Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Community,

Welcome Back! As August begins, we are excited to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. This year is one of reconnection and leveraging our strength as a community. We have learned through the past year that we are #BetterTogether. The Columbine Hills Community has always shown unity and strength. We know that together we can do great things to support all students and families. We are excited to welcome back our students and families to reconnect and grow stronger together this year.

“Individually we are one drop. Together, we are an entire ocean.” - Ryunosuke Satoro

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. Our vision, Aiming for Success, Believing...Together We Can!, is carried out by each staff member to ensure the best for each and every student at Columbine Hills each day.

We look forward to seeing each of you at our Back to School Night on Friday, August 13th. Please plan on arriving at 5:00pm to enjoy a free BBQ sponsored by the CHE PTA. This will be a great time to reconnect with friends and CHE staff. Teachers will then open their classroom doors starting at 5:30pm to meet you and your child. You will be able to drop off your child’s school supplies as well. We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night!

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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
#BetterTogether
Donations!

We would like to give a huge shout out to Janie Jender for organizing a donation from Lowe’s Home Improvement! This amazing donation of sanitation products such as soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and sanitation stations will be great for our school!

Thank You

[Image of the donation items]
Parking Lot Safety

As we prepare for the start of school, we always have safety in mind. Please help us keep our students safe by driving slowly through our parking lot and watching closely for students walking to cars. As adults, we model what we expect of our students so please use the crosswalks 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 front of the school, this is our designated bus lane. You can use the kiss-n-go lane. We work hard to ensure this is an efficient and safe way for students to be dropped off and picked up from school. Thank you for your help and support!

Fee Payment for the 2021-2022 School Year

Fee payment for your student can be made online through Jeffco Connect. You may make payment for the 2021-2022 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 email confirming your payment.

If you do not wish to take advantage of the online system, fee payment can be made at the school office during registration on August 3rd from 7:30am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-5:30pm.
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. There are many different ways that we can connect to ensure a strong partnership! Take a few minutes to review all of the communication tools we use to connect with our community. All staff also have email and voicemail. The expectation for staff to return all messages within 24 hours during the school week.

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Aspen Grove is looking for artsy kids to paint tiles for a mural commemorating our 20th Anniversary!

JOIN THE ART PARTIES

Saturday, September 4th at 11 am and 1 pm.

Artists will receive cupcakes and favor packs including a free kid's meal gift card and a discount to future Red Hen Createry projects.

Space is limited. Reserve your spot today!

aspengrovecenter.com/event/art-in-the-alley
Communication, continued...

Sunday Call:
Sunday evenings you will receive a call and/or email through our school messenger system reminding you of the upcoming and important events at Columbine Hills each week.

Class DoJo:
All classroom teachers will be using Class DoJo App to share classroom information along with keeping you updated on your child's behavior during the school day. ClassDojo is a classroom communication app used to share reports between parents and teachers. Teachers track student behavior and upload photos or videos.

SeeSaw:
All students will have a SeeSaw account. Seesaw is a digital portfolio tool that empowers students to take ownership of their learning and reflect on progress over time. It allows students to show what they know in a way that makes sense for them. It is designed for students to connect with authentic audiences including a powerful home-school connection for parents.

Weekly Classroom Emails: Weekly classroom communication will be sent home via email to keep parents informed of classroom events and learning.

Monday Folders:
Monday is designated as the day on which routine school or community news will be sent home in your child’s Monday folder. The folder will contain student work, school news, and newsletters from the teacher. Parents are asked to review this information weekly and return the folder to school.

Monthly School Newsletter:
The Hoofprints will be sent home on the first Monday of the month via email. It will include a calendar of events for the month, the month’s lunch menu, a message from the principal, and other important information for parents. The newsletter will also be available online at the Columbine Hills website.

Columbine Hills Website:
The homepage for Columbine Hills is listed below. This webpage is a great resource of information for everything taking place at CHE. You can also access the school calendar, the lunch menu, and newsletters. http://columbinehills.jeffcopublicschools.org

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Communication, continued…

Peachjar:
Peachjar is a resource connected to our website through the peach icon in the upper right hand corner of our school website. It will share digital fliers from various organizations and resources for parents and students.

Information Rack: An information station is located outside of the office. This area contains information/flyers from various community organizations such as the local Scouts and various sports organizations, etc.

District Policy on Birthday Celebrations at School

Columbine Hills is a Healthy School. We have implemented the district policy for student birthday celebrations. Student birthdays should only be recognized with non-food celebrations. This means a student or family should bring any food item to share for their birthday. This standard is in place to limit exposure to life-threatening allergens, increase equity related to food sharing, and protect family decision-making around foods consumed.

Columbine Hills will be recognizing each student on their birthday through the daily announcements and with a birthday bag. If you wish to celebrate your child’s birthday, only non-edible treats such as bookmarks, pencils or stickers to share with your child’s class are allowed. We appreciate your support with following this district policy. Jeffco Healthy Schools Policy

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.
The Columbine Hills Elementary PTA is looking forward to the beginning of the school year. We are excited about the possibility of having some of our events and also looking forward to fresh ideas from our community. Please look through the following links to learn how to become a PTA member. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14th @ 6:30, look for further information. We encourage you to reach out with any ideas or questions at columbinehillspta@gmail.com.

pta welcome letter 2021-2022
Membership Form (2021-2022).docx
2021-2022 PTA Business Membership Form
2021-2022 Passive Fundraising.docx (easy ways to support CHE)
2021 SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

Available for families facing financial challenges.

August 9th - 14th  •  Stevens Elementary
7101 W 38th Ave  |  Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

AN APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED TO PICK-UP SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Receiving school supplies for students Pre-K through 12th Grade is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Register for an APPOINTMENT

An appointment is REQUIRED to receive school supplies.

The fastest, easiest, and most convenient way to register is ONLINE at theactioncenter.org/events

Registration will OPEN in July

If you don't have access to internet, please call 720.407.6690 and leave a message with your name and number, and we'll call you back to help register your students.

2. Prepare for Pick-Up Day

You must follow any COVID-19 safety protocols at the distribution.

Visit theactioncenter.org/events for the most up to date list on the protocols we are following.

3. Arrive for your Appointment

Be sure to come at your designated appointment time to Stevens Elementary.

Park at the corner of W 38th Ave and Upham St.

DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE OTHER NEEDS?

The Action Center can help! Services include: free grocery boxes one per week, hygiene items, permanent address services, rent and utility assistance.

Call 720.215.4850 for more details or visit theactioncenter.org/COVID-19-Services
COLUMBINE CommUNITY
Back to School BLOCK PARTY
AUGUST 20TH 6-8 PM
food trucks, lawn games, crazy hair "Cindy & the Protractors" live band
COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL SW PARKING LOT
PLEASE LEAVE ALCOHOL & DOGS AT HOME.
RSVP: HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/CHSBLOCK21
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Columbine Hills Elementary School
Lunch (Main), August - 2021

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Breakfast Tacos
Parfait with Blueberries and Granola
Parfait with Strawberries and Granola

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Indian Sandwich
Twisted Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks

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Chicken & Waffles
Parfait with Blueberries and Granola
Parfait with Strawberries and Granola

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Chicken & Veggie Pot Stickers
Steak Strips

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Korean BBQ Beef Meatballs
Oven-Fried Chicken Drumstick

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Fiesta Beef Soft Tacos
Parfait with Blueberries and Granola
Parfait with Strawberries and Granola

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Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza
Fall Entree Salad

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Five Cheese Lasagna
Western Style BBQ Pork Sandwich

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Bean & Beef Chili
Fish & Chips

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
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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