Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Families,

March is Read Across America Week! We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss’ birthday and the love of reading from March 1st through March 5th. Each day we will have fun ways to celebrate reading from dress up days to virtual readers. The Columbine Hills PTA has generously purchased a new book for all students that will be sent home during this week. Thank you PTA for helping us celebrate the love of reading.

Spring Conferences will be on March 4th, 10th & 11th. Spring conferences will be student led conferences. Students, the teacher and you will meet in a one on one setting for twenty minutes. We look forward to having your child share about their progress and goals from the year. When arriving for conferences, you must wear a mask and enter through your child’s outside classroom door. You will go through our health screening prior to entering your child’s classroom. If you are unable to meet in person, we can schedule a virtual meeting with you. We look forward to working with you. Sign-up links can be found on the CHE website.

This month there will be no school on Friday, March 12th and Friday, March 26th. These will be professional learning days for teachers.

Spring break is just around the corner and the end of the school year will be here before we know it! Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

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!
Race to Read will begin March 22nd and run through April 30th. The program looks different this year but still encourages children to read. Please look for a flyer to come home mid March

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” - Dr. Seuss

In celebration of Dr. Seuss’ birthday on March 2nd, your Columbine Hills PTA will be giving each student a new book. We recognize how important reading is for growth and hope that you find the new book exciting. Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss and Happy Reading CHE!
Writer of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the Writer of the Month for the month of February 2021 by their teachers. Their writing will be displayed in the front entry for everyone to read.

Kindergarten: Jadon Davis (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
   Edie Hogan (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)
   (Mrs. Becker’s remote class)
Grade 1: Dashiell Goetz (Mrs. Hartley’s class)
   (Mrs. Miller’s remote class)
Grade 1/2: (Ms. Johanson’s class)
Grade 2: (Ms. Kloess’ class)
   (Mrs. Doherty’s remote class)
Grade 3: Levi Prage (Mrs. Bawden’s class)
Grade 3/4: Gavin Kubin (Ms. Kirkland’s class)
Grade 4: Ava Reynolds (Mr. Capansky’s class)
   (Mrs. Fischer’s remote class)
Grade 5: Paige Kartchner (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)
   Willow Griffiths (Mrs. Tapsfield’s class)
   (Mrs. Cable’s remote class)
BUG Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their homeroom teachers to receive the BUG (Bringing Up Grades) Award for the month February 2021. 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: **Brylee McRae** (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
- **Liam Hammer** (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)
  
  (Mrs. Becker's remote class)

Grade 1:
- **Juju Wells** (Mrs. Hartley’s class)
- **Juliana Ellison** (Ms. Miller’s remote class)

Grade 1/2:  (Ms. Johanson’s class)

Grade 2:
- **Dylan Langren** (Ms. Kloess’ class)
  
  (Mrs. Doherty’s remote class)

Grade 3:
- **Natalie Wilcox** (Mrs. Bawden’s class)

Grade 3/4:
- **Cashlin Griffiths** (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 4:
- **Dalila Verlazza** (Mrs. Capansky’s class)
  
  (Mrs. Fischer’s remote class)

Grade 5:
- **Elliot Prage** (Mrs. Tapsfield’s class)
  
  (Mrs. Cable’s remote class)
CHE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

Our students have been continuing to learn with Second Step, our school’s social-emotional learning curriculum. Second Step helps students build skills for learning, emotion management, and problem solving. For the month of February, our students have been learning about compassion, empathy, mindfulness, positive self-talk, how feelings change, and steps to manage strong feelings.

If interested, families can create a free account on www.SecondStep.org to learn more and connect with your child’s social-emotional learning. In creating the account, you will need to enter a 12 digit code, based on your child’s grade. Here are the codes (do not need to enter spaces) for the Second Step:

- Preschool/Kinder: SSPK FAMI LY70
- 1st Grade: SSP1 FAMI LY71
- 2nd Grade: SSP2 FAMI LY72
- 3rd Grade: SSP3 FAMI LY73
- 4th Grade: SSP4 FAMI LY74
- 5th Grade: SSP5 FAMI LY75

A great way to learn more about what your child is learning is to ask questions and create some space to share your thoughts with each other. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, wonderings, or concerns you may have.

