonline.net with any questions.



Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser!!!

The **FINAL** deadline for **ALL** gift wrap orders is **Monday, October 4th!!!** Don't miss out!!! For questions, please contact Lori DiJoseph at loridijo@yahoo.com. Thanks!!!



Welcome Back Family Picnic

Many thanks to all the Columbus parents who helped to make our Welcome Back Family Picnic a GREAT SUCCESS!!!! Everyone had a terrific time, including our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Marks, Mayor Moccia and Police Chief Harry Rilling!!!

A Note from Nancy Fuzesi –Social Worker

The Den for Grieving Kids will be back this year to support children who have suffered a death in the family. The group meets two times a month for 45 minutes during the school day. It provides children an opportunity to share personal feelings and experiences, play games, and create art projects designed to help express feelings. If you are interested in having your child participate in the Den, or want to know more about it, please contact Nancy Fuzesi, school social worker at #203-899-2840, ext. 103.



Columbus PTO News!!!!

The CMS PTO is forming a By-laws Committee to review and to update the current PTO by-laws. This committee will involve a short time commitment. All interested parents may contact Jimi Napoli, CMS PTO Co-President at jimicmspto@gmail.com or #646-325-7749.



Dads & Donuts Breakfast

Thursday, October 7th – 8:30am-9:00am

CMS students along with their Dads, Grandfathers or Special Persons are invited to attend the **NEW** CMS PTO sponsored Dad's & Donuts Breakfast. It's a FUN way to start your day with your child! Following breakfast, you and your child will get to walk over to his or her classroom and be introduced to their teacher!!! Please RSVP to Teri Gaberman on or before Tuesday, October 5th at gabermant@norwalkps.org or #203-899-2840, ext. 118. *Hope to see you there!*



Yearbook Corner

Remember to take advantage of our Early Bird Special Price on Yearbooks!!! **ALL** Fifth Grade students will be receiving a complimentary copy of the yearbook courtesy of the CMS PTO!!! The Yearbook Committee is still looking for parent photographers!!! All photos from class events can be sent via email. For further information, please contact Lorraine Gordon at gordon55@optonline.net.



Governance Council

The Columbus Magnet School Governance Council, established in 1995, is based on the Comer School Development Program and its mission which is committed to the total development of all children by creating learning environments that support a child's physical, cognitive, psychological, social, and ethical development. The Governance Council embraces this vision to help create a just and fair society in which all children have the educational and personal opportunities that will allow them to become successful and satisfied participants in family and civic life. The CMS Governance Council consists of school administration, staff and parents. Standing members include Principal, Assistant Principal, NPT Representative and Parent Coordinator. The remaining positions (2-year terms) are filled by (4) certified staff members ((1) arts specialist teacher, (1) mental health team member, (2) teachers), (1) non-certified staff member and (5) parents. The Council meets monthly during the school year on Tuesday evenings. **The next meeting is scheduled for the former and new Council members on Tuesday, October 5th at 7:00pm in the Faculty Lounge.** Currently, the Council has (2) parent member vacancies. Parents who are interested in serving on the Council, please submit a letter of intent to the Governance Council – attention: Administration on or before **Friday, October 1st.** Thank You!!!



Art Room Request

Mrs. Garber, our CMS Art Teacher is in need of the following donations for the Art Room: egg cartons and pencils. All donations can be dropped off in the Art Room. Thanks!!!



First Grade Parent Volunteers Needed!!!

On **Tuesday, October 12th from 1:45pm-3:00pm**, the First Grade Team will be in conference and is in need of **TWO** parent volunteers in each of the following classrooms: 172(Mrs. Imhoff), 173(Mrs. Blanco), and 175(Ms. Braddock). All interested parents are asked to contact Teri Gaberman at gabermant@norwalkps.org or #203-899-2840, ext.118 on or before Thursday, October 7th. Thanks!!!



Parent/Child Book Club

The Parent/Child Book Club will meet on **Thursday, October 7th from 3:30-4:30pm** in the library to discuss Kathryn Lasky's first book in the series "Guardians of Ga'hoole." "Soren, a barn owl that is captured and taken to a special school for orphaned owls, is befriended by elf owl Gylfie and together the two set out to discover what is really going on at St. Aegolius Academy." The interest grade level is 3-6. Refreshments will be served. Please let Mrs. Pearce or Mrs. Imhoff know if you can attend. The movie version will be in theaters on Friday, Sept. 24th under the title: "A Legend of the Guardians."



Young Astronauts

ATTENTION MISSION PARENTS: The first YA Mission meeting will be held on **Friday, October 8th** after school in the library. **ALL** prospective Fifth Grade YA students **MUST ATTEND** the meeting with the necessary completed paperwork. Parents who did not attend the Parent Meeting on September 17th and who need the paperwork, please contact either Suzanne Abrams at #203-855-0331 or LeighAnne Lewis at #203-847-2102 as soon as possible.



Overtime Athletics

LAST CALL for Overtime Athletics Sign-Ups!!!! OTA is an after school sports program open to ALL CMS students and is held on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:45pm in the Columbus gym. **The program runs from October 6th through November 17th.** Please see the attached flyer for further details about the program. Parents of children participating in the program are expected to sign up for at least one of the seven weeks to take attendance and to manage the sign-out sheets. Also, Overtime Athletics is looking for 1-2 Parent Volunteers to assist with coordinating the program since this will be the Casa family's last year at the school. For questions, please contact Barbara Casa at #203-855-9835 or barbara@bgeprint.com. Please type OTA in the subject line.



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 50112

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 50112 has (1) one opening for a Third Grade girl. Please contact Charlette Lewis at #203-849-9887 or calmal@optonline.net.



Calling ALL Columbus Parents!!!

On Fri. Oct. 1st from 4pm-8pm and on Sat. Oct. 2nd from 9am-5pm., volunteers are needed to assist in Charlie Kahler's Eagle Scout Project of painting the interior walls of the school. If you are able to donate your time towards the project and if you have the following items, please label them with your name and bring them along: paint rollers, extension rods for paint rollers, angle paint brushes and paint tarps or old sheets. All interested volunteers are asked to contact Charlie Kahler at charlesnkahler@gmail.com

