Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing winter break. The CHE staff is looking forward to welcoming back students on Monday, January 6th. We are excited for the start of 2019.

“Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one.” ~ Brad Paisley

As we welcome in the New Year, the CHE staff will continue to capture our story through revisiting our goals and course of action to ensure we are providing the best learning environment for our students. We will continue our work to ensure that students have a clear understanding of what they need to know, understand and be able to do in order to be successful and meet learning objectives. We know that when students are able to articulate the skills and strategies they need in order to be successful, they are able to achieve and grow. We have reviewed and analyzed all of our mid-year assessment data to plan and adjust for the second part of our school year, ensuring that ALL students are successful. Your child’s mid-year assessment results will be sent home in Monday folders in January.

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Please join us for our Columbine area school accountability meeting on Monday, January 13th beginning at 6:30pm at Columbine High School. All area elementary, middle and high schools will be sharing celebrations and our work together as the Columbine area.

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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
Columbine Articulation School Accountability Meeting

On January 13, 2020 you are invited to attend a Columbine Area SAC meeting beginning at Columbine High School at 6:30pm in the library. All Columbine Area schools will share school celebrations and an update of our work together as the Columbine Area. Dr. Glass, our superintendent, will be joining us to share out the positive impact that Jeffco will receive with the passing of the Bond and Mill Levy. Thank you Jeffco voters!

Winter Weather

Winter is here! Please make sure your child is warm 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. Please plan ahead on snow days and allow extra time to get to school so your child can be on time.
COLUMBINE HILLS ELEMENTARY 2020-2021
ENROLLMENT AND INFORMATION NIGHT

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Student Attendance

Parents are to call the Columbine Hills attendance number before 8:00 a.m. to report a student’s absence. This is a 24-hour voice mailbox so you can leave a message any time, day or night. It is a parent’s responsibility to notify the school regarding a student’s absence. If we do not hear from a parent regarding an absence, the attendance secretary will make every effort to contact the parent to establish the student’s whereabouts. The absence will be marked as unexcused if a phone call from the parent/guardian is not received within 24 hours of the absence. To ensure safety, in the rare instance that a parent cannot be contacted, the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department may be asked to help locate the child.
Watch D.O.G.S

Our Watch D.O.G.S program continues to be a huge success! There are two primary goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S. program.

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.

WatchDOGS are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer for at least one day each school year. During the day, WatchDOGS may read and work with students, each lunch with students, watch school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and other assigned activities where they will actively engage with not only their own child, but other students as well. Please visit the program website at www.fathers.com/watchdogs.

We thank everyone who has already been a WATCH Dog this year. If you would like to hear more about the program, please contact the main office. The Watchdog signup is available on our school website. Get signed up to be a WATCH Dog during our second semester!

A message from Instrumental Music:

Hello Band and orchestra community, and Happy New Year! We have only TWO WEEKS of classes until our second after school concert of the year. Our Columbine Area Music Festival will be held on January 22 at Columbine High School in the gym. Orchestra will arrive at 5:45pm for a 6:00pm concert, and the band will arrive at 7:00pm for a 7:15pm start time.

This event is a really fantastic opportunity to hear the progression of our students through the years. After the Columbine Area Elementary music group, you will have the chance to hear the Ken Caryl Middle School and Columbine High School musicians perform. Please come out and support our Columbine area music.

Students should wear all black with their Columbine Area Instrumental Music shirts. They should bring their instruments, music, and a folding stand to the concert.

I am still seeking parent volunteers for chaperones at our all day concert tour on Wednesday May 6th, 2020. This event can only happen with the assistance of parents, so please contact me if you can help.

Sincerely,
Eric Whaylen
Writer of the Month Awards

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

Kindergarten:  Ashlynn Chase (Ms. Baltazar’s class)  
                Elodie Reindl (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)  
Grade 1:       Bella King (Ms. Johanson’s class)  
                Angelina Maj (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)  
Grade 2:       Natalie Wilcox (Mrs. Bawden’s class)  
                Aspen Stillman-Mays (Ms. Gilbert’s class)  
Grade 3:       Emma Bentley (Mr. Capansky’s class)  
                Oliver Shisler (Ms. Kirkland’s class)  
Grade 4:       Elliott Prage (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)  
                Brayden Lynch (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)  
Grade 5:       Mandey Almanzan (Mrs. McIntyre’s class)  
                Lili Shugart (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@tscacolorado.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 December 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: Christopher Harding (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
   Mia Griego (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)
Grade 1: Skylar Good (Ms. Johanson’s class)
   Blake McRea (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)
Grade 2: Raiden Black (Mrs. Bawden’s class)
   Exavier McGinty-Chavez (Ms. Gilbert’s class)
Grade 3: Dorian Malek (Mr. Capansky’s class)
   Cashlin Griffiths (Ms. Kirkland’s class)
Grade 4: Riley Glaze (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)
   Levi Saunders (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)
Grade 5: Nadeem Jankowski (Mrs. McIntyre’s class)
   Angel Ramirez (Mrs. Tapsfield)
Dear Families,

In a world filled with digital media and technology, we all have constant access to real-time information. However, too much media consumption can create unhealthy physical and emotional habits. With the TechforEd initiative, we want to be aware of passive consumption versus active creation with our devices, and we strive to support students in developing healthy habits and a good sense of Media Balance.

