Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Families,

“…No matter how skilled professionals are, nor how loving families are, each cannot achieve alone, what the parties, working hand-in-hand, can accomplish together.”

-adapted from Peterson & Cooper

It is hard to believe that February is already here. The year is going by so quickly. It is so exciting to see the growth that our students have made so far this year! Thank you for your continued partnership with us to make our students successful!

Join us for our next School Accountability meeting on Thursday, February 13th beginning at 5:30pm in the conference room. We will be reviewing our school budget for next year and sharing out our progress towards our goals. PTA will follow at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

Join us for our spirit night at Chipotle on Tuesday, February 11th from 4:00-8:00pm. A percentage of sales will go back to Columbine Hills to support our school. We thank you in advance for your support. Please make sure you let them know you are from CHE!

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Message From the Principal, continued...

This year we have aligned parent-teacher conferences with the end of our second trimester. We will be sending home report cards in Monday folders on March 2\textsuperscript{nd} and then having conferences on March 4\textsuperscript{th} & 5\textsuperscript{th}. We hope this will better meet the needs of families. As always, if you have questions regarding your child’s academic progress or social/emotional needs, please contact your child’s teacher at any time.

Please remember that we will have no school on Friday, February 14\textsuperscript{th}. There is also no school on Monday, February 17\textsuperscript{th} in honor of President’s Day.

I want to thank all of you for your continued support and feedback to continue to make Columbine Hills a great place for our students and families. As your principal, I continue to strive for a successful experience for your child. Please know my door is always open for questions, concerns or comments. Feel free to send me an email or contact me at (303)982-5540.

Congratulations to our 5\textsuperscript{th} grade band and orchestra students! On Wednesday, January 22\textsuperscript{nd}, the band and orchestra students from all five Columbine area Elementary Schools, Ken Caryl Middle School and Columbine High School performed at the Columbine Area Music Festival. Our students did an outstanding job!
Message From the Principal, continued...

"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.

Safety!
We need your help in keeping our students safe.
- Crosswalks-Please use the crosswalks near the school. These are the designated areas to make sure that our students and families are able to cross the street safely. Drivers cannot see students or parents that are crossing at other locations or between cars. We are asking that families do not cross at the entrances of the parking lot or anywhere that there is not a crosswalk.
- Parking Lot- Please help keep our students safe by driving slowly through our parking lot and watching closely for students walking to cars. We are asking that families do not cross at the entrances of the parking lot. Do not park in the bus lane in the front of the school or in the no parking areas in the parking lot.
- Kiss and Go- Please remember to have your child exit from the right side of the vehicle when using the Kiss and Go Lane. This allows students to exit safely on the side of the vehicle where there is no traffic. We ask that parents drive slowly and remain off cell phones.

The Columbine Hills Staff thanks you for your help and support in keeping our students safe each day!

The second round of the choice enrollment is open. If you know of families who are interested in attending Columbine Hills Elementary, please have them contact the office for more information.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Wilson
Principal
Aiming for Success, Believing…Together We Can!
Columbine Hills Elementary Spelling Bee!

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the Columbine Hills Spelling Bee! All of the students who participated in the spelling bee did a great job!

Spelling Bee Participants:

**Third Grade:** Lucas Nguyen, Aden Reynolds (not pictured), Kimmy Robinson and Lily Woods. **Fourth Grade:** Delaney Glenn (not pictured), Paige Kartchner, Alayna Kissler and Russel Norris. **Fifth Grade:** Kyla Brock, Garrett Ellis, Vincent Le and Lili Shugart

Congratulations to Vincent Le who was the winner of our CHE spelling bee this year, and to Kyla Brock, who was the runner up. Both students will attend the Columbine Articulation Area Spelling Bee on January 28th.
PTA Board

There are 2 PTA Board positions open for the 2020-2021 school year. The positions are Vice President and Secretary. They are 2 year terms and include training. If you are interested in more information please contact us at columbinehillspta@gmail.com.

