Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Community,

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." — William Arthur Ward

November is often a time that we reflect on the things we are thankful for. The Columbine Staff is thankful to be serving you and your children. It is always wonderful to see a community working together to ensure the success of our students. We thank you all for supporting our school and community.

This month we will also be taking the time to thank those who service our country. Please join us as we honor Veterans from the Columbine Hills community on Monday, November 11th at 1:30pm. Each year students and staff plan an amazing ceremony to recognize and honor Veterans and their service to our country. We hope you can join us for this special event!

For the month of November we also create a Wall of Honor. Forms to recognize a Veteran that you know were sent home in Monday folders. We hope you can join us for this celebration!

continued...
Message From the Principal, continued...

Please join us for our SAC (School Accountability Committee) meeting on Thursday, November 14th at 5:30pm in the conference room. We will be working on setting our committees goals for the year. PTA will follow at 6:30pm. Childcare is provided during the PTA meeting.

As your principal, I continue to strive for a successful experience for your child. I welcome any questions, concerns or comments anytime. Please feel free to send me an email or contact me at (303)982-5540.

Sincerely,

Christa Wilson
Principal
"Aiming for Success, Believing...Together We Can!"
Winter Weather
As winter approaches, please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing. We know that the weather can change during the day, so please send coats, hats, boots, etc. We will be going outside for recess unless it is below 20 degrees or if there is precipitation.

Parking Lot Safety
Please help us keep our students safe by driving slowly through our parking lot and watching closely for students walking to cars. Please use the crosswalk so that we can ensure that students are getting to and from school safely. Please do not park in the bus lane in the front of the school or in no parking areas in the parking lot. Thank you for your help!

"No Paws Please"
Just a friendly reminder of our “No Paws” policy at school between 7:00am - 6:00pm. Pets are not allowed on school grounds when students are on campus due to allergies and the unpredictability of animals. Signs are posted on the edges of our campus. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

School Attendance
Attendance is the responsibility of the student, the parents, and the school. The importance of regular, daily attendance as a basis for academic achievement cannot be over-emphasized. Absences have a negative effect upon instructional continuity, regardless of the attempts to make up work. Our school has designated a target goal of 96% attendance this year and reviews attendance monthly to ensure all students are helping to meet our goal.

Parents please help us ensure that your child is at school on time each day. We are seeing an increase of students missing school due to family vacations. We ask that you schedule vacations when there is no school. It is also important for students to be at school on time and stay for the entire day. Please schedule appointments outside of the school day. We appreciate your support!
Veteran's Day Assembly
Please join us as we honor Veterans from the Columbine Hills community on Monday, November 11th at 1:30pm. Each year students and staff plan an amazing ceremony to recognize and honor Veterans and their service to our country. We hope you can join us for this special event!

For the month of November we also create a Wall of Honor. Forms to recognize a Veteran that you know were sent home in Monday folders at the end of October. We hope you can join us for this celebration.

Calling All Watch D.O.G.S
Calling all Watch D.O.G.S! This year we have had less WatchDogs at our school. Our goal is to always have at least two WatchDogs per week.

1. To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.
2. To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

We thank everyone who has been a WatchDog so far this year. We truly appreciate your support and the students LOVE seeing you. If you would like to hear more about the program, please contact the main office. The Watchdog signup has been added to our school website!

Food Bank in the Neighborhood Information
Stepping Stone Co-Op, located at Calvary South Church (9052 W. Ken Caryl) runs a food bank every Friday from 10:00-12:00, there are no qualifying questions or paperwork required. Anyone who is in need of assistance can come during those hours for non-perishable food, produce, bakery items, meat and hygiene products.
Band and Orchestra News

It’s time for our first Columbine Area Instrumental concert for the 2019-20 school year! Area music shirts have been ordered and will be sent home with your students on November 4, 5, or 6. Our concert date is Thursday November 7. Students should be dressed in their area music shirts with black pants/skirt and black shoes. Students should arrive at 5:30pm in the Columbine HS Gym. Our performance begins at 6pm and we will be wrapped up by 6:30.

Contact Mr. Whaylen with any questions you may have. All are welcome to come see how much our young musicians have learned in the first two months of learning their instruments.

Science Fair Logo Winners!

Science Fair is just around the corner! Congratulations to all the students that participated in the Science Fair Logo Contest. There were so many wonderful entries! All the entries will be used in promoting the Science Fair so watch the hall for all the wonderful art.

