

Good Evening Panther Families, we hope everyone has been staying warm, safe, and looking forward to the big game tonight!

Upcoming Events:

District Calendar: [District calendar for 2025-2026 linked here:](#)

No School on Friday 2/13 for Staff Professional Development

No School on Monday 2/16 for President's Day

Student Council Spirit Week



February spirit week
Feb. 9 -12

Monday- GB Black History Month Celebration!
6th grade- green
7th grade- yellow
8th grade- red

TUESDAY- Twin Day
Twin/Match With Your Friend

WEDNESDAY- Heart Hero Day
heart patterns
heart colors
red, pink, white, ect.

Thursday- PJ day
(Must be within dress code
please do not wear slippers)

Friday- NO SCHOOL!!!

Thank you for participating in
February spirit week

FFA & Student Council Fundraiser: Use the link below to put in your orders. Make one new form per order. All payments are to be delivered to Ms. Diarra in room 500 by Wednesday, 2/18. If your payment is not received by the due date, your order will not be filled. Payments can be dropped off during homeroom, lunch, or 6th period with a teacher's permission. Please be mindful when purchasing the double bloom balloons, there will be NO refunds. [Order form linked here:](#)



Panther Sports: Away basketball game @ McCullough on Monday (boys play first). Dismissal @ 1:30 for student-athletes & coaches. Home game on Wednesday vs. George Read (girls play first). Remember that students that have to go home first, can not stay with staff or alone to attend games. Must be there with a parent/guardian. **Spring Sports Update:** Students interested in trying out for baseball, softball or boys and girls track; there will be sign ups in the Learning den during homeroom from 8-8:20 on Tuesday and Wednesday February 10th and 11th. If you plan on trying out and you have not handed in a DIAA sports physical this school year, they are due by Friday, February 20th.

Our Panther Sports website is linked here: <https://www.panthers-sports.com/> Any questions, please email our Athletic Director, Mr. Brelick. michael.brelick@colonial.k12.de.us. **For students to attend as spectators, students must first leave school at dismissal and return with a parent/guardian. The parent/guardian must stay with their student and transport them to and from the basketball game.**

Field Trip: Spanish Immersion field trip on Wednesday. Leaving @ 10:30 & returning @ 1:45. Student list to be shared this week.

New Updates

Math Club: Please see Math Club update here: [☰ Math Club Parent Update](#) We're excited to share our new **IXL Club website**, created to support students and families with updates, resources, and easy access to learning tools. <https://sites.google.com/colonial.k12.de.us/welcome-to-ixl-club/home> More Math Club information here: **IXL Math Club!** ✨

IXL Thursdays (After School): Students registered for the Math Club can attend our in-person IXL sessions every Thursday after school for hands-on support. 🖥️

IXL Tuesdays on Zoom: Students registered for the Math Club can also log in every **Tuesday from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM** to receive **live assistance** from our team! **Zoom ID:** 950-0692-5426 **Password:** GBIXL25

📄 **Enrollment Information:** Students can still join the IXL Math Club by requesting a flier from their homeroom teacher **or** by completing the form attached to the prior club announcement. Thank you for supporting your child's success with IXL! 📄 IXL Club Flier 25-26 SY.pdf . Please contact

Crystal.braxton@colonial.k12.de.us or Lozetta.hayden@colonial.k12.de.us for more information.

Update from 6th & 7th Grade Staff: Families of 6th graders, please view the weekly update from the 6th grade teachers here: [2025-2026 Weekly Parent Communication for 6th Grade](#)

[2025-2026 7th Grade Weekly Classroom Updates](#)

[8th Grade January Updates](#)

Transportation Support: [Linked here](#) **Where's The Bus Sign Up Information:** All families with students who ride a bus should be signed up this application. This is the way transportation communicates with families. Please register ASAP.

Where's The Bus™
Why Wonder?

Real time Bus Arrival Information

CSD is now offering the "Where's the Bus" app to provide parents and students with timely information about the location of your child's bus. Using GPS technology, this app will show you and your child how many miles your bus is from the bus stop.

The "Where's the Bus" app is free to CSD families whose children ride the bus. The app is available on all devices with internet access and takes less than five (5) minutes to install.

At CSD, our transportation team is committed to provide the best service. We hope the "Where's the Bus" app makes your household's bus riding experience even more convenient and safe.

