Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Community,

“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.” — William Arthur Ward

November is a time to reflect on the things we are thankful for and show our gratitude. The Columbine Staff is thankful to be serving you and your children. This year our community has continued to show their gratitude and support through volunteering, feedback and communicating with staff to support students. It is always wonderful to see a community working together to ensure the success of our CHE students and staff. We are so thankful for supporting our school community. We hope that you take the time this month to reach out and show gratitude to those around you.

This month we will also be taking the time to thank those who service our country. We are looking forward to honoring all of the men and women who have served in the military on Veterans Day. We are excited to bring back our Veteran’s Day Assembly that will be on Friday, November 11th at 1:30pm. We hope you will invite any Veterans you know to attend this event. We will also be creating a wall of honor for this event. A letter was sent home in October explaining this project. If you have questions, please contact your child’s teacher or the office.

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Message From the Principal, continued...

Columbine Hills will be continuing our school-wide service project and collecting donations of full-size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash and loofah puff balls. These will be donated to the Valor Point Domiciliary. Please bring donations to Columbine Hills from October 24th through November 7th. We look forward to giving back to those who have given so much for our freedoms.

Please join us for our SAC (School Accountability Committee) meeting on Tuesday, November 8th at 5:30pm in the cafeteria. PTA will follow at 6:30pm. We hope you can join us for these meetings.

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!”

Belliston Ballet Presents
The NUTCRACKER
November 25-27, 2022
Newman Center
(503)971-7730
bellistonballet.org
**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.

**Parking Lot & Crosswalk Safety**

Please help us keep our students safe by driving slowly through our parking lot and watching closely for students walking to school. Please use the crosswalk so that we can ensure that students are getting to and from school safely. Do not park in the bus lane in the front of the school or in no parking areas in the parking lot. We ask that all drivers pay close attention to the crosswalk on Canyon. We have had many cars drive through the light after it has turned red. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe!

**School Attendance**

Attendance is the responsibility of the student, the parents, and the school. The importance of regular, daily attendance as a basis for academic achievement cannot be over-emphasized. Absences have a negative effect upon instructional continuity, regardless of the attempts to make up work. Our school has designated a target goal of 96% attendance this year and reviews attendance monthly to ensure all students are helping to meet our goal.

Parents please help us ensure that your child is at school on time each day. We are seeing an increase of students missing school due to family vacations. We ask that you schedule vacations when there is no school. It is also important for students to be at school on time and stay for the entire day. Please schedule appointments outside of the school day. We appreciate your support!

**Veteran's Day**

To honor Veteran’s that we know, we will create a Wall of Honor. Forms to recognize a Veteran that you know were sent home in Monday folders at the end of October. We hope you can join us for this celebration. We will have our Veteran's Day Assembly on Friday, November 11th at 1:30pm in the gym. Please feel free to invite any Veterans you know to attend. We look forward to thank Veterans for their service and dedication to our country.

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**Earn cash for your school! Save Longmont Dairy Milk Caps.**

Longmont Dairy Farm will donate 5¢ per LDF produced product bottle cap. Schools are free to spend these funds as they wish to benefit students.

**Milk Caps for MOOOLA**

To sign up, go to LongmontDairy.com/savecaps or click here.
Hello CHE Families,

We are off to a great start with our Second Step lessons! We have worked on learning and practicing how to pay attention and manage distractions, develop a growth mindset, and apply goal-setting strategies to their social and academic lives.

In a couple of weeks, we will be switching to Unit 2: Emotion Management. In this unit, children will learn how to identify and label emotions and use emotion management strategies—including stress management for older students—to calm strong feelings. Keep an eye out for the Home Link that will be emailed or printed for Monday folders when we begin Unit 2.

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm." - Winston Churchill

"Love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort and keep on learning." - Carol Dweck

"Failure is so important. We speak about success all the time. But it is the ability to resist or use failure that often leads to greater success." - JK Rowling

Jeni Wells, NCC
Social Emotional Learning Specialist
Columbine Hills and Leawood Elementary Schools
Columbine Hills Elementary
Community Service Project
Supporting our Veterans

Each year CHE recognizes our Veterans for their service and dedication to our country. This year we will be doing a school-wide service project and collecting donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste (travel size) and socks. These will be donated to the Valor Point Domiciliary.

The Valor Point VA Domiciliary serves Veterans experiencing homelessness. The Veterans can live there for 6 to 12 months while recovering from substance abuse and mental health issues while working to stay sober and find housing and employment. They usually have anywhere from 30-40 residents.

Please bring donations to Columbine Hills from October 27th through November 11th. We look forward to giving back to those who have given so much for our freedoms.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and donation!

The Columbine Hills Staff

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**FLYING PIG SOUTH**

Now open for dine in, take out, and delivery!

