

## COLUMBIANA EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT THE PLACE TO BE!

### JOSHUA DIXON ELEMENTARY

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Columbiana, Ohio 44408  
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### JOSHUA DIXON ELEMENTARY WINTER NEWSLETTER 2024

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### JOSHUA DIXON ELEMENTARY ENGAGE•EDUCATE•EMPOWER

Joshua Dixon Elementary and Preschool offers a family-friendly environment, provides a safe and nurturing school climate, and is dedicated to children and families, as well as, to the personal achievement of every student. Joshua Dixon Elementary, in partnership with the entire school community, provides a strong foundation to meet the demands of an ever-changing society. We aim to ensure every child is challenged, prepared, and empowered to become a resilient, lifelong learner, who contributes to society.

Visit our website below under documents to view our full mission, vision, and goal statements:

[JOSHUA DIXON WEBPAGE](#)

**IMPORTANT LINKS** also found in the documents folder on our webpage:

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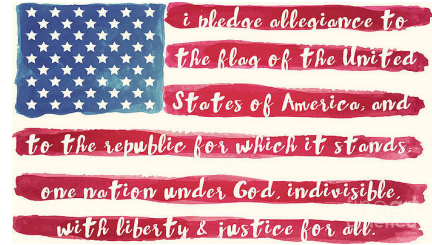
#### IMPORTANT WINTER DATES:

Jan. 1 NO SCHOOL-Happy New Year  
Jan. 2 Classes Resume  
Jan. 2 PTO Meeting-6:00pm  
Jan. 4 80's Day to celebrate the 80th Day of School!  
Jan. 5 All Pro Dads-7:30am  
Jan. 8 PTO Penny Wars Begins  
Jan. 8-12 2nd Grade Gifted Testing  
Jan. 15 NO SCHOOL-MLK Day  
Jan. 16 Classes Resume  
Jan. 19 End of the 2nd 9-weeks  
Jan. 22 Begin 3rd 9-weeks  
Jan. 26 Report Cards come home  
Jan. 29-Feb. 2 Jump for Heart (Donations until Feb. 16)  
Feb. 2 All Pro Dads-7:30am

Feb. 6 PTO Meeting-6:00pm  
Feb. 14 Winter Class Festivities  
Feb. 15 Parent-Teacher Conference Night 3:30-8:30pm  
Feb. 16-19 NO SCHOOL-Presidents' Day  
Feb. 20 Classes Resume  
Feb. 26-Mar. 8 PTO Bundt Cake Fundraiser

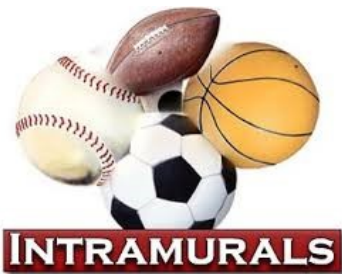
\*See below for Intramural dates and Pledge of Allegiance Air Dates.

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- 02/02/2024\_Mr.Best\_JoshuaDixonElementary\_3rdGrade
- 02/05/2024\_Mrs.Beggs\_JoshuaDixonElementary\_3rdGrade
- 02/06/2024\_Mrs.Bell\_JoshuaDixonElementary\_1stGrade
- 02/07/2024\_Mrs.Campbell\_JoshuaDixonElementary\_2ndGrade
- 02/08/2024\_Mrs.Conrad\_JoshuaDixonElementary\_Kindergarten
- 02/09/2024\_Mrs.Cuff\_JoshuaDixonElementary\_1stGrade
- 02/12/2024\_Mrs.Ebben\_JoshuaDixonElementary\_2ndGrade
- 02/13/2024\_Mrs.Houck\_JoshuaDixonElementary\_2ndGrade
- 02/14/2024\_Mrs.Lude\_JoshuaDixonElementary\_Kindergarten
- 02/15/2024\_Mrs.Maloney\_JoshuaDixonElementary\_3rdGrade
- 02/16/2024\_Mrs.Moore\_JoshuaDixonElementary\_1stGrade
- 02/19/2024\_Mrs.Rapp\_JoshuaDixonElementary\_1stGrade
- 02/20/2024\_Mrs.Styen\_JoshuaDixonElementary\_3rdGrade

The videos will also be posted to the website [wytv.com](http://wytv.com) the morning after they air.



### **INTRAMURALS**

**3rd Grade Girls 3:00-4:00**  
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24

**3rd Grade Boys 3:00-4:00**  
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26

**4th Grade Girls 3:00-4:00**  
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

**4th Grade Boys 3:00-4:00**  
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

### **WEATHER WATCH**

If it is at least 35 degrees the children will be going outside (we will take the wind chill into account). Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately (hats and gloves). Students wearing boots to school will need to bring a pair of shoes to change into.



### **JUMP FOR HEART**

This year will be our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Jump for Heart. Dixon Families have raised over \$65,000.00 for the American Heart Association since 2005. A big thank you to Mrs. Passas for organizing this event. Donations for the 23-24 school year will be collected until Feb. 16, 2024. Mrs. Passas will be sending home more information in the coming weeks. Donations may be made in person and on-line.