February
13th - PTA meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm
19th - Talent Show Rehearsals 3:00pm-4:30pm
20th - Talent Show Performances 1:30pm & 6:00pm

March
6th - Canvas and Kids
13th - Family Movie Night

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Silent Auction last December! We raised over $1100 dollars and all of it was used to buy alternative seating for our classrooms. Ask your child about the new seating options in their classrooms!
Writer of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the Writer of the Month for the month of January 2020 by their teachers. Their writing will be displayed in the front entry for everyone to read.

Kindergarten: Mat Wright (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
                Ann Wegener (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)
Grade 1:       Lewis Cummings (Ms. Johanson's class)
                Kylie Maley (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)
Grade 2:       Chloey Carter (Mrs. Bawden’s class)
                Adelae Anderson (Ms. Gilbert’s class)
Grade 3:       Gavin Kubin (Mr. Capansky’s class)
                Emma Gist (Ms. Kirkland’s class)
Grade 4:       Sami Rericha (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)
                Valentina Irizarry (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)
Grade 5:       Isis Herrera-Caraveo (Mrs. McIntyre’s class)
                Evie Robb (Mrs. Tapsfield’s class)
BUG Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their homeroom teachers to receive the BUG (Bringing Up Grades) Award for January 2020. 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: Simon Shisler (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
    Owen Smith (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)
Grade 1: Graylin Jensen (Ms. Johanson’s class)
    Arabella Scott (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)
Grade 2: Hailey Rivers (Mrs. Bawden’s class)
    Caden Hesman (Ms. Gilbert’s class)
Grade 3: Chloe Smith (Mr. Capansky’s class)
    Kendall Becker (Ms. Kirkland’s class)
Grade 4: Johnny Freeman (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)
    Tristan Hensley (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)
Grade 5: Kaylene Lubotsky-Ward (Mrs. McIntyre’s class)
    Mitchell With (Mrs. Tapsfield)

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@tsacolorado.com or (720) 878-4107.
Dear Families,

With Valentine’s Day right around the corner, relationships are in the spotlight everywhere you turn. In the TechForEd program, we’re looking at relationships, too, specifically how they play out online.

During the month of February, our fifth and ninth grade classrooms will engage in digital citizenship learning related to Relationships and Communication. Through this unit, we will explore how to build positive relationships, avoid risky online talk, and understand why some topics and conversations are not suited for digital platforms. Students will also gain an understanding of how to communicate effectively online, including on social media platforms, by using both intrapersonal and interpersonal skills.

At home, you can support your students in understanding digital Relationships and Communication in a variety of ways. Not every child is ready to use social media. If your child is asking to be, have a conversation with them about the responsibility needed and what online relationships and communication should and should not look like. If your child already uses social media, ask them how they are making real, positive connections. Try sharing your own experiences to open up the conversation.

Monthly Motto: We know the power of words and actions.

Discussion Question for School and Home:
How can I digitally communicate effectively and positively to build relationships?

Relationships and Communication Family Activities:

- Common parent concerns addressed
- Family conversation guide

Family Tips Sheet
Help kids build positive relationships and boundaries
English  Spanish  More Languages

Additional Family Engagement Resources
Common Sense Media Resources

Jeffco’s Tech for Ed Website

“Active mentorship is crucial for kids in the digital age. We want to teach kids to do the right thing, not "catch" them doing the wrong thing.” ~ Devorah Heitner, PhD
Join CHE PTA for “Canvas & Kids”!

Friday, March 6th!

Painting from 6:00pm-8:00pm
(Doors will open at 5:45pm!)
Columbine Hills Cafeteria

Only $20 Per Painter. Each additional painter is only $10!
Price includes painting instruction from Mrs. Boyles, all painting materials, light refreshments, & a beautiful finished 11X14 Canvas to take home!

Children & adults 5 years & older are invited to paint. *Parents ARE required to attend with their child even if they are not painting (extra seats will be provided, so you can sit & assist your child with their masterpiece). First come, first served, as space is limited to 30 painters!

Detach registration form below and return to the CHE office no later than Monday, March 2nd. If the max # of painters has already been reached, your payment will be promptly returned.

Questions or concerns, please contact CHE PTA @ columbinehillspta@gmail.com

Canvas & Kids, March 6th

Parent/Guardian’s Name________________________________________________________

Phone________________________________ Email__________________________________

1st Painter x $20= $ 20.00

# of Add’l Painters ________ x $10.00= $________

Total Amount Enclosed= $________

Form of Payment: ☐ Cash ☐ Check (Made Payable to CHE PTA)

*Deadline for registration is Monday, March 2nd, 2020*
The Deadline is February 27th for this round.

Please write your child’s teacher’s name on any bags or envelopes of box tops you submit.

Ask friends and family to help and get clipping and scanning!
Questions? Contact Celeste Anderson celeste817@gmail.com

DOWNLOAD THE NEW BOX TOP APP on your phone. Then scan your receipts from anywhere you shop and earnings from eligible products are automatically entered into our school’s account. Remember to give credit to your student’s class when you scan.

IT’S A SCHOOL SNOWBALL FIGHT!
On Thursdays Box Tops will be counted. Then on Fridays for each 5 box tops turned in for a class they will be given 1 snowball to “throw” at another classroom’s door. The class with the least snowballs on their door will receive a fun snack. And the class who turns in the most box tops will win an Oreos and milk party.
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.
Come join us for the 2020 season!

We’re located at the Columbine Hills Elementary School baseball fields, playing games and practices on Saturdays in April and May. For all boys and girls of all abilities, ages 4-8 years old.

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!

APRIL 11TH - MAY 16TH

CHE BASEBALL FIELD

6005 W. CANYON AVE. LITTLETON

COST - $40

IN NEED OF COACHES!

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO

CONTACT:

columbinebaseball14@gmail.com

Sasha Maley - (720)-939-4406

sashamaley@yahoo.com

Jason Thomson - (720)-878-5448

jason.thomson10@yahoo.com
Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Columbine Hills Elementary. Come in to the Chipotle at 8100 W. Crestline Ave Unit A1 in Denver on Tuesday, February 11th between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Bring in the flyer from your child's Monday folder or tell the cashier you’re supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Columbine Hills Elementary.
August 2019

Dear Jeffco Principal,

As you are probably aware, the 2020 Census is just around the corner. The U.S. Constitution mandates a count of all residents every ten years. The data it produces is critical to informing decision-making in both the public and private sectors that will fuel our schools’ and community’s future success. The data also drives more than $675 billion dollars in annual federal funding, including assistance to schools through Title I and free and reduced school lunches, and our community through programs like WIC, SNAP, Medicare and Medicaid, TANF, our roads, other transportation, and much more.

Census data determines your representation in Congress and is used to redraw boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts. They allocate funding for your community’s public resources and is also crucial to many non-profit organizations when reaching out to grant-makers, donors and foundations.

Clearly, the full and accurate participation of everyone in the nation in the 2020 Census is very important. We are at risk of losing millions of annual federal dollars and that negatively impacts funding of schools, hospitals and roads, which is why the Census needs our help to close the gap in 2020. Together, we’ll engage families in areas that, based on demographic, socioeconomic and housing characteristics, may be hard to count.

To that end:

- Jeffco Public Schools supports the work of the 2020 Census and is a 2020 Census partner, and
- a Partnership Specialist will be reaching out to each school individually to form a partnership with your school to help the 2020 Census educate, outreach and engage all community members so that everyone is counted once, only once, and in the right place.

We believe that partnering with the 2020 Census is a worthwhile endeavor. Furthermore, we believe that in so doing, we will be helping the 2020 Census achieve an accurate count. If you are able to, please collaborate with your local partnership specialist in order to help us all succeed in an accurate 2020 Census count.

Kind Regards,

Jason E. Glass, Ed.D.
Superintendent & Chief Learner

Our Mission: To provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.
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: _________________________

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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