Also, Jeffco has a Virtual Calm Room available to students and families to explore. You may visit the link below for activities and tools that may assist in calming the brain and body and help manage emotions and stress.

- [https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/services/health_services/healthy_schools/virtual_calm_room](https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/services/health_services/healthy_schools/virtual_calm_room)

Thank you,
Ms. Katie
Social-Emotional Learning Specialist
Katie.weaver@jeffco.k12.co.us
303-982-5519 (voicemail)
Congratulations to Lilly and Russell who represented CHE at the Columbine area spelling BEE! We are so proud of them!
Egg My House!

Happy Spring! Welcome in the Spring season with a fun delivery made to your house or order a delivery for a friend. The "Egg My House" delivery includes a Spring Basket with crafts and activities in it and 30 filled Easter Eggs. click on this link http://columbine-high-school-band-boosters-club-inc.square.site for all the information and to order! Order by Thursday, March 18!

A big thank you to Suja for providing CHE teachers and staff with free juice!
We appreciate your generosity, and for “sparkling our day!”

Thank You!
Nominate a Teacher Who Sparkles

It takes a lot of strength and sparkle to be a teacher in this new, distance learning environment. Show your support and nominate a teacher to win a deserved vacation!

Plus 50 second prize winners will receive a box of our NEW Sparkling Cold-Pressed Juice!

Scan the QR to submit a nomination!

Nominations open through 3/31/20

@suja Juice @lovesuja @sujajuice
Dear Families,

During the month of March, students will be learning about Online Privacy and Security. Students will be taught how to protect personal information and gain a deeper understanding of their data privacy rights so they can advocate for themselves and others. Personal information is highly valuable and needs to be protected. It is the doorway to private and financial information both now and in the future. At home, you can support your students in understanding Online Privacy and Security in a variety of ways.

- **Talk to your kids.** Having open family conversations is the best way to protect your kids. They need to understand what is considered inappropriate conduct, inappropriate contact, and inappropriate content. Here is a series of articles for helping with those conversations: young kids, tweens, teens Spanish Niños pequeños, Preadolescentes, Adolescentes

- **Parent Control Tools.** The district has provided Securely Home for families that will help monitor and control activity on your district device at home. There are many services for personal devices that you could use, as well. Keep in mind that while parental controls work well for young children, teens who’ve been online for years probably won’t have much trouble working around them or finding other computers to use. Parental controls guide Spanish

- **Keep your computer and identity secure.** Educate yourself and your whole family on how to keep your computer secure, appropriate file-sharing, phishing scams, and downloading apps/extensions. Computer Safety Niños y seguridad informática

**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 and Security Family Supports:**
- Don’t Fall for a Fake No caigas en trampas
- Family conversation guide
- Privacy and Internet Safety by age groups

**Additional Family Engagement Resources**
Jeffco’s Tech for Ed Website
Jeffco’s Privacy, Filtering and Internet Security site
Welcome to Columbine Hills Preschool Program offering:

- Half Day morning and afternoon sessions:
- Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. OR 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Full Day Session, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- Serving children 3 and 4 years old on/by October 1
- Jeffco Curriculum aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards
- Curriculum delivery is hands-on and play-based
- Licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services
- Maintain low 1:8 Teacher/Student ratios
- Tuition assistance available for qualifying children
- Level 3 Colorado Shines Quality Rating
  
  https://jeffcoconnect.jeffco.k12.co.us/
- www.enrolljeffco.org
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@tsccolorado.com or (720) 878-4107.

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Students will have a 2 week AMP rotation.

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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

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