

KIPP COLUMBUS FAMILY UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

One of the many joyful events on campus this week was Brutus the Buckeye visiting our First grade KIPPsters! This visit was in partnership with My Special Word and World Reader. In addition to getting to read with Brutus, this was also the celebration of the launch of a set of FREE online books anyone can access right from their phones using [THIS LINK](#). We encourage you to take a moment this weekend to check out these books and share with others!



Questions or comments? Please share them at askciji@kippcolumbus.org

KEY DATES | HOURS | RESOURCES

[KIPP Columbus 2022-2023 School Year Calendar](#)

[KIPP Columbus 2022-2023 Family Handbook](#)

Hours

The school day is from 8:30a -3:30p (Monday - Thursday) and 8:30a - 1:00p (Fridays ONLY). Doors open and arrival will begin at 8:00a with students being tardy after 8:30a. **Children may not be dropped off or enter campus prior to 8:00a as there is no one present to safely supervise them.** Dismissal begins at 3:30p (Monday - Thursday) and 1:00p on Fridays.

Arrival: 8:00a - 8:30a
Dismissal: 3:30p (Monday - Thursday); 1:00p (Friday)
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UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Notice of Right to Know Teacher Qualifications

Dear KIPP Families:

Every school year, all parents and guardians have the right to know about the teaching qualifications of their child's classroom teacher in a school receiving Title I funds. The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that any local school district receiving Title I funds notify parents that they may ask about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher.

These qualifications include:

1. Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides your child instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status that waives state licensing requirements.
3. The undergraduate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification (such as National Board Certification) held



by the teacher and the field of discipline of certification or degree.

4. Whether your child is provided services by instructional paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

You may request this information by visiting the following URL and completing the form:

bit.ly/KIPPteacherinfo

Note – make sure to use the correct capitalization when typing in this URL. Upper case and lower case letters must match the above URL.

Sincerely,

Jamie Cordes
Senior Director of Teaching and Learning
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AVI Food Service Updates

Our awesome food service partner, AVI Fresh, is always looking to improve our menus and create more opportunities for our learning community to have access to local, organic foods. To this end, we are excited to share that the following partnerships have been established or are in the works for this fall -- thanks, AVI!

- Valley View Farms (located in Big Prairie, Ohio) is now providing all of our yogurt. This is a local, Greek style yogurt that has gotten two thumbs up from our KIPPsters!
- Shagbark Seed and Mill (located in Athens, Ohio) is now providing all hot cereal items (grits, oats, cream of wheat) along with all whole wheat flour used to bake muffins, breaks, and pizza dough.

KIPP Columbus Athletics

Our fall sports season is underway and we hope you come out to watch our student-athletes compete as we remove limits to tickets that were in place due to COVID-19. A schedule for our season can be found [HERE](#). Tickets will be available online only ([using this link](#)). Cash will not be accepted for tickets at the gate to any home sporting events.

Looking to show off your Jaguar pride? Check out our online spirit store [HERE](#) to purchase KIPP gear! Each purchase will support the KIPP Columbus athletics program. GO, JAGUARS!

Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic

Did you know Nationwide Children's Hospital has a clinic at KIPP Columbus that conveniently offers healthcare services like vaccines to students? Some vaccinations are required for children before entering a certain grade. If your child still needs vaccines, they can get them at our school-based health clinic open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 7am-3:30pm. Call (614) 355-2590 to schedule an appointment or to determine if your child's records are up to date.

<Action Required> Emergency Alert Text Message Opt-In

In the event of an emergency, alerts will be sent in multiple ways, including text messages. In order to receive text messages, please take a moment to opt-in by texting "Y" to 67587. If the phone number you are texting from is not currently in PowerSchool you will need to update your information by reaching out to askciji@kippcolumbus.org

COVID-19 Protocols and Key Information

Our goal remains to provide in person instruction for all students in the safest way possible for the entirety of our learning community. To this end, KIPP Columbus continues to follow all guidance from Columbus Public Health.

Vaccinations remain a key way to prevent serious COVID-19 infection. While it is not required to be vaccinated and boosted, it is highly encouraged for every member of our learning community who is able to receive the vaccine to do so. Vaccinations are available at no cost through local pharmacies (CVS, Walgreens, Kroger etc.), your doctor's office, and here at KIPP Columbus through the Nationwide Children's Hospital clinic beginning at the end of August and during our immunization clinic on August 8th (more information on this clinic can be found below).

If your child(ren) begins to experience symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, loss of sense of smell/taste, sore throat etc.) please keep them home and contact your school nurse. Should your child(ren) test positive for COVID-19, please call our 24/7 COVID hotline at 614-966-0425 or email covid@kippcolumbus.org directly as soon as possible.

New Visitor Process



In our effort to ensure that campus is a safe environment for all students, staff and visitors, a new Visitor Check In/Out system has been implemented. Any visitor to campus who needs to enter a building past reception, must check in at our Visitor station and check out upon leaving the building. To do so, they must have a State issued driver's license. After completing check-in, you will be issued a sticker visitor badge that must be visible during your entire stay on campus. The office team will be present and available to assist visitors check in and check out. As a reminder, office hours are Monday - Friday, 8am-4:15pm. If a visit is planned outside of these hours, the team member leading the meeting will support the visitor check in station.

Our Mission

Together with families and communities, we create joyful, academically excellent schools that prepare students with the skills and confidence to pursue the paths they choose - college, career, and beyond - so they can lead fulfilling lives and create a more just world.