### **LABEL IT!**

Please remember to put your child's name in all of his/her belongings. The Winter Season always brings gloves, mittens and hats onto the lost and found table. If it's labeled we can help it find its way home.



### **CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS**



### ATTENDANCE

Please remember that if your child will be absent from school, you need to call the office by 10 a.m. Upon returning to school, you need to send a note with your child explaining the reason(s) for the absence. You can request homework for your child after the second (consecutive) day of absence. A physician's office can fax school excuses to 330-482-5358. For more information and FAQs regarding HB 410 Attendance, please visit the link below.

[House Bill 410 Attendance](#)

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your child's teacher. All volunteers will have to stop in the office, sign-in and get a visitor/volunteer pass. You will need your driver's license for this process. In addition, all volunteers are required by Board Policy to sign a confidentiality statement. Please check with the office for this form. If you are a morning volunteer, please allow your child to walk to his/her room independently while you sign-in.



### STATE ASSESSMENTS

Ohio State Test samples and practice test items the way they will appear on the 3rd and 4th grade tests. Link Below.



[Sample and Practice Test Items](#)

Your children are being introduced to practice tests, formats and to the tools and resources available while taking state tests. The assessments will provide you with information about how your child is progressing including their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The above link will take you to the website for practice tests and resources and below, a website with parent resources including FAQs, fact sheets, and an overview. Link Below.

[Ohio State Test Portal](#)

### DISTRICT TESTING WINDOWS

3rd AND 4th ELA TESTING APRIL 8-26  
3rd AND 4th MATH TESTING APRIL 15-May 3



### PAX Good Behavior

The PAX Good Behavior Game teaches students self-regulation, self-control, and self-management while collaborating with others for peace, productivity, health, and happiness.

Each week classrooms implemented a 'kernel' of the program into their classrooms and throughout building, beginning with the creation of a classroom vision. Classes are now ready to begin the PAX Good Behavior Game.

The scientific research for the implementation of PAX supports the reduction of challenging behaviors and stress, and improvement of academic progress.

The science behind the PAX Good Behavior Game can be found at:

[Pax Science and Research](#)





As always, we ask that you continue to keep your child home if they are showing any signs of illness. They may return to school when they have been symptom and/or fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication. They may also return to school with a doctor's note that provides a return to school clearance. We appreciate your help as we partner to provide a safe and healthy school year! Please call us with any questions or concerns.

Tis the...Cold, Flu, & Cough Season. Be sure you know the differences and the importance of keeping sick ones home.

### Cold vs. Flu

If your student is or will be out of school for an extended period of time, to ensure continuity of learning please follow these steps...

- Contact the school office/nurse as soon as possible. This is your primary contact regarding your child's illness/absence.
- Request that the primary care physician send the school dated documents pertaining to the medical leave Fax: 330-482-5358.
- Contact your child's teacher(s) so that work for the absence time can be prepared.

(All teachers have an email and a phone extension on our webpage and teacher pages. Feel free to DOJO or Remind with your child's teacher(s) regarding homework requests.

### Dixon Staff



## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION & SCREENING April 17-19**

Requested Items: Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Immunizations, 2 Proofs of Residency, Custody Papers-if applicable, and if you are considering open enrollment, that paperwork begins at Central Office prior to screening.

Prospective Open Enrollments should contact Mrs. Nancy Tirpak, EMIS Coordinator (330)482-5352 ext. 34315 Nancy.Tirpak@columbianaschools.org

**Registration Appts. can be  
scheduled by calling  
Joshua Dixon Elementary beginning  
April 8 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

## **PRESCHOOL**



## **Registration**

## **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION & SCREENING April 24-26**

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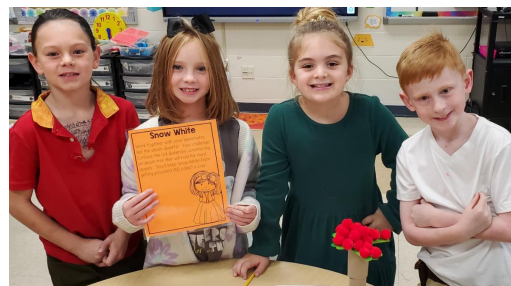
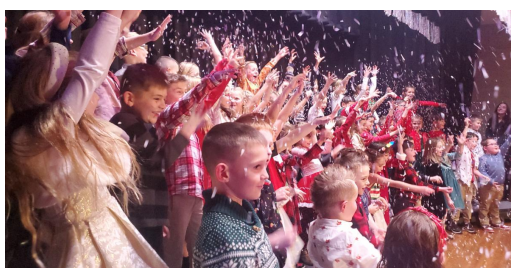


