



## **Columbus Elementary School PTO Meeting**

**School Year 2020-2021**

*Thursday, December 3rd, 6:30 pm*

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
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<b>6:30</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Board Introductions</b>
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The Columbus PTO is on Instagram! @medfordcolumbuspto

Support Columbus community owned businesses:

<https://columbuspto.wordpress.com/columbus-community-owned-businesses/>.

<b>6:35</b>	<b>Ongoing and Upcoming Fundraisers</b>
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1. Scrips Gift Cards / you can still order online:

Visit <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Login/Enroll> and enroll with our enrollment code (884FDFA415559)

2. Direct Donations / in the new year
3. Whoos Reading / March

<b>6:40</b>	<b>Enrichment Updates</b>
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Enrichment looks a lot different this year without the possibility of in-school enrichment opportunities. K has Curious Creatures booked - 20 minutes with each class this Friday.

<b>6:50</b>	<b>Clubs</b>
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Could use more help with ideas and assembling of kits (instead of traditional after school clubs). Contact Ingrid Moncada with ideas or if you would like to help. Will likely start working on virtual clubs for the spring. Currently working with the teachers to see if they would be interested in kits so all kids within the class can work on the same project. Suggestion was made to add a Zoom component so kids can share their kit creations.

<b>7:00</b>	<b>Community-Building Activities</b>
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Stars are up at the school with each kid's name!

Other plans: time capsule - to open in the future (likely 5-10 years); talent show - brainstorming/planning for spring.

### **7:15                    Principal Kay's Updates**

All students in **Hybrid B** - will have their picture taken on **Tuesday, December 8th**. All students in **Hybrid C** - will have their picture taken on **Thursday, December 10th**. The classroom teachers will inform students of the exact time. All **Remote** students will have the opportunity to have their pictures taken within the following schedule:

#### **Tuesday, December 8th**

8:30-9:05 am- All **Remote only**- MEEP, Kindergarten and Gr.1 students with last names A-H.

1:25-2:15 pm- All **Remote only**- Gr.2 & Gr.3 students with last names A-H.

2:45-3:45 pm- All **Remote only**- Gr.4 & Gr.5 students with last names A-H.

#### **Thursday, December 10th**

8:30-9:05 am- All **Remote only**- MEEP, Kindergarten and Gr.1 students with last names I-Z.

1:25-2:15 pm- All **Remote only**- Gr.2 & Gr.3 students with last names I-Z.

2:45-3:45 pm- All **Remote only**- Gr.4 & Gr.5 students with last names I-Z.

**Wednesday, May 19 - Retake Day** - If families choose not to come in for photos in December, will be able to take photos outside (hopefully!) between 1-2pm.

Another positive COVID case at Columbus - letter sent home today. There were no "close contacts" of the child who tested positive. Rooms, desks, surfaces cleaned between classes; kids are washing hands and being sanitized frequently throughout the day.

No details yet of when/how details will be shared about changing choice of teaching modality (remote/hybrid). Possible that there would be a cap because of class size. Planning to put out a survey for both models (hybrid/remote) to check on how people are feeling about their experience.

Playground - new equipment has been installed, new rubberized ground has been laid down. Slide is roped off because it's an enclosed space. Water bottle filling stations should be installed

soon (1st and 3rd floors).

School has extra masks if kids forget theirs -- kids don't need to get upset if they forget theirs!

***Next Meeting: Thursday, February 4th, 2021, 6:30-8 pm (via Zoom)***

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