Logo winners:
First: Garrett Ellis
Finalist: Elliott Prage
Finalist: Sadie Anderson
Finalist: Levi Prage

The Science Fair and PTA sponsored Family Science Night will be taking place on November 21st. The Science Fair will be held during the school day, with the Family Science Night from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. The gym doors will open at 5:00 pm so that families may have time to enjoy the Science Fair Projects before the Science Family Night Presenters start at 5:30 pm. Preschool will be hosting a sensory and science exploration table during the evening. As in the past, there will be three 25 minute rotations with the presenters. Make sure to get here early so that you can enjoy all our presenters! This year’s our guest are: Party Safari with insects and reptiles, Think Science- come see what fizzes, pops and oozes and Rock On with Connie- (Bring a mystery rock and let our expert identify it!)
SAVE THE DATE

November 6th - Distribution of Fall Fundraiser Items

14th - PTA meeting from 6:30pm-7:30pm

15th - Family Movie Night from 6pm-8pm - Come and enjoy a Movie Night with the PTA. This event, which is hosted by the PTA, will cost $2 to get in. This includes movie theater popcorn and bottle of water. We will be watching Toy Story 4. Hope to see you there!

21st - Science Fair & Family Science Night

December 5th - Winter Wonderland and Crafts. We are looking for silent auction donations. Please email Joni at columbineshillspta@gmail.com. All DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY November 30th.

Congratulations to Mr. Capansky’s class who won our first round of Box Top Collection with over 600 box tops! Starting this week we will begin our next round of collection going until December 13th. The winner of this round of competition will earn 30 minutes of extra tech time the week before Winter Break.

Support Columbine Hills PTA through Passive Fundraising

1) Sign in to kingsoopers.com on your browser.

2) Select King Soopers Community Rewards
   • Under Community at the bottom of the page

3) Select Enroll Now and choose Columbine Hills Elementary PTA
   • Or search by organization number (RX295)

4) A percentage of every purchase will be donated to our school.

Please ask your friends and family for their support too!
BUG Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their homeroom teachers to receive the BUG (Bringing Up Grades) Award for the months of September and October 2019. The BUG awards are sponsored by the Littleton Optimist Club. Selection is based upon academic improvement and/or increased effort, improved or good attendance and good citizenship. Each selected student receives a "BUG" t-shirt, a "BUG" pencil and a certificate.

Kindergarten: Nora Smith and Micah Brenkle (Ms. Baltazar's class)
               Brenna Steele and Jakob Redleaf (Mrs. Blackwell's class)
Grade 1:      Sadie Anderson and Zach McGuire (Ms. Johanson's class)
               Emma Redleaf and Josiah Montoya (Mrs. Ensminger's class)
Grade 2:      Lily Young and Xavier Zuver (Mrs. Bawden's class)
               Jacob Boles and Ella Steele (Ms. Gilbert's class)
Grade 3:      Ava Reynolds and James Cummings (Mr. Capansky's class)
               Emily Dillon and Braedyn Murphy (Ms. Kirkland's class)
Grade 4:      Elliott Prage and Xander Marron (Mrs. Bettmann's class)
               Logan Birchfield and Willow Griffiths (Mrs. Sarcletti's class)
Grade 5:      Izaiah Martinez and Andrew Wilcoxen (Mrs. McIntyre's class)
Writer of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the Writer of the Month for the months of September and October 2019 by their teachers. Their writing will be displayed in the front entry for everyone to read.

Kindergarten: Nolan Kubin and Ellie Hastings (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
Chloe Siecker and Owen Smith (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1: Quinn Kartchner and Dylan Langren (Ms. Johanson’s class)
Charlotte Harris and Mason Trachbrodt (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)

Grade 2: Kate Williams and Scarlett Bremigan (Mrs. Bawden’s class)
Amelia Birchfield (Ms. Gilbert’s class)

Grade 3: Kimmy Robinson and Tyler Heit (Mr. Capansky’s class)
Sophia Tsuber and Jayden Girard (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 4: Riley Woodbury and Paige Kartchner (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)
Kyle Squillace and Delaney Glenn (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 5: Natalia Stolz and Kyla Brock (Mrs. McIntyre’s class)
Vincent Le and Michell With (Mrs. Tapsfield’s class)
Columbine Hills Elementary and Preschool
2-Hour Delay Schedule

Jeffco has developed a 2-hour delay schedule. This will only be used during extreme circumstances of inclement weather. Families will be notified by 5:30am if the district has implemented a 2-hour delay.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Program...</th>
<th>Expect...</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Full Day Kindergarten through 5th grade | • Begins at 10:00am  
  • Dismissal will be at 2:45pm |
| Half Day Kindergarten (am) & Half Day Preschool (am) | • No classes will be held |
| Preschool (full day) | • Begins at 10:00am  
  • Dismissal will be at 2:45pm |
| Half Day Preschool (pm) | • 12:00pm-3:00pm |
| Foothills Before & After School Program | • Opens at 8:45am  
  • Closes 6:00pm |
| Breakfast Program | • Columbine Hills will have grab & go options for students who participate in the breakfast program. |
| Buses | • Buses will run 2 hours later than your regular pick-up time.  
  • Preschool pm buses normal pick up times. |
| Tardies & Absences | • Will be excused if the family notifies the school.  
  • Missed work should be provided and accepted under the same policy as applies to regular absences. |
Dear Families,

At home you can support your students in understanding Media Literacy in a variety of ways. With young kids, you can discuss things they are familiar with such as commercials, food wrappers, and toy packages. With older kids, you can talk about YouTube videos, ads, and news outlets. With each, ask questions like “who made this”, “what do they want you to believe or do”/and “why would they want that” to help them continue to process the concepts of bias, opinion, and authors purpose.

Family Resources:

- Jeffco’s Digital Citizenship Family Website (linked on the CHE website)
- Warranty information (in .pdf format) if we want to include information on that
- Quick Reference Guide (sent home in August; in .pdf format) in English and Spanish
- Lesson plans for August-October are on the Jeffco Intranet, so I don’t know if families will be able to view them… I will work on it! I can link the videos we watch to the website, too. Let me know.
  - Here is there general scope and sequence (K-12)

November Technology Update

Our fifth grade students are officially in their fourth month of Jeffco’s “TechforEd” 1:1 Chromebook initiative! As a part of this initiative, these students take part in bi-weekly digital citizenship classes that center around the following themes:

You can find links to the resources used throughout Jeffco and other information about the initiative on the Columbine Hills website → Family Resources → TechforEd 5th Grade 1:1 Chromebook Initiative → TechforEd website.

Digital Citizenship is taught using Common Sense Media resources in Kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms as well. In addition to digital citizenship, here is what they have been working on during “Tech Time”:

- Kindergarten - Logging into/navigating the online portion of their literacy curriculum, Wonders; Chromebook basics
- First grade - Netsmartz Kids (“Clicky”)
- Second grade - Google Apps (Google Slides and Google Docs)
- Third grade - Digital Passport
- Fourth grade - Digital Passport, Be Internet Awesome/Interland
- School-wide - Students are showcasing their learning using Seesaw
## Columbine Hills Elementary School

### Lunch (Main), November - 2019

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENTREE</td>
<td>ENTREE</td>
<td>ENTREE</td>
<td>ENTREE</td>
<td>ENTREE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheese Stick, Yogurt and Granola Meal</td>
<td>Breakfast Bites</td>
<td>Italian Hoagie / Hoagie Italiano</td>
<td>Chicken and Waffles</td>
<td>Homestyle Chicken Nugget</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheese Stick, Yogurt and Granola Meal</td>
<td>Turkey Pot Pie</td>
<td>Twisted Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks</td>
<td>Fall Salad</td>
<td>Soft Tacos</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mac &amp; Mac Dog</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENTREE</td>
<td>ENTREE</td>
<td>ENTREE</td>
<td>ENTREE</td>
<td>ENTREE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheese Stick, Yogurt and Granola Meal</td>
<td>Corn Dog</td>
<td>Bean and Cheese Burrito</td>
<td>Hummus Box, Original Flavor</td>
<td>Crispy Chicken Sandwich</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheese Stick, Yogurt and Granola Meal</td>
<td>Mac &amp; Cheese</td>
<td>Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza</td>
<td>Hummus Box, Roasted Red Pepper</td>
<td>Fish &amp; Chips</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Steak Soup</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Meatball Sub</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Ken Caryl Middle School
SPARTAN INTEREST NIGHT

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR KCMS FAMILY? COME CHECK-OUT OUR SCHOOL!

Thursday, November 14, 6:30-8:00p.m.

- Meet our Administration Team
- Get to Know our Amazing Teachers
- Learn about how our School Supports the Whole Child
- Experience our Exploratory and Elective Programming
- Information about our Learning Environment

Ken Caryl Middle School
6509 W. Ken Caryl Ave.
Littleton, 80128

303-982-4710
kencaryl.jeffcopublicschools.org
Columbine High School
Holiday Craft Fair

6201 S. Pierce Street
Littleton, CO 80123

6201 S. Pierce Street
Littleton, CO 80123

Saturday, November 9, 2019
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Admission $1.00
(5 & under free)

(all proceeds go toward Columbine’s After Prom, which provides a safe, fun and free event for our student after the dance.)

columbinecraftfair2@gmail.com
November 2019

Columbine Hills Elementary School “Home School Connection”

Please return to Christa Wilson, Principal

I have a question, a concern or something positive to share:

____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

This information is optional:

Name:________________________________

Daytime Phone:_________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________

We would like to give you an opportunity to share your appreciation of our staff by using this form below. Simply return the form to the office.

Staff Appreciation

Dear _________________________,

____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________