



THURSDAY NOTICE

Important Dates

Thursday, October 7 th	PTO Executive Meeting- 7:00pm
Friday, October 8 th	ASM-4th Grade Shares-9:30am
Monday, October 11th	Columbus Day – School Holiday
Wednesday, October 13 th	Overtime Athletics – 3:30-4:30pm
Thursday, October 14 th	ECHOes – 2:15pm-3:00pm
Friday, October 15 th	ASM – Connections Share-9:30am
Thursday, October 21 st	PTO General Meeting – 7:00pm
Friday, October 22 nd	ASM-3 rd Grade Shares- 9:30am
Tuesday, October 26 th	Picture Day

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: gaberman@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 Meetings

Please join us on **Friday, October 8th at 9:30am** for our Fourth Grade Shares and for a farewell tribute to Mrs. Savona's Assistant, Joan Dorfsman.

On **Friday, October 15th at 9:30am**, our ASM program will feature Connections A Shares. A special ASM on **Friday, October 22nd at 9:30am** will showcase BombaYo, an Afro-Puerto Rican youth ensemble, who will share songs, dances, and drumming from Puerto Rico. Please check them out at www.bombayo.org.

Dads & Donuts Breakfast – A SUCCESS!!!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to ALL the DADS and SPECIAL PERSONS who attended this morning's breakfast!!!! Stay tuned for our next event!!



School Safety News

ATTENTION PARENTS!! We have noticed an increase in the number of cars moving forward as parents are waving good-bye to their children at morning drop-off. In an effort to keep **ALL** members of our Columbus Family safe during morning drop off, we are kindly asking parents to be sure that their cars are at a full stop while waving good-bye to their children. Please then proceed slowly and cautiously with attention being placed on the individuals walking up and crossing the driveway as they enter the school building. Thank you for your cooperation!!



Phone Calls to the Classrooms

All telephone calls to the classroom will be put through to the teacher's voicemail unless it is an urgent matter. Teachers will check their messages at various times throughout the day. As a reminder, please be sure to send in a written note to the child's classroom teacher regarding any change of after-school plans. Thank You!!

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.



Academically Talented News!!!

Meet Mrs. Jennifer Mendez

I am the new teacher of the Academically Talented for Brookside, Columbus and Rowayton Schools. I am very excited to become a part of such a welcoming, cohesive community! Since I travel to three different schools, the best way to reach me with questions or concerns about students or the A.T. Program is by email at Mendezj@norwalkps.org. The district website for the A.T. Program is <http://portal.norwalkps.org/at> and my website is: <http://portal.norwalkps.org/schools/rowayton/mendez>.

These sites contain important documents and deadlines. I will be at Columbus during the fall conference night in November, so please stop by to say "Hello!" I look forward to working with the all of the wonderful children at Columbus Magnet School!



Governance Council

The Governance Council extends its sincere gratitude to parent members – Hans Bulteryst and Louis Seeley for their years of dedicated service on the Council. The Council welcomes its new parent members - Catherine Neligan and Julie McNulty who will join returning parent representatives - Karen Linder, Bernadette Miles and Barbara Spielman. These parent representatives are your voice on the Council and they are eager to hear your questions, concerns and comments regarding our school.



Columbus PTO News!!!!

The PTO Executive Board Meeting will take place this evening at 7:00pm in the library. The PTO General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21st at 7:00pm in the library. Featured guest speaker will be Dr. Nikki Gorman, a pediatrician at Village Pediatrics who will speak on "The Importance of Good Nutrition in Your Child's School Day." *Hope to see you there!!!*

BY-LAWS Update: 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.



PTO Halloween Bingo

Friday, October 29th – 6:30pm-8:30pm

Join us for a "Spook-tacular" night of fun, food, costumes and prizes at the Annual CMS Halloween Bingo Night!!! Please see the attached flyer on how you can help to make this a successful event!!!



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.



Art Room Request

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



Young Astronauts

CALLING ALL SPACE CADETS & CANDIDATES!!!

Young Astronauts Informational Packets for students in Grades 1-4 will be sent home on **Friday, October 8th**. The first YA meeting for students in Grades 1 & 2 will be held on **Friday, October 22nd** from 3:30pm-4:30pm in the gym. Students in Grades 3 & 4 will meet on **Friday, October 29th** from 3:30pm-4:30pm in the gym. For more information, please contact Aimee Russo at #203-663-2806 or Ruth Goulart at #203-847-2202.

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.



"Go Green" News from Mrs. Pearce

Recycling Fundraiser - Columbus Magnet School is conducting a recycling fundraiser. There's nothing to buy. We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your used consumer electronics and unwanted, broken or mismatched jewelry. Your used items may be tax deductible and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations. 100% of the proceeds will help to raise funds for technology at Columbus. We are currently collecting the following items: Cell phones, digital cameras, radar detectors, laptop computers, digital video cameras, electronic book readers, inkjet cartridges, handheld game systems, gold, silver, and platinum jewelry, mp3 players, GPS devices. Please drop off any items you would like to recycle at the library, a box will be provided for these recyclables. Mrs. Pearce is looking for a coordinator to help make this Recycling Fundraiser a success. Please see Mrs. Pearce for a tax deductible donation acknowledgement.

Empty Ink Cartridges = Cash for Columbus!!!!

Cartridge World on Connecticut Avenue in Norwalk is Columbus Magnet School's ink and laser cartridge refill supplier. We receive credit towards new ink by returning empty cartridges. So **SAVE** your empty ink and laser jet cartridges and bring them to Mrs. Pearce in the library. Thank You!!!!

Columbus Parent Corner

FAMILY EVENT: On October 15th at 7:00pm, Columbus parents Deirdre and Sean Murtha will lead songs around the monthly campfire at Earthplace Nature Center in Westport. Come, sing-along and roasted marshmallows!!!

DAY CARE OPENINGS: If you live around the Broad River area, Shining Stars Day Care has (3) before and after school openings. Drop off is at 8:00am and pick up by 5:30pm. I am a Columbus parent with children in the first and fourth grades. For further information, please contact Dawn at #203-847-9149.