



Columbia Eagles' Watch

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Twin Day: A Success

On Wednesday, January 14, Columbia students had twin day — a day where everyone picked themselves a twin and dressed the same.

Surprisingly, students were not only twins, but they were also many triplets, and there were even quadruplets! Even our teachers, Mr. Jansen, Mr. Kania, and Ms. Munoz got into the spirit and dressed up as twins. Many students participated in this event and dressed the same from head to toe.

Students wore the same clothes, shoes, and even had the same hair-styles.



Construction Update

Many students came back to school on Monday morning after Winter Break, surprised to find that another part of the school was taken in order to finish the construction.

Many students had to find another route to get to their classes because a big part of the school was taken for the construction site. There are many benefits to the construction, but a few disadvantages as well.

First, there is amazing news: The construction is ahead of schedule. Students were originally scheduled to move into the new buildings during the fall of next year, 2010, but since the construction is 60 days ahead of schedule students might be able to move into the new buildings at the beginning of the next school year.

Although the construction is ahead of schedule, many classrooms are being disturbed by the progress at the construction site.

For example, the construction is starting to use jackhammers and other noisy machines at the construction site that often disturb students' focus on learning. Some students even had to move to other classrooms to avoid the disturbing noise made coming from the construction site.

Attention Eighth Grade Students

We all know that promotion is only a few months away, but with all these construction plans where will it all take place?!

Well apparently Mr. Herrera and Mrs. Garcia have a few tricks up their sleeves. Word has it that they are deciding whether or not to have it at the very home of the lions, El Monte High. It sounds awesome, but seriously eighth graders! It's our last year at Columbia next year we may be Lions, Knights, Eagles or maybe even Vikings.

I want your opinions! Should we have our promotion dance here at Columbia and celebrate all the memories we had here and our last days here or have it somewhere else like El Monte High and celebrate our upcoming years there, and future adventures?! Please guys, send in your votes and opinions to your homeroom teacher and have them send them in to Mr. Mason's class. We'll have new updates of this story in our next paper.

Balloon Popping Contest

On Wednesday, December 19, 2008, Columbia School held a balloon popping contest located at the volleyball courts.

The contest was held during lunch; large crowds of students were at the volleyball courts to cheer for their favorite teams. Both boys and girls participated. Once the contest started the teams excitedly went for the balloons. The object of this game was to have a balloon tied to the player's leg; the player had to protect their balloon and try to pop their opponent's balloon.

Once every single person on a team lost all of their balloons that team was out of the game. The winners moved on to the finals, which happened the next day. In the end, the girls triumphed over the boys, winning the most important prize, pride.



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2nd Annual Jump Rope Contest Smash Hit



A picture really is worth a thousand words! Take a look at these and wonder ... How'd they do that?



Whoa! He's taken off! Eagles really do soar ..

Above, the winners. Everyone else: flyers, every one of them ... look at 'em fly!



Hope the first aid kit is stocked up!



Pajama Day at Columbia: Colorful and Comfortable



On December 19, Columbia School had a Pajama and Santa Hat Day. All students from all ages could wear their pajamas to school.

A lot of students brought their pajamas to school, although participation was down from last year.

Many students think they are too old to be wearing their pajamas to school. Even so, many students did wear very colorful pajamas in many

different types and styles. Also, some students brought with them a stuffed animal, and even some blankets.

Let's not forget that you could also have brought a Santa hat if you didn't want to bring your pajamas. There were many different types of Santa hats being worn, not just red and white. Some hats had logos on them, and were in different colors like yellow and green.

