Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Community,

I hope everyone had a healthy and safe summer break! I am excited to begin the 2020-2021 school year. I am certain that if we anchor in who we are as a school community and always connect back to our mission of **Aiming for Success, Believing Together We Can**, it will remind us that we are not alone in our work and can accomplish it together.

Our vision at Columbine Hills Elementary is to ensure that we are meeting the needs of each and every one of our students. We know that we must work together as staff, students, parents and the community in order to provide the very best education that the Columbine Hills students deserve. We know that this year we will be embracing many changes together. Our vision, **Aiming for Success, Believing...Together We Can!**, will guide us to ensure the best for each and every student at Columbine Hills each day.

We look forward to seeing each of you at our Meet the Teacher event. This will be an opportunity for you and your child to meet your teacher in a one on one setting, drop off supplies, pick up remote supplies and ask questions. More information about scheduling your time was sent out by your child’s teacher via e-mail, and can also be found on the CHE website.

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The beginning of the school year is a great time to get back to consistent routines and structures for students. There are some very simple, important steps you can take now, to ensure a smooth start to the year. These include: setting a REGULAR, EARLY bedtime each night, providing time for reading each evening, and talking with your child everyday about school. These small steps go a long way in preparing them for school, even beyond this year!

We look forward to a successful year at Columbine Hills Elementary, “Aiming for success, believing, together we can!” As your principal, I strive for a successful experience for your child. Please know my door is always open for questions, concerns or comments. Please feel free to send me an email or contact me at 303)982-5540.

Sincerely,

Christa Wilson
Principal
Thank You to Our Amazing Custodial Team!

We would like to thank our outstanding custodial team at Columbine Hills. They have worked all summer to make our building safe and ready for students. Ms. Alma and Mr. John spent many hours painting all of our intermediate classrooms and they look outstanding. The inside and the outside of our building are ready to welcome back students and staff. We thank our custodial staff for their tremendous work!

We also would like to welcome Mark to our night custodial team. Mark has been a great addition to our team and we are so happy that he had joined the CHE Family!
School Accountability Team

The school-level accountability committee (SAC) serves in an advisory role to the school principal. The school’s principal is ultimately responsible for ensuring compliance with all Federal, State and District requirements and meeting the academic performance expectations defined by Jeffco Public Schools. This committee will typically meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm prior to our school’s PTA meeting. This year these meeting will be virtual to start the year.

*SAC Meeting Dates for 2020-2021*

September 15th
October 13th
November 10th
December 8th
January 12th
February 9th
March 9th
April 13th
May 11th

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. We are asking that families do not cross at the entrances of the parking lot. There are no crosswalks at these locations. 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 and support!
Fee Payment for the 2020-2021 School Year

Fee payment for your student can be made online through Jeffco Connect. School fees apply whether you are choosing remote or in-person learning. You may make payment for the 2020-2021 school year with your debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover are accepted). To access Jeffco Student Fee Payment, go to our school's website and click on the Jeffco Connect link, or go to the Parent Portal at www.jeffcopublicschools.org. Once you are logged into Jeffco Connect, click on the “Jeffco Student Fee Payment” link on the left side. Help guides are available on the page. A receipt will be sent via e-mail confirming your payment.

Communication

Consistent communication is an important part of our home-school partnership. The Hoofprints is our monthly school-wide newsletter that will be filled with important reminders and information for your family. This communication will be sent out electronically through email at the beginning of each month and can also be found on our school website. If you would like to receive a hardcopy, you may request one from the office. Please take the time each month to read the information so that you are informed about what is happening at Columbine Hills. Communication between parents and the school is essential and we are always open to comments and suggestions. Feel free to contact your child’s teacher, myself or use the “Home School Connection” form at the back of the newsletter.

CHE Website!