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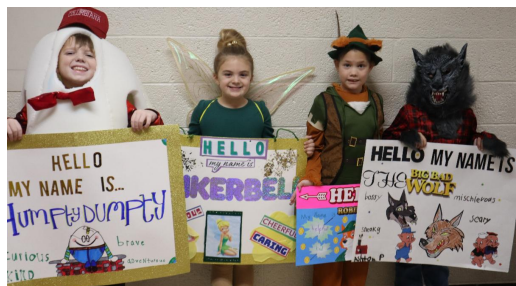
- Third Grade Classes-Thanksgiving Collection.
- Jacob Sevek (Columbiana Barber Shop) Family, Ciardi Family, Hogans Bakery, Jennifer Grecko, Becky Buchheit, Debbie McCoy and Giant Eagle, and those making monetary donations toward Thanksgiving Dinners.
- To all who took bulbs and/or made donations or monetary donations to the 17th Annual Giving Tree, along with, Columbiana

Rotary, Beaver Township-shop with a hero, Holloway Insurance, Premier Bank, Pastor Jan, Nazarene Church, Caroline Ludwig, Clipper Interact Club, Jennifer Grecko, Columbiana Admin. Team, Maryann and Mike Good, Michele Pease, Marge Armentrout and the Methodist Church, Melissa and Ray Boyd, and Lisa and Rick Fryda-Old Saybrook Neighborhood's Stuffed Stocking Program.

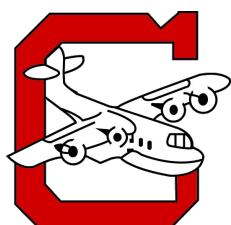
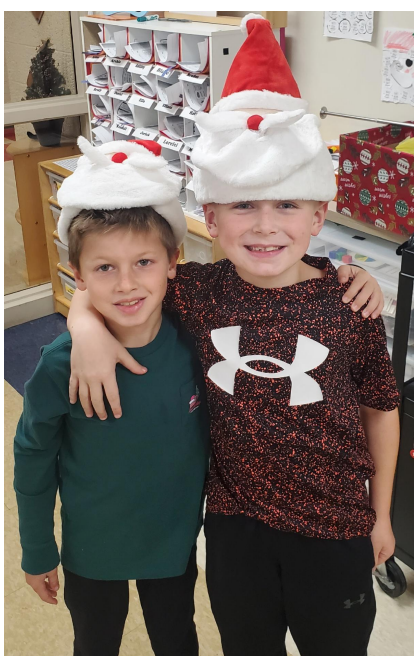
- Mr. Clemmer and Mr. Conrad-Hosting All Pro Dads.
- Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Saunders for the Veterans Day Program
- Columbiana CPD & CFD for their constant support.
- Christmas Parade Float Builders and Marchers!
- Mrs. Jennie Moore-Annual Way Station Collection.
- Mrs. Mandy Moore and her helpers Mrs. Holly Zelonish, Mrs. Kathy Kaszowski, Mrs. Aikens, and Mrs. Saunders for the beautiful holiday programs.
- The Goughenour Family.
- PTO-Fall Events-Grandparents Day, Bookfair, Veterans Day, Lunches, Dinners & Goodies, Trunk or Treat, Santa Shop, and Clipper Christmas Vendor Show.
- Columbiana Theater for hosting our annual walk and stage performance.
- All Families who donated to our Dixon Food Pantry.











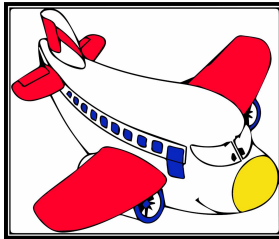
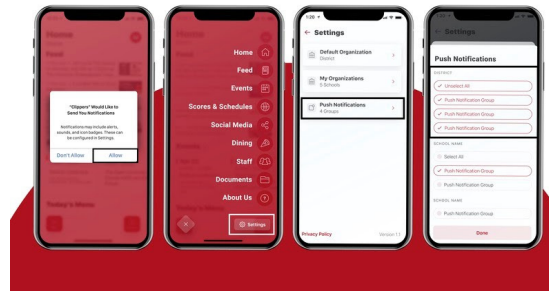
## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLIPPERS APP

The Clippers app is how the district and buildings communicate important information to families. Follow the steps listed below to make sure you receive notifications from the district, individual school buildings, and/or school departments. In addition to your building selections, be sure to select Columbiana School District, as that is where closure and delay notifications will come from.

**The Clippers app icon is a white circle in the middle of it. Please follow the steps below on your smart phone.**

**Don't miss any updates from Columbiana Exempted Village School District!**

1. Search 'Columbiana Clippers' in your phone's app store and download the app
2. Select 'ALLOW' when prompted on initial download to ensure you receive notifications
3. Open the app, and navigate to the bottom menu then tap 'SETTINGS'
4. Ensure your settings are turned on and your organization is selected



## HOW TO GET PRINTED NEWSLETTERS

For those Families who would like a printed version of Dixon's monthly newsletter, please contact Dr. Sharshan via phone at 330-482-5355 ext. 34507 or via email at [kim.sharshan@columbianaschools.org](mailto:kim.sharshan@columbianaschools.org). The newsletter can also be found on our webpage (under documents) by clicking the link below.

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