December 2019

Columbine Hills Elementary School
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Columbine Hills Website
School Calendar
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Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Families,

As we wrap up 2019, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the Columbine Hills Community. It is an honor to continue to serve such a supportive and caring community. The first half of this school year has been great. It is amazing to see the growth our students have made so far this year. It is such a pleasure to see the learning and thinking that each student engages in each day. Thank you all for your continued support of our staff.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the CHE parents for partnering with us to support your child's learning. Please remember the importance of letting your child see how much you value education and share your love of learning. It is okay if you do not have all the answers to your child's questions, but it is important to show them how to find the answers. Learning builds confidence, and a child who is confident is more open to learning new things. We truly appreciate your partnership in your child's education.

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For those players in the 1st through 8th Grade
FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS AND ABILITIES
Sport Scholarships Available!
2019 FOOTBALL Registration IS NOW OPEN! AND INCLUDES:
• An Outlaws T-shirt
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• AYL League Fees
• Games on Turf Fields
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For more information please contact our office at 303-979-9239 or www.southjefffootball.org
Message From the Principal, continued...

This month students will be taking their mid-year assessments. We are excited to see the growth each child has made. We look forward to sharing your child’s progress with you.

We hope you will join us for our annual holiday sing-along on Friday, December 20th at 1:45pm in the gym. This is a fun way to celebrate the holiday season and wrap up the first half of the school year.

We wish you a wonderful Holiday Season and a fantastic New Year! Keep your children reading and writing over the break. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2020!

Sincerely,

Christa Wilson
Principal
“Aiming for Success, Believing…Together We Can!”

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Colorado Reading Corps is looking for tutors!

Provide individual literacy support in elementary schools.
More info: youthforachange.org/services/americorps-programs/

Contact Jess Lambdin
720.840.1897
Jessicaj@youthforachange.org

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SANTA, SHOPPING, CARRIAGE RIDES, & MORE
aspengrovecenter.com/events
Heartland Hero Essay Contest

Columbine Hills 5th grade students participated in the Heartland Hero Essay contest sponsored by The Captain Jason Dahl Foundation. Many area schools participate in the hero essay writing project known as the Heartland Hero essay contest. Our students learned about some of the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001 and about Captain Jason Dahl. He was a Ken Caryl resident who piloted the United Airlines flight 93 that crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after his aircraft was high-jacked by terrorists. His late wife, Sandra Dahl, wanted to honor him and inspire others, so she began the Heartland Hero essay project. Our 5th grade students wrote essays about a personal hero who made a positive difference in their lives. Congratulations to these amazing writers! Thank you for sharing about the heros in your life who have had a significant impact on you. Columbine Hills would also like to thank all of the sponsors of this project: Jason Dahl Foundation, Texas Road House, The Colorado Credit Union and Chick-Fil-A!

The Columbine Hills Essay Winners were:
1st Place: Emma Tsuber
2nd Place: Porter Hesman
3rd Place: Addison Siecker
Columbine Hills Run Club!

Thank you to Tiffany Norris and Mrs. McIntyre-Butler for sponsoring the CHE Run Club this fall. Students participating in run club stayed afterschool two days a week and learned how running and exercise can be fun! This fun club was made possible by all of the parent volunteers that came each week to run with students.

This afterschool activity concluded in November with a 5K Fun Run on Saturday, November 2nd. This was a fun activity and could not have taken place without all of our teacher and parent volunteers! Thank you to all the amazing children, parents, and teachers who dedicated their time and talents to make it such a positive experience. Thank you also to our generous sponsors: Randi at Sharkey's Kid Cuts on Kipling & Belleview, Ashley and the staff at Trader Joes in Littleton, and King Soopers on Coal Mine & Pierce--for their generous donations that made this year's 5k one of the best we've had yet. We have such an amazing community!

Sponsors of this year’s CHE Run Club 5K

Sharkey's: sharkeys littleton@gmail.com
Trader Joe's: www.traderjoes.com
King Soopers: stephanie.belk@stores.kingsoopers.com
**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.

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**COLUMBINE HILLS ELEMENTARY 2020-2021 REGISTRATION/KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT**

Columbine Hills Elementary will begin Kindergarten and Choice enrollment on December 10, 2019 for the 2020-2021 school year. We will be offering free full day kindergarten. Our Kindergarten information night will be held on **December 9th and January 7th at 6:30 pm**. If you know of any families that would be interested in attending, please have them call the school office. If you have any questions, please call our office at 303-982-5540.