Check out the Columbine Hills website! This webpage is a great resource of information for everything taking place at CHE. You can also access the school calendar, the lunch menu, newsletters and much more at our website. http://columbinehills.jeffcopublicschools.org/
**Colts Café!**

Our school breakfast and lunch programs will continue this year, but look a little different. All meals will be served in a “grab and go” style since students will be eating in their classrooms. Students will still have a choice in their entrée which will be accompanied by a fruit and vegetable. It is highly encouraged that parents use the Schoolcafé system to load money into their child’s account. Due to the coin shortage, we will not deposit the remaining amount into your child’s Schoolcafé account.

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**Student meal prices for school year 2020 – 2021:**

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*The Smart Start Nutrition bill allows all reduced eligible children to eat breakfast for free.*

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*(HB19-1171 was passed by the Colorado Legislature on May 10, 2019, which allows students in grades PK – 12 who are eligible for reduced price meals to eat lunch for free).*

**There will be increases in various a la carte items**

- 8 oz. Milk carton: $0.90
Summer Construction and Improvements to CHE!

It has been an exciting summer at Columbine Hills. We are thankful for Jeffco voters who passed the Bond that made our remodeling projects happen this summer! Students will notice new carpeting throughout the entire building and many newly painted classrooms. Energy efficient lighting has been installed throughout the building. These LED lights allow classroom teachers to dim lights in their classroom. The lighting also adjusts based on the amount of natural light coming into the building. It’s pretty fancy! In our intermediate wing, the student bathrooms have been fully renovated. New 75” interactive smart TVs have been installed in every classroom. This upgrade from our old smartboards will allow us to continue to integrate technology to provide blended learning in our classrooms.

We are thankful for all of the work that the construction teams, our custodial staff, and district employees did this summer to make our building a beautiful place to work and learn.
Columbine Hills Elementary Spirit Wear 2020

PLEASE NOTE - Due to COVID restrictions, the school will only be doing on-line orders for school apparel this year.

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to [https://chespirit2020.itemorder.com](https://chespirit2020.itemorder.com)
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Sunday August 30th, 2020 (11:59pm MDT)

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This store is estimating to ship products by September 16th, 2020

Questions?
Josh Townsend
303-761-7773
sales@denverathletic.com
http://www.denverathletic.com
SchoolCafé Available on July 1!

Free and Reduced Meal Applications

✓ Submit your application online from your SchoolCafé account
✓ Remember, a new application must be filled out each year to continue receiving free or reduced-price meal benefits

SchoolCafé replaces MyPaymentsPlus for online meal payments

✓ All student and adult balances will roll over into SchoolCafé
✓ Visit www.schoolcafe.com to create your account

For assistance, contact Jeffco Food and Nutrition Services at 303-982-6748
Food For Thought BakPak Program

Beginning **Friday, August 28th**, (and each Friday thereafter), the **Food For Thought BakPak Program** will distribute sacks filled with food to students **who need food during the weekends**. The **Food For Thought BakPak Program** is a partnership of businesses, faith-based ministries, and the communities of SW Jefferson County who care about hunger needs of students in our schools. This program is designed for families who are struggling financially and may need support to provide adequate food for their children on weekends. The weekend bags consist of food for meals for each participating student. The food will be packed in a plastic grocery bag. It will fit in the child’s own backpack or will be easy to carry. The food is distributed at the end of the school day each Friday.

**If you wish for your student(s) to participate in this program, please complete the information below and return to the school office as soon as possible.** If participating in this program, your student’s name will be shared with the Light of the World Catholic Church BakPak program coordinator, for the purpose of labeling the bags.

If you do not need assistance, but may be interested in making a monetary or food item donation toward this program, please let Denise Woodin, Columbine Hills Elementary Enrollment Secretary know.

If you have any other questions, please contact Denise Woodin at 303-982-5540 or email at denise.woodin@jeffco.co.us

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_____ **Yes, I would like my child (children) to participate in this program.**

Parent Name: ________________________________

Student: ___________________________ Classroom Teacher: ___________________________

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