# Columbia Elementary March Newsletter

### **Mask Update**

Dear students, staff, families, and community members:

The lifting of the mask mandate on Saturday, March 12 marks a welcome sign that we are closer to the end of the pandemic, and, while masks will no longer be required in schools beginning Monday, March 14, we must continue to remain vigilant to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as many medical professionals predict this illness will remain with us potentially for years into the future.

Accordingly, we have heard from many of our families who would like their students to continue wearing masks to continue helping in the prevention of COVID-19 following the end of the mask mandate and we will do our best to accommodate this request:

Families can opt-in to have their own students continue to wear masks in school.

For those families who would like their students to continue wearing masks, please reach out to the main offices of your students' schools and let them know. Our staff will help ensure your student wears a mask throughout the school day. Additionally, as long as supplies last, all of our schools will continue to provide KN95 masks free-of-charge to any students who would like to wear them.

Bullying and/or harassment of mask-wearers will not be tolerated.

In accordance with the district's existing anti-bullying policies, any harassment of students or staff who choose to continue wearing masks following the end of the mandate will not be tolerated. Consequences and punishments for bullying and harassment are outlined in school handbooks and the district's policies.

Continue to visit the COVID-HQ website regularly for updates.

As we continue to make progress to ending the pandemic, we will continue to provide regular updates on the state of our fight to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on our COVID-HQ website located at www.woodlandschools.org/covid-hq. Please check regularly for the most up-to-date information regarding COVID and your community schools.

We want to thank all of the Woodland community for its ongoing support during these trying times. Woodland schools could not have succeeded without the dedicated support and ongoing efforts of our staff, students, and, most importantly, our family and community members.

Thank you all!

Sincerely,

Woodland Public Schools

Masks will remain optional following lifting of mask mandate on March 12



# **Upcoming Events**

Thursday, March 10 6:15pm School Board Meeting

Sunday, March 13
Daylight Savings Time Begins

Thursday, March 17 End of Trimester St. Patrick's Day

Thursday, March 24 6:15pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 29 - Friday, April 1

Early Release @11:30am

Parent/Teacher/Student Confernences 12:35pm - 3pm

Late Night Conferences on Thursday, March 30 12:35pm - 7pm

Monday, April 4 - Friday, April 8
Spring Break

#### **Lost & Found**

Please remember to write your child's name on all coats, jackets & sweatshirts. Also, write their name in their lunch boxes & bottles. Thank you!

## PTSA April Meeting

The April PTSA Meeting will be at Columbia Elementary School at 6 pm. Spread the word!
We will be meeting in the Library!



## **Parent Volunteers**

We can now have volunteers in our schools. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please stop by the office and fill out the form. You will need your license & covid vaccine card. Popcorn Fridays & Field Day is coming soon!