- Large Patio
- Burgers, Wings, Tacos, Mac n Cheese
- Online Ordering and Curbside Available

5935 S Zang St Littleton, CO 80127
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.

Thank you St. Gregory's Episcopal Church for the AMAZING donation of brand new jackets, hats, gloves and boots! If your family or a family you know of could use any of these items, please call or stop by the office.

Thank you PTA for the amazing caramel apple table! We are so thankful for all the things you do to make staff feel appreciated!
ASPEN GROVE

Santa Paws
Pup Pix with Santa Claus

Sunday, November 27 | 1 pm-3 pm
Inside Zagg, Near Panera Bread

Donations from photo benefit the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley

Registration required.

Croix, 2022-23 Dog-Friendly Mascot Winner

Sponsor This School!
YOUR NAME HERE

Click HERE
Contact Us Today!

Rob Mangelson
(720) 878-4107
Rob@tscacolorado.com

The School Communications Agency
Supporting Schools & Local Businesses
Family Science Night will be November 17. 5:00 to 7:00.

This will be a fabulous night! We will have science presenters and hands-on science activities. Also, you will be able to see all the projects your peers submitted for the Science Fair. If you are available to volunteer please see the sign up genius. Science Fair Volunteers

Save the Date! The PTA will host a Canvas and Kids painting event on Friday, December 2nd. Look for a registration form to come home in Monday folders.

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, November @ 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.

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 collecting pictures for the Yearbook. You can upload your school photos to the Yearbook Folder or send them directly to columbinehillspta@gmail.com.
How Parents Can Support Reading Comprehension

Despite the complexities of reading comprehension standards, there are several basic ways parents can support their child's learning. Here are some recommendations that align with the four broad areas of reading standards: Key Ideas and Details, Craft and Structure, Integration of Knowledge and Ideas, and Range and Level of Complexity.

Key Ideas and Details

**What it means:** Your child will be encouraged to carefully read many books and texts. Within these texts, your child will be working to understand what is happening, summarize key events or points and recall details important to the story or topic.

**How parents can help:** After you share a story, talk about important story elements such as beginning, middle and end. Encourage your child to retell or summarize the reading. After reading nonfiction, ask questions about the information, "Is the spider an insect? How is a spider different than an insect?"

Craft and Structure

**What it means:** The standards within this area (or "strand") focus on specifics within a book, for example, an author's specific word choices or phrases. A second emphasis relates to understanding the underlying structure of common types of texts, including storybooks, poems and more.

**How parents can help:** During and after reading, call attention to interesting words and phrases. This may include repeated phrases, metaphors or idioms ("sick as a dog," "a dime a dozen.") Talk about any new vocabulary and other ways the author used language or words to make the text interesting, informative, funny or sad.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas:

**What it means:** Within this strand, students will be working to compare and contrast details from stories, describe key ideas using details in informational text, and tell how two texts on the same topic differ.

**How parents can help:** For younger students, encourage your child to describe how the illustrations within a book support the story. For older students, have fun reading different versions of the same fairy or folk tale. Talk about the similarities and differences between the two books. Then switch to nonfiction and read two books on the same topic. Compare the information in each, again focusing on similarities and differences. "Let's look at each book and think about the words used to describe weather. How are the descriptions alike? How are they different?"

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

**What it means:** Teachers will be using a variety of techniques to introduce a range of books and other written material that both support and challenge a child's reading level. This may include nonfiction and fiction, infographics, poetry and more. This will be done with the ultimate goal of making sure students understand what they're reading.

**How parents can help:** Parents can help promote their child's skill while developing their reading stamina (ability to "stick with it."). This means helping them avoid frustration or anxiety about tackling a harder book. Support your reader by talking through some of the things that make a text complex, including multiple levels of meaning, inferred information (implied rather than clearly stated) or more sophisticated graphics.
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 October 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: Zayn Padilla (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
Noah Sisco (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1: Ksenia Tsuber (Mrs. McGeeney’s class)
Mollie Mick (Ms. McLaughlin’s class)

Grade 2: Layla Heit (Ms. Johanson’s class)
Adelena Williams (Mrs. Welty’s class)

Grade 3: Mia Griego (Mrs. Bawden’s class)
Isaac Bush (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 4: Lewis Cummings (Ms. Kirkland’s class)
Jacob Preussner (Mrs. Capansky’s class)

Grade 5: Levi Prage (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)
Jade Mendinghall (Ms. Caouette’s class)

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BEE Awards, photos continued...
Writer of the Month Awards

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

Kindergarten: Heidi Bailey (Ms. Baltazar’s class)  
Sloan Slates (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1: Zoe Vargas (Mrs. McGeeney’s class)  
Marley Bowman (Mrs. