"Aiming for Success, Believing... Together We Can!"

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Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Community,

As we begin to wrap up the year, we would like to thank all of our parents for encouraging your child to be successful at school. Your partnership and support of Columbine Hills has a positive impact and we appreciate it.

It has been so exciting to watch all of our CHE students make so much progress this year. All end of the year assessment results will be sent home with your child's report card on the last day of school.

We will celebrate our Kindergarten students at their graduation ceremony on May, 24th at 6:00pm and send off our amazing group of 5th grade students at their continuation ceremony on May 25th at 8:30am. Our last day of school is on May 25th with 5th grade will be dismissed after continuation and dismissal for Kindergarten through 4th grade students will be at 12:15pm.

This year has gone by fast and it seems like the first day of school was not long ago. Our students have made amazing growth and we are so proud of their accomplishments. It continues to be an honor to support the students, staff and community at CHE. I look forward to serving this amazing community again next year.

We continue to reflect on feedback from students and the community to make CHE a school focused on supporting each and every student. Please feel free to send me an email or contact me at (303)982-5540.

We wish you a wonderful and safe summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wilson
Principal

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As this newsletter is being distributed, we are celebrating Staff Appreciation week May 2nd-6th. The CHE PTA wants to recognize that every CHE staff member is amazing and important! We want to Thank You for your kindness and dedication. You are appreciated!

The PTA is organizing an End of Year Party complete with fun and inflatables. The party will be Friday May 13th. We need adult help! So if you could spare a half hour please use this sign-up genius.

**Party Volunteers**
The Race to Read competition has come to a close. There was a lot of great participation and hard work from students. A huge thank you to Travis Palmer, David Lind, Payton Bellm and Tripp Gaylord for displaying their race cars after school to help promote Race to Read. They were all so great to see!

Triple Crown Tricycle Derby will be coming soon. The top two participating classrooms will have their teachers race against each other on tricycles on the black top. Keep an eye on your Monday folder for more information.

Don't forget that if your student participated in Race to Read, they will receive a postcard in the mail from Bandimere Speedway. This postcard can be turned in at Bandimere for free tickets to Night of Fire and Thunder on May 21st. Each participating student and one parent will gain free entry. See the attached flier for more information. [Night of Fire and Thunder](#)

**Yearbooks will be distributed in Mid May. If you missed ordering the PTA will have a limited supply to sell.**

Order your 2022-2023 school supply kits by May 25 and they will be delivered to your child’s classroom in the fall.

www.edukitinc.com

Please join us for our last PTA meeting of the school year on May 10th at 6:30. A drawing for a $25 gift card will be awarded.

-CHE PTA

Questions and comments - cumbinehillspta@gmail.com
From the School Library:

All CHE Library books are due no later than **Wednesday, May 11th**. Watch your student’s Monday Folders for overdue notices.

More information about Digital Citizenship, Jefferson County Public Library’s Summer Reading Challenge, and access to technology over the summer will be in the May edition of Hoofprints.

Reach out to Mrs. Workman with any questions or concerns:

desiree.workman@jeffco.k12.co.us

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Writer of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the Writer of the Month for the month of April 2022 by their teachers. Their writing will be displayed in the front entry for everyone to read.

Kindergarten: Thomas Brazier (Ms. Baltazar's class)  
Gigi Cotinola (Mrs. Blackwell's class)

Grade 1: Kaelyn Kubin (Mrs. Hartley's class)  
Linkin Karnik (Mrs. McGeeney's class)

Grade 2: Jon Hicks (Ms. Johanson's class)  
Trinity Helton (Mrs. Strayer's class)

Grade 3: Emma Johanson (Mrs. Bawden's class)  
Pierre Huff (Mrs. Sarcletti's class)

Grade 4: Grace Moyer (Mr. Capansky's class)  
Caden Hesman (Ms. Kirkland's class)

Grade 5: Sam Badger (Mrs. Bettmann's class)  
Chloe Smith (Ms. Leebrick's class)
BEE Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their homeroom teachers to receive the BEE (Being Excellent Everyday) Award for the month of April 2022. The BEE awards are sponsored by the Littleton Optimist Club. Selection is based upon students showing their best effort in citizenship, attendance, and perseverance. Each selected student receives a “BEE” t-shirt, a “BEE” pencil and a certificate.

Kindergarten: Nyah Kahn (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
  Marley Bowman (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1: Avery Marugg (Mrs. Hartley’s class)
  Decker Sawyer (Ms. McGeeney’s class)

Grade 2: Charlie Mick (Ms. Johanson’s class)
  Simon Shisler (Mrs. Strayer’s class)

Grade 3: Emma Redleaf (Mrs. Bawden’s class)
  Izzy Ellinwood (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 4: Brennan Morrow (Ms. Kirkland’s class)
  Aryanna Stunkel (Mrs. Capansky’s class)

Grade 5: Nate Cooper (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)
  Kendall Becker (Ms. Leebrick’s class)
The Five Essential Components of Reading

Reading with children and helping them practice specific reading components can dramatically improve their ability to read. Scientific research shows that there are five essential components of reading that children must be taught in order to learn to read. Adults can help children learn to be good readers by systematically practicing these five components:

- Recognizing and using individual sounds to create words, or phonemic awareness. Children need to be taught to hear sounds in words and those words are made up of the smallest parts of sound, or phonemes.

- Understanding the relationships between written letters and spoken sounds, or phonics. Children need to be taught the sounds individual printed letters and groups of letters make. Knowing the relationships between letters and sounds helps children to recognize familiar words accurately and automatically, and "decode" new words.

- Developing the ability to read a text accurately and quickly, or reading fluency. Children must learn to read words rapidly and accurately in order to understand what is read. When fluent readers read silently, they recognize words automatically. When fluent readers read aloud, they read effortlessly and with expression. Readers who are weak in fluency read slowly, word by word, focusing on decoding words instead of comprehending meaning.

- Learning the meaning and pronunciation of words, or vocabulary development. Children need to actively build and expand their knowledge of written and spoken words, what they mean and how they are used.

- Acquiring strategies to understand, remember and communicate what is read, or reading comprehension strategies. Children need to be taught comprehension strategies, or the steps good readers use to make sure they understand text. Students who are in control of their own reading comprehension become purposeful, active readers.
Thank you to the Watch Dog Dads in April! We truly appreciate all your support and look forward to having you visit again! If you have any questions about the Watch Dog Dad program, call the school office!
May 2022

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.

Sponsor This School!

Your Name Here

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Mutt Market
Pup-Friendly Market

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Dear Families,

Living in a digital world involves students and families alike having to adapt to learning through new devices, new digital tools, and various learning platforms. These new skills, tools and platforms also invite the opportunity to adopt new online behaviors. We know that you care about your child’s well-being and success, which now regularly includes their digital wellness. As the school year draws to a close we are providing resources to help you continue to develop healthy media habits, even in the upcoming summer months.

Transitioning out of the school routine is a great time to have conversations with the family about the new routine activities during the summer days. Thinking about all of the daily activities and how much time is spent on each activity is a great place to begin. Looking at how much time is given for sleep, chores, meals, screen time, outdoor activities, chores, and other activities is a great thing to consider. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that all children and teens need adequate sleep (8-12 hours, depending on age), physical activity (1 hour), and time away from digital media. Does your household designate media-free times together (e.g., family dinner) and media-free zones (e.g., bedrooms)? To help think through what this might look like in each household, the AAP has created several tools for families. The links below can assist in creating a Family Media Plan:

**Media Calculator - [English Spanish]** This calculator can help you identify how much current screen time is left in the day after accounting for other daily activities for your child. This could help you understand their media usage in regards to learning and being a creator, which can enhance daily life. When media is being consumed without thought or in an inappropriate manner, the calculator can help you make healthier choices for your family.

**Create Your Family Media Plan - [English Spanish]** This site can help you create family agreements, start conversations, and guide your thinking through a variety of scenarios. Each category gives families a chance to personalize priorities that are important for their household.

**Family Activities**

- Kindergarten [English Spanish]
- 1st grade [English Spanish]
- 2nd grade [English Spanish]
- Grades 3-5 [English Spanish]
- Grades 6-12 [English Spanish]

**Additional Family Engagement Resources**

Jeffco’s Family Screen Time site

Common Sense Family Resources - [Media Balance & Well-Being]
Know Brainer Bowl

Congratulations to our 4th and 5th grade students who participated in the “Know Brainer Bowl” on April 9th sponsored by the Littleton Optimist club. Our team did an excellent job putting their brains to the test during this knowledge bowl. Thank you to Mrs. Bettmann for leading our CHE team.

Great work and congratulations to:
- Kate Williams
- Landon Mize
- PJ Mullen
- Sophina Wells
- Ava Reynolds
- Aden Reynolds
- Samuel Badger
Thank You CHE PTA!

Thank you PTA! We want to thank our PTA for all of the wonderful events and support this year. We truly appreciate their support of students, staff and the community.

Back to School BBQ
Family Science Night & the CHE Science Fair
Canvas and Kids
Grants for Education
Watch Dog Dad Program
Breakfast with Buddies
Teacher Snack Cart
Raptor System
Flexible Seating for Classrooms
Teacher Appreciation Week
End of year “Bounce Out”
Support of 5th Grade continuation
Kindergarten Graduation

Pet Policy On School Grounds

Our “No Paws” policy at school is 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.
Columbine Day of Service

On Wednesday, April 20th students from Columbine High School participated in their Day of Service. Twenty years ago, our community was shaken by an unimaginable tragedy when thirteen lives were lost and twenty-four people were injured at Columbine High School. In the aftermath, our community leaned on one another for hope and strength and were overwhelmed with an outpouring of kindness and support from people across the world. As a result, our school and community came back stronger.

Now, the Rebel Family gives back. Many former Columbine Hills students, now students at Columbine High School, made a positive impact and helped to beautify our school as well as spend time in the classrooms and at recess! This Day of Service reminds us of our recommitment: a recommitment to kindness, a recommitment to community, a recommitment to serving others. We are ALL Columbine!
Food For Thought BakPak Program

Each Thursday, 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.

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 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.k12.co.us

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

Parent Name: ____________________________________________

Student: ______________________________________ Classroom Teacher: _______________________

Student: ______________________________________ Classroom Teacher: _______________________

Student: ______________________________________ Classroom Teacher: _______________________
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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