

We wish you and yours the happiest of winter breaks and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!



Note: Beginning in the new year, KIPP Columbus will shift to monthly family updates rather than weekly updates, thank you!

**KEY DATES | HOURS | RESOURCES**

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

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

**Upcoming Dates:**

December:

- 19-31: KIPP Columbus Closed, Winter Holiday

January:

- 1-2: KIPP Columbus Closed, Winter Holiday
- 3: KIPP Columbus Closed, Professional Development Day
- 16: KIPP Columbus Closed, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**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)  
 School Day: 8:30a - 3:30p (Monday - Thursday); 8:30a - 1:00p (Friday)

### UPDATES AND REMINDERS

#### Transportation Update

As we continue to navigate significant challenges with bussing provided through Columbus City Schools this school year, we are thankful for your continued support, flexibility and understanding. We are actively working to address these concerns both for this year, and future school years. To this end, Columbus City Schools has recently informed us that bus routes across the city are being updated (you may have seen new coverage of these updates) with the goal of making significant improvements to the experience of families using transportation services. Families that have new routes will have information sent home with their student today, and an emailed copy will be sent to the email address we have on file for your family. Please reach out to us at [transportation@kippcolumbus.org](mailto:transportation@kippcolumbus.org) if you have any questions.

#### Measles Update

As you may be aware, Central Ohio is seeing an [increase in individuals diagnosed with measles](#) (all cases have been in those unvaccinated) -- KIPP Columbus continues to not have any cases to report. The best way for individuals to protect themselves from the measles virus is to be vaccinated with the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine which is shown to be highly effective. If you have questions or need information on vaccinations please contact your child's school nurse, or [click here](#) to view more information from Franklin County Public Health. KIPP continues to follow the guidance of our local health experts and put the health & safety of our students, team, and community first.

#### KIPP Columbus Behavior Matrix Family Survey

We would like your help and input in selecting the values or rules for our campus. We use a small number of positively stated expectations or rules across the whole campus to make it more safe, positive, and predictable. At KIPP Columbus, our current expectations are "Jags are Accountable, Gracious and Safe!". To teach these expectations, we use a matrix that has specific examples of how to follow the expectations at school. Please [click here](#) to view our current matrix and to provide your thoughts! Thank you in advance!

#### Refer a Kindergartener Campaign!

KIPP Columbus is enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year! Do you know a student or family that would love to join KIPP Columbus? Please let us know by filling out the referral form [here](#).

To show our appreciation, you will receive 1 free KIPP Columbus uniform shirt for every referral that results in an enrollment of a kindergarten student. Our lottery closes on February 23, 2023. Sign up today and share with your friends!

#### SPARK Program for Pre-K students heading to Kindergarten NEXT year!

*Do you live in zip codes 43211 or 43224?*

*Do you have a child who will go to kindergarten in the fall of 2023?*

If you answered yes, call Nationwide Children's Hospital at 614-355-0714 or email [SPARK@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:SPARK@nationwidechildrens.org) to learn about a free program to help get your child ready for kindergarten.

#### Nationwide Children's Hospital Clinic <FLU SHOTS NOW AVAILABLE>

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.

#### KIPP Columbus Athletics

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!

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 (with offices closed 3:00-3:30 Monday - Thursday and 1:00-1:30 on Fridays). 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.