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**Thank You Columbine Hills PTA!**

Columbine Hills would like to thank our AMAZING PTA! We want to recognize our PTA for all of their continued support at our students, staff, community and school. Below are all of the ways PTA supported our school this first semester! Thank you!

- Back to School Night BBQ
- Movie Nights
- Canvas and Kids
- Family Science Night & the CHE Science Fair
- Reception for the Veteran’s after our Veterans Assembly
- Cookies and Crafts December Event
- Grants for Education for teachers
- Box Top Competitions

**THANK YOU**
Thank you to Columbine Hills PTA for sponsoring the Science Fair!
SAFE2TELL® is designed to help YOU anonymously report any threatening behavior that endangers you, your friends, your family, or your community.
Columbine Hills Giving Tree

Every year we like to help our CHE families in need by providing gift cards. The tree will be located in the office if you would like to help, please select an ornament on the tree with a specific card (we usually have $25.00 selections to Walmart, Target, King Soopers and Kohl’s). Return the ornament to the office with the gift card by December 14th. Thank you

Kindness Rocks at Columbine Hills!

This year Columbine Hills is focused on Kindness. At the beginning of the year, all teachers shared the story, Stick and Stone, this focused on the importance of helping friends out and being kind. Students each decorated a rock to create a “Kindness Garden” near our playground. We hope you can stop by and see it. We look forward to more events that promote kindness throughout the year.
Writer of the Month Awards

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

Kindergarten: Lily Maldonando (Ms. Baltazar’s class)  
Flynn Hamilton (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)  
Grade 1: Sadie Anderson (Ms. Johanson’s class)  
Riley Lara-Chase (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)  
Grade 2: Kristina Tsuber (Mrs. Bawden’s class)  
Caden Hesman (Ms. Gilbert’s class)  
Grade 3: Ava Reynolds (Mr. Capansky’s class)  
Caidynn James (Ms. Kirkland’s class)  
Grade 4: Russell Norris (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)  
Areea Harr (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)  
Grade 5: Preston LeBon (Mrs. McIntyre’s class)  
Lincoln Royball (Mrs. Tapsfield’s class)  

Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable! Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Want to sponsor this school? Please contact Rob Mangelson at Rob@tscolorado.com or (720) 878-4107.
BUG Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their homeroom teachers to receive the BUG (Bringing Up Grades) Award for November 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: James Walker (Ms. Baltazar’s class)

    Juliana Ellison (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1: Julian Martinez-Sims (Ms. Johanson’s class)

    Zoey Failer (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)

Grade 2: Kate Williams (Mrs. Bawden’s class)

    Jude Thurber (Ms. Gilbert’s class)

Grade 3: Olivia Long (Mr. Capansky’s class)

    Amelia Lysenia (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 4: Ben Ellinwood (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)

    Spencer Anderson (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 5: Talen Woods Trujillo (Mrs. McIntyre’s class)

    Zoe Schwartzwalder (Mrs. Tapsfield)
From the PTA

We wanted to thank our Columbine Hills families for all the support you’ve given to the PTA so far this year. Because of your support we have been able to do so many great things, including:

- Back to School Night BBQ
- Movie Nights
- Field Day Popsicles
- Canvas and Kids
- Family Science Night
- Reception for the Veterans
- Winter Wonderland Event
- Teacher Reimbursements
- Grants for Education for Teachers

We have many exciting things planned for next semester! Please join us at the PTA meetings on the second Thursday of every month to find out how you can be involved!

WINTER WONDERLAND ACTIVITY

Come join us for our Winter Wonderland Activity and Silent Auction, Thursday, December 5th from 5:30-7:30pm.
This event is FREE for your family!
Get a professional photo* taken with Santa, enjoy fantastic crafts, eat cookies, and participate in our silent auction.
The silent auction will be raising money for alternative seating and Orton Gillingham Classroom Resources.
*there is a charge for photos with Santa.
From the PTA, continued...

PTA GRANTS FOR EDUCATION

The PTA is proud to sponsor Grants for Education at CHE. With this program, the PTA purchases materials and services as requested by our teachers and staff. These grants are awarded twice yearly. The projects funded in Fall 2019 are:

Headphones for first and fifth grade classrooms.
Timers for fifth grade.
Wobble stools for first grade.
Subscription to Social Express for social/emotional learning.
Subscription to Time for Kids for fourth grade.

Be looking for these additions around our school!

A HUGE thank you to all that participated in and attended the Science Fair and Family Science Night. The students did some fantastic science projects!

A special shout out to Holly Harris, Jennifer Blackwell, Michelle Wheeler, Heidi Kartchner, Shelly Zeller, Sasha Maley and Lauren Reindl for your extensive efforts in organizing the Science Fair. It would not have been possible without you!

Thank you to all of our volunteers that judged and helped make the science fair run smoothly and thank you to all the parents that encourage and support their children to do projects. Your efforts are helping to foster a love of science in our kids and community.

Thank you to our Family Night Presenters: Think Science, The Rock Lady, Party Safari and the Columbine Hills Preschool. It was a great night!

Congratulations to our Gold Medal Winners!

Simon Shisler- 1st grade
Matthew Norris-1st grade
Emma Geist-3rd
Oliver Shisler-3rd
Paige Kirchner-4th
Riley Woodury-4th
Russell Norris-4th
Soren Hansen-5th
Addison Sicker-5th
Quinn Becker-5th
Grace Damm-5th
Garrett Ellis-5th
Porter Hesman-5th
Talia Stolz-5th
Macy Trammel-5th
Dear Families,

Sharing information about yourself can be a natural and healthy activity as it leads to positive connections and personal growth. However, oversharig can present real safety risks. As our students with 1:1 TechforEd devices utilize more online platforms to build content mastery, their need for understanding privacy and the impact of sharing information online increases.

During the month of December, our fifth and ninth grade classrooms will engage in digital citizenship learning related to **Privacy & Security**. These lessons will introduce students to the concept of online privacy and the potential implications of sharing private information with friends, the public, app providers, and more.

At home you can support your students in understanding Privacy & Security in a variety of ways. With young children, you can compare online with real-life scenarios where private information should not be shared (like interacting with a stranger in a store). With older children, you can talk about encountering clickbait, setting up strong passwords, and messaging with people online.

**Monthly Motto: We care about everyone’s privacy.**

**Discussion Question for School and Home:** How can I keep my personal data safe and secure?

**Privacy & Security Family Activities:**

- Kindergarten [English](#)
- Grade 1 [English](#)
- Grade 2 [English](#)
- Grades 3-5 [English Spanish](#)
- Grades 6-8 [English Spanish](#)
- Grade 9-12 [English](#)

**Family Tips Sheet**

Help Boost Kids’ Safety, Privacy, and Security

[English Spanish](#)

**Additional Family Engagement Resources**

Common Sense Media [Resources](#)

[Jeffco’s Tech for Ed Website](#)

I would also like to include that “the whole school will be taking part in Hour of Code in December for the sixth year in a row in observation of Computer Science Education Week.”
“Aiming for Success, Believing…Together We Can!”

Columbine Hills Elementary

Through our shared values, the students, parents, staff and community members of Columbine Hills collaboratively ensure an environment where everyone succeeds academically, socially, and emotionally to cultivate independent thinkers and problem solvers in a diverse and ever-changing world.

Open Enrollment for 2020-2021 school year begins December 10th

Registration/Kindergarten Information Nights
   Monday, December 9, 2019
   Tuesday, January 7, 2020
   6:30pm

Please contact our school for a tour:
303-982-5540
6005 West Canyon Avenue, Littleton 80128
Website: columbinehills.jeffcopublicschools.org
Columbine Hills Elementary School
NOW HIRING
FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT!

TWO AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

ASD Para Educator

- 7 hours per day
- Supports students with Autism; helping to create an inclusive environment within the school

Paraprofessional

- 5.5 hours per day
- Supports students individually and in small group, within the classroom, as well as through pull-out support
- Supervises lunch and recess

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Phone: 303-982-5540
Email: Alaina.johnson@jeffco.k12.co.us

TO APPLY: jeffcopublicschools.org/employment/jobs
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Columbine Hills Elementary School “Home School Connection”

Please return to Christa Wilson, Principal

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

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This information is optional:

Name:________________________________

Daytime Phone:_________________________

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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 _________________________,

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