Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Families,

“It is not joy that makes us grateful. It is gratitude that makes us joyful.”

Anonymous

As we wrap up 2022, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the Columbine Hills Community. It is an honor to continue to serve such a supportive and caring community. The first half of this school year has been great and we thank our community of families for their support. It is joyful to see the growth our students have made so far this year. It is such a pleasure to see the learning and thinking that each student engages in each day. Thank you all for your continued support of our staff. The amount of parent involvement this year has been outstanding and we look forward to seeing this continue in the new year. Thank you!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the CHE parents for partnering with us to support your child’s learning. Please remember the importance of letting your child see how much you value education and share your love of learning. It is ok if you do not have all the answers to your child’s questions, but it is important to show them how to find the answers. Learning builds confidence, and a child who is confident is more open to learning new things. We truly appreciate your partnership in your child’s education.

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Message From the Principal, continued...

This month students will be taking their mid-year assessments. We are excited to see the growth each child has made. We look forward to sharing your child’s progress with you in January.

We wish you a wonderful Holiday Season and a fantastic New Year! Keep your children reading and writing over the break. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2023!

Sincerely,

Christa Wilson
Principal
“Aiming for Success, Believing...Together We Can!”
Winter Weather

As winter approaches, please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing. We know that the weather can change during the day, so please send coats, hats, boots, etc. We will be going outside for recess unless it is below 20 degrees or if there is precipitation. If your child is in need of a winter coat, boots or gloves, please contact the office. We have received several donations.

COLUMBINE HILLS ELEMENTARY 2022-2023
REGISTRATION/KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

Columbine Hills Elementary will begin Kindergarten and Choice enrollment on December 6, 2022 for the 2023-2024 school year. Our information night will be held on December 1st at 6:00 pm. If you know of any families that would be interested in attending, please have them call the school office. If you have any questions, please call our office at 303-982-5540.

Thank You Columbine Hills PTA!

Columbine Hills would like to thank our AMAZING PTA! We want to recognize our PTA for all of their continued support of our students, staff, community and school. Below are all of the ways PTA supported our school this first semester! Thank you!

- Back to School Night Ice Cream Social
- Conference Meals for Teachers
- Canvas and Kids
- Family Science Night & the CHE Science Fair
- Grants for Education for Teachers
- Annual Resource Funds for Preschool & Elementary Students
Heartland Hero Essay Contest

Columbine Hills 5th grade students participated in the Heartland Hero Essay contest sponsored by The Captain Jason Dahl Foundation. Many area schools participate in the hero essay writing project known as the Heartland Hero essay contest. Our students learned about some of the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001 and about Captain Jason Dahl. He was a Ken Caryl resident who piloted the United Airlines flight 93 that crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after his aircraft was high-jacked by terrorists. His late wife, Sandra Dahl, wanted to honor him and inspire others, so she began the Heartland Hero essay project. Our 5th grade students wrote essays about a personal hero who made a positive difference in their lives.

Congratulations to these amazing writers! Thank you for sharing about the hero’s in your life who have had a significant impact on you. Columbine Hills would also like to thank all of the sponsors of this project: Jason Dahl Foundation, Texas RoadHouse, and The Colorado Credit Union.

The Columbine Hills Essay Winners were:

1st Place: Caden Hesman
2nd Place: Jasmin Kahara
3rd Place: Kate Williams
The PTA, along with the CHE staff, have compiled a list of items that could be useful in the classroom. This will be a revolving list so check back often for added items. If interested in donating please see the sign up genius or email the PTA for questions.

Sign up CHE Supply Requests
columbinehillspta@gmail.com

Link your King Soopers and Amazon accounts to Columbine Hills Elementary. Also check out the Box Tops app. Follow Passive Fundraising Info for easy step by step instructions.

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17th @ 6:30 in the cafeteria. Dinner will be provided. We always encourage you to reach out with any ideas or questions at columbinehillspta@gmail.com.

Looking for a gift for a CHE student, check out the CHE Spirit Wear store at https://columbinehillsspiritwear.com/.

Thank you for helping us fill the snack cart in the staff lounge! Use the QR code below to shop from the Amazon wish list or just drop off snacks.

We are always collecting pictures for the Yearbook. Do you have photos of the Halloween parade or the Veterans Day assembly? You can upload your school photos to the Yearbook Folder or send them directly to columbinehillspta@gmail.com.

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.
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Holiday Events and Seasonal Markets

Fab-YULE-Us and Market Bazaar
Christmas in the Rockies Market
Christmas Tree Lot
Carriage Rides
Santa at the Createry Workshop
Hot Cocoa Bar
Block 100 Canned Food Drive

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**Tips for Reading Aloud With Elementary-School Children**

Even as our elementary school children get older, it’s still important to still read aloud to them so they can continue to associate reading with warm, pleasant feelings; learn about words and language; build listening skills; expand vocabularies; talk about the characters, settings, and plot then relate them to their own lives; gain knowledge about a variety of topics. Reading aloud to elementary school aged students also allows them to gain exposure to a variety of writing styles and structures. It’s a great opportunity to explore social and moral issues and behaviors. It also helps children become more skilled independent readers while also discovering which authors and writing styles they enjoy. Reading aloud also can help your child be motivated to read on their own.

Choosing the right book to read with your child is very important. Here’s some tips on how to choose a good book:

- Children are becoming independent readers. Read books with rich vocabulary that the children may not be able to read independently, but can comprehend.
- Children are expanding their language skills, vocabulary, and attention spans. Read chapter books with developed characters, plot twists, and descriptive language.
- Children are learning to monitor their own behavior. Read longer picture books and chapter books with messages about how to handle problems and cope with difficulties.
- Children are curious about the world beyond their immediate experiences. Read reference books that match their interests.
- Children sometimes identify with characters and situations. Read series books featuring the same characters engaged in new experiences.
- Children develop special interests, preferred types of books, and favorite authors. Read some books that match the child’s preferences—mysteries, science fiction, adventure stories and some you love that will introduce something or someone new.

Here are some tips to make the most of your read-aloud time with your child:

- Set the stage before you begin reading. Discuss what you read yesterday and what might happen next.
- Ask why questions throughout the story and encourage children to come up with their own questions to ask the group. If you get to a part with challenging vocabulary, phrases, or concepts, ask the children what they think the author means and construct an understanding together as a group.
- Relate a book you are reading to one read in the past. Talk about how they are alike and how they differ.
- Ask a child to imagine what he or she might do in a situation similar to that faced by a character.
- Provide materials and activities that let children expand their understanding of a character, historical event, or situation.
- Talk about what you have read. Books often evoke strong feelings that need to be shared. Offer your reactions and invite a child to do the same.
- Stop reading at a suspenseful point in the book. This encourages a child to be eager for tomorrow’s read-aloud time.
Writer of the Month Awards

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

Kindergarten: Aeryn Rubus (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
    Jeremiah Reisbeck (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1: Bode Sauders (Mrs. McGeeney’s class)
    JoLee Neale (Mrs. McLaughlin’s class)

Grade 2: (Ms. Johanson’s class)
    Avery Marugg (Mrs. Welty’s class)

Grade 3: JuJu Wells (Mrs. Bawden’s class)
    Chloe Monte (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 4: Dylann Munro (Mr. Capansky’s class)
    Pierre Huf (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 5: Ella Steele (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)
    PJ Mullen (Ms. Caouette’s class)

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Writer of the Month Awards, continued...
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 November 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: **Jacie Maley** (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
**Sawyer Hageman** (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1: **Tommy Mordarski** (Mrs. McGeeney’s class)
**Oliver Pratt** (Ms. McLaughlin’s class)

Grade 2: **Kayden Busick** (Ms. Johanson’s class)
**Bruce Hamilton** (Mrs. Welty’s class)

Grade 3: **Simon Shisler** (Mrs. Bawden’s class)
**Seamus Quinn** (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 4: **Esther Chin** (Ms. Kirkland’s class)
**Emma Johanson** (Mrs. Capansky’s class)

Grade 5: **Xavier Zuver** (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)
**Lily Young** (Ms. Caouette’s class)
BEE Awards, continued...
Thank you to the Watch Dog Dads that supported CHE in November! 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!
Science Fair Pictures
ENROLL
JEFFCO
IT’S TIME TO PLAN FOR 2023–24!

It’s time to enroll, Jeffco! Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year is now open. Completing enrollment helps our District prepare for next year’s staffing, budget, student resources, and more.

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO ENROLL:

1. LEARN ABOUT OUR SCHOOL
 jeffcopublicschools.org/schoolfinder

With School Finder, you can check our updated school profile for information about our school, such as contacts, school data, programs offered, and virtual info night details.

2. ENROLL FOR SCHOOL
 enrolljeffco.org

Beginning December 6th, whether you are returning to us or applying for the first time, EnrollJeffco will provide all the information you need to enroll in Jeffco Public Schools for the 2023-24 school year!

CURRENT STUDENTS:

You can update your contact information in the Infinite Campus Portal. If assistance is needed with usernames and passwords, please utilize the Personal Account Manager.

NEW STUDENTS:

Visit www.enrolljeffco.org to complete all steps of enrollment. You will enter contact information, enroll for school, and all other steps all in one place! Feel free to contact our school directly with any questions.

There will be several email communications throughout the enrollment and registration process. Make sure you continue to check your email.
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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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 the office know.

If you have any other questions, please contact the office.

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

Parent Name: ________________________________________________________________

Student: _____________________________ Classroom Teacher: _______________________

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