HOW TO SIGN UP

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| STEP 1: CREATE ACCOUNT Go to WherestheBus.com and click the "Create Account" button | STEP 2: SELECT DISTRICT Select "Colonial School District" from the drop-down menu | STEP 3: ADD STUDENT Click the "Add Student" button and enter student date of birth and student ID number. |
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Questions? Please contact support@wheresthebus.com

Message from the Colonial School District Safety and Security Team: [Please see link here that was shared to the Colonial Community at the end of December 2025.](#)

Upcoming STEAM Showcase: Please see details in the flier here: [PDF STEAM save the date 2026.pdf](#)
Wednesday, 3/25/26 from 6:00-8:00 PM @ William Penn High School, all are welcome to attend!

Infinite Campus: Parents and guardians can view grades, attendance, report cards, class schedules, transportation details, and more, anytime and anywhere. [Learn more at this link: Infinite Campus](#)

Support: Need help setting up your Infinite Campus Parent Access? [Fill out the form below and someone from the Colonial School District will be in touch with you ASAP.](#) [Info on setting up alerts linked here](#)

[Back to Basics Learning Dynamics Colonial School District Discount Flyer.png](#) please see a flyer for

the district tutoring partner.

Health Office Information: Please coordinate any medication drop-offs with Nurse Taylor, do not send students to school with their own medication, it must be brought to school by a parent/guardian. Our school nurse is Mrs. Taylor & her email is: olivia.taylor@colonial.k12.de.us [Please review Health Office welcome letter here:](#)

Early Dismissal Procedure: As increased security measures we must check the ID of the persons picking up before releasing the child. Please ensure early dismissals are completed prior to 2:00 PM. Thank you for your understanding and your partnership in keeping our students safe.
[see details about Colonial Compass here:](#)

Cell Phone Expectations: Linked here: [GB 2025 Cellphone Use Expectations](#)

Panther PRIDE Definition: Our school motto is, "You Can't Hide that Panther PRIDE". When we say PRIDE, we mean more than just being proud of being a student at Gunning Bedford. We want to highlight our values of Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Discipline, & Excellence.

*Perseverance - Try, Try, Try...Never Give Up.

*Respect - Be kind to others and self in everything you say, do, and think.

*Integrity - Do the right thing even when no one else is watching..

*Discipline - Think it through before I do. I am in control of myself and my behavior.

*Excellence - Do your best!

After School Activities Pick-Up Details: Student safety is our biggest concern. Please do not park in the first 5 bus slots or along the sidewalk outside of the auditorium. Both areas are noted in the map below by a blue 'X.' This ensures that our students can safely cross the bus court to get on their assigned buses.



Rolling Updates:

Colonial Compass: During period 5, on Wednesday's, students are engaging in Colonial Compass. [Please](#)

Car Rider Drop-off and Pickup Details: If your student is being driven to school, please review the images linked before on where drop-off and pick-up is located. [am](#) and [pm](#). AM is in the front of the building, PM is on the side of the building. **Our doors open at 7:55AM each day.** Please be mindful of dropping off students before then as staff are not outside. In the afternoon, car rider dismissal begins at 2:37PM on the side of the building. Families will pull into the parking lot on the side of the building and form a line that goes up and around the lot. Please follow the directions of staff supporting the dismissal to ensure a safe dismissal for all.

Breakfast & Lunch for students: All students at Gunning Bedford get free breakfast & lunch each day. Students can pack their breakfast or lunch as well. Students are not able to have any outside delivery food for lunch time; For example no Door-Dash or UberEats delivery. The lunch times for students is:



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 KATHERINE COREY & HEATHER MOLITOR Assistant Principals
 PATRICK KRAJEWSKI & KISA WARD Student Advisors

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| 11:05-11:35 8th grade lunch | 11:47-12:17 6th grade lunch | 12:27-12:57 7th grade lunch |
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Grade level Administrators & Counselors: The names and contact emails for our grade administrators and school counselors are listed below. They are your go-to contacts for supporting your student.

Administration

School Counselors

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| 6 th Grade AP: Mrs. Molitor | 6 th Grade: Ms. Sheppard |
| 7 th Grade Administrator: Ms. Ward | 7 th Grade: Mr. Arent |
| 8 th Grade AP: Mrs. Corey | 8 th Grade: Ms. Pine |
| ILC Administrator: Mr. Krajewski | |
| Principal: Mr. Johnston | |

Have a great rest of the day and remember, you can't hide that Panther Pride!

Sincerely,
 Bill Johnston
 Principal
 Gunning Bedford Middle School