During the month of January, our fifth and ninth grade classrooms will engage in digital citizenship learning related to Media Balance & Well-Being. These lessons focus on agency, not addiction, and quality time (creation vs. consumption), not simply total screen time. This means encouraging students to reflect on their own media habits and to develop individual plans for healthy media balance.

At home, you can support your students in understanding Media Balance & Well-Being in a variety of ways. With young children, you can have conversations about creating time limits and screen-free zones in your home. With older children, you can talk about different emotional reactions to online media and help them draw conclusions about what "balanced" use means for them. Remember, you are the authority and we encourage you to make rules around device use in your homes.

**Monthly Motto:** We find balance in our digital lives.

**Discussion Question for School and Home:**
How can we help students use media in healthy ways?

**Media Balance & Well-Being Family Activities:**

- Kindergarten [English](#)
- Grade 1 [English](#)
- Grade 2 [English](#)
- Grades 3-5 [English Spanish](#)

**Family Tips Sheet**

Help Kids Balance their Media Lives
[English](#) [Spanish](#)

**Additional Family Engagement Resources**

Common Sense Media [Resources](#)

[Jeffco’s Tech for Ed Website](#)
[Digital Wellness for Families](#)
School-wide Digital Citizenship & Technology Instruction
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 students have been working on during “Tech Time”:

- Kindergarten - logging in and out of Chromebooks (1-on-1 practice), Seesaw, continuing to navigate websites

- First grade - Netsmartz Kids ("Clicky"), learning skills like typing and bookmarking websites

- Second grade - G Suite (Google Slides and Google Docs), Seesaw activities (integrating math), TypingClub

- Third grade - Digital Passport, TypingClub

- Fourth grade - Digital Passport, Be Internet Awesome/Interland, Seesaw activities (integrating growth mindset)

And, in observation of Computer Science Education Week (December 9-13), classes participated in this year’s Hour of Code. We talked about what coding is and why it can be important in our lives. Students then practiced “Blockly” typing using the tutorials at https://code.org/learn.

If you have any questions about what your student is learning during their technology lessons, please reach out to our Digital Teacher Librarian, Mrs. Workman, at desiree.workman@jeffco.k12.co.us.
### Columbine Hills Elementary School

**Lunch (Main), January - 2020**

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Lice at School

STOP THE SPREAD OF LICE

Weekly Head Checks

*We encourage you to check your child’s hair on a weekly basis* now and throughout the school year. Control of head lice depends on prompt identification, effective treatment, perseverance and teamwork!

Did you know that lice love a party? Lice transmission is more likely to occur through sleepovers, family members and friends that spend large amounts of time together. School is **not** a common place for the spread of head lice.

**How to check for lice:**

- Seat your child in a brightly lit room.
- Part the hair and look for crawling lice/nits one section at a time. The easiest place to find them is close to the scalp at the back of the neck or behind the ears.
- Live lice are hard to find. They avoid light and move quickly. Nits will look like small white/yellow/brown specks and be firmly attached to a hair strand near the scalp.
- Nits can be confused with many other things such as dandruff, dirt particles, or hair product residue. One way to tell the difference is that nits are firmly attached to hair, while dandruff, dirt, or other particles fall off easily.
- Notify your student’s school health room if lice are found or if you have any questions or concerns regarding lice and your student.

**Lice Facts**

- 6-12 million people worldwide get head lice every year
- Lice do not spread disease
- Poor hygiene does not cause lice – lice can affect anyone
- Treatment with an approved shampoo, following the directions on the label, along with daily combing with a nit comb is the best treatment
- Lice DO NOT jump or fly
- Lice can only go 24 hours without food (biting the scalp). They do not live in coats, couches, hats, or animals
- Lice are spread by direct head to head contact.
How to enroll in preschool-12th grade for the 2020-21 school year

1. Jeffco Connect

Make sure your Jeffco Connect contact information is up to date for current students. Contact your school if you do not remember your user name. New or prospective students will need to create a Jeffco Connect account.  
[jeffcoconnect.jeffco.k12.co.us]

2. www.enrolljeffco.org

Find all the information you need to enroll in Jeffco Public Schools! Use EnrollJeffco to let us know you will be attending your neighborhood school (K-12), returning to the same school, or easily apply to one or more schools of your choosing.

- Learn about neighborhood schools, option schools, and charter schools at any time.
- Submit your intentions December 10 – January 15 using your Jeffco Connect log in on a computer, tablet, or smart phone.
- All applications are due midnight on Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

3. Accept Enrollment Offer

If you submitted a preschool or choice application(s):

- You will receive either an offer or your wait list position from each school.
- You will have three days to either accept or decline offers via [www.enrolljeffco.org], again using your Jeffco Connect log in.
- Students may accept only one enrollment offer.

Questions? Go to [www.enrolljeffco.org] or contact your current school.
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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