

## "GOING FOR THE GOLD"

Columbus Magnet School

October 8, 2009

### THURSDAY NOTICE

#### Important Dates

Thursday, October 8 Parent Child Book Club 3:30 pm  
PTO Meeting, 7:00 pm  
Friday, October 9 All School Mtg., 9:30 am– 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Monday, October 12 Columbus Day – School Closed  
Friday, October 16 All School Mtg., 9:30 am  
Thursday, October 22 PTO Exec Mtg., 6:30 pm  
Friday, October 23 All School Mtg., 9:30 am  
Halloween Bingo, 6:30 pm  
Saturday, October 24 Columbus Sings at the Sound Tigers,  
7:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 28 Picture Day

The Columbus School Website is:

[www.norwalk.k12.ct.us/columbus](http://www.norwalk.k12.ct.us/columbus)

Check it out.

#### Thursday Notice Email is Finally Ready

The revised CMS in-house distribution list is finally ready for use. This Thursday Notice is the first to be sent via email. If you want to receive the Thursday Notice by email and did not get it this week, please email Emily Lopez at [lopeze@norwalkps.org](mailto:lopeze@norwalkps.org) to be added to the list.

#### We've Got Spirit Yes We Do!

It's time to stock up on your CMS School Spirit Wear! T-Shirts & Sweatshirts are now available. An order form is attached to this week's Thursday Notice. Don't forget to wear your Columbus Spirit Wear on Fridays at All School Meeting to win a prize for your class!

#### Technology Committee Update

The Technology Committee held its first meeting of the year this past Tuesday. The highlights from the meeting include:

- 1) We discussed the final changes needed for the new website to go live. The new site will be live soon.
- 2) Computer Lab: Needs clean up in terms of wires. We are looking for volunteers to help secure wires in the computer lab. **Please join us on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 in the computer lab.** (No computer experience necessary. just helping hands.)
- 3) Technology Grants - The group discussed the need for a volunteer to write grants for technology equipment. Please contact Kevin Robillard at

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[KevinRobillard@optonline.net](mailto:KevinRobillard@optonline.net) if you are interested in writing grants.

- 4) Printers - We discussed multiple issues with printers at CMS and ways to resolve current issues.
- 5) Software – We discussed the need to evaluate additional educational software for use at CMS. This software will be used to supplement and support our intervention initiatives.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00p.m. All are welcome to join.

#### From the Health Office

Authorization is required for any medication (including over the counter) to be administered at school. If your child requires medication at school, their provider must complete a Medical Authorization Form which must also be signed by the parent or guardian. These forms are available from the Health Office. Medications must be in their original properly labeled containers and be brought to the school by the parent or guardian. **Medications should not be sent with a child.**

If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to contact Mrs. O'Reilly at ext. 101.

#### Gardening update

Mystery solved! In case you were wondering (I know I was!), the overgrown bushes on either corner of the front of the school were removed this summer in order to access and paint the large bay windows. The windows look great and I'm told the gardens soon will as well. The city (BOE facilities maintenance) expects to be at the school sometime in the next few weeks to create new lower profile plantings in these areas.

I have been at the school a few times weeding and planting some pansies. I plan to get some mums planted in the next few weeks. As always, volunteers would be greatly appreciated. I usually go on a Friday morning for an hour or two. You could join me during that time or come at any other time/day of your convenience. Call me and we can arrange for you to help beautify Columbus! Thank you. Diane Cano 855-8701

#### Book Fair News

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up to help out at the book fair. We look forward to a very successful fundraiser for our school. The following time slots still need volunteers. If you are available for any of these times please contact Carmelina Misorek at (846-3158) or [cmisorek@yahoo.com](mailto:cmisorek@yahoo.com) Thanks

Tuesday 10/20, 11:30-1:30

(Book Fair cont.)

Thursday 10/22 11:30-1:30  
Thursday 10/22 1:30-4:00  
Thursday 10/22 6:00-8:00  
Friday (Take Down) 11:45-1:00

**Need extra \$CASH\$ for your Holiday Shopping?**

Do you have broken jewelry pieces? Necklaces, a lost earring, school rings, old gold jewelry collecting dust? Good as Gold Girls will be at the Columbus Vendor Fair.

Good as Gold Girls have been in the antique Jewelry Business for over 17 years and pay top prices based on the daily gold price. Everything is tested and weighed right in front of you, *cash paid* on the spot! Nothing is done behind closed doors. To top off this great event Columbus Magnet School will receive a generous portion of the proceeds. *Everyone wins!*

If you think you are interested in participating in this event at the vendor fair please send an E-Mail with interest and questions to [goinggoldrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:goinggoldrsvp@gmail.com), we want to make sure we have plenty of people available for great customer service. Walk-ins welcome as time allows on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

**Young Astronauts:**

First meeting date for Grades 3 & 4 is October 9<sup>th</sup>

(Upcoming Dates cont.)

**PTO Meeting:** Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm in the library

**Save the Dates:**

**Halloween Bingo** – Friday, October 23, Bingo, Pizza, and Costumes for a fun family night! More details to follow.

**Columbus Sings at the Sound Tigers** – Saturday, October 24, 7:00 pm. Join your fellow Columbus Magnet Family Members to enjoy the Sound Tigers Game and support our students as they sing the National Anthem at the start of the game. Keep an eye out for the special ticket order forms. Contact Mrs. Goldberg with questions.

**Picture Day** – Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> – Information will be coming home shortly.

**International Pot Luck Dinner** – Friday, November 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Stay tuned for further details.

**CMS Vendor Fair** – Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the United Congregational Church in Norwalk. Vendor application is attached.

*Specialists Spot*

*In Music students in grades K-2  
have been having fun learning  
new songs.*

*Ask your child to sing some of  
the songs they're learning with  
you.*



# COLUMBUS MAGNET SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM

## Youth Size T-Shirt \$10.00

Sizes: Small (6) Medium (10) Large (12) Colors: Orange, Purple

## Youth Size Sweatshirt \$18.00

Sizes: Medium, Large Colors: White, Navy available in medium only

## Adult Size T-Shirt \$13.00

Sizes: Small, Medium Colors: Navy, Grey, Light Blue, Orange, Purple, Red

Sizes: Large, X-Large, 2X-Large Colors: Navy, Grey

## Adult Size Sweatshirt \$25.00

Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large Colors: White, Navy

## Window Sticker \$5.00

**ORDER FORM** Please use the back of this form for suggestions of future Spirit Wear items

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Size	Color	Cost
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2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check payable to: "Columbus Magnet School PTO"**

For Office Use Only:

Check #:

Amount: