

KIPP COLUMBUS FAMILY UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Dear KIPP Columbus Families,

Thank you for the continued support as we continue towards the end of the first quarter of this school year, and together celebrated fall and Homecoming today on campus (pictures included below!) I wanted to provide several updates and reminders for our learning community.

- **Transportation Survey Request:** while not confirmed, and very much only a potential opportunity for next year, we are seeking input from our families regarding potential changes to our transportation and school hours for the 2023-2024 school year. Please [click here](#) to share your thoughts with us! We will also be hosting 3 transportation focus groups (details in the updates below) and ask you to indicate your attendance in the survey.
- **The Village Meeting** (Thursday, October 13th 5:30p, KIPP Columbus High Market) -- please indicate your attendance in this [RSVP form](#)
 - There will be an opportunity at 5:00p for families to come to a pre-meeting where the information shared at the September 22nd board meeting will be shared again for those who were unable to attend but are curious about the information presented.
- **Scholastic Book Fair** (K-8) October 17 - 24th: All students K-8 will have the opportunity to attend the bookfair during this time, and our families have the opportunity to attend during family conference day on October 24th. Cash and checks will not be accepted, and all students will need to set up an e-wallet to purchase books (more details provided below).
- **Updated Bus Routes:** Please check your emails to see adjustments made to Columbus City Schools Bus Routes which KIPP received today.
- **Drop-off Safety:** Thank you for using the car line for drop off and driving while on campus. It is unsafe to drop students off in parking lots, roads, or other non-designated areas. Cars driving in undesignated areas (such as the bus lot) are also unsafe for our students. Thank you for helping keep our campus safe by following all traffic patterns and directions from staff.

As always, we appreciate your feedback, ideas, and questions which you can send to askciji@kippcolumbus.org. Have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to another great week as we enter into October.

In partnership,

Ciji Pittman



KEY DATES | HOURS | RESOURCES

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

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

Upcoming Dates:

October:

14: End of Quarter 1

17-24: KIPP Columbus Scholastic Book Fair (K-8)

24: No School, Family Conferences

25: No School, Professional Development

26-28: No School, Fall Break

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



<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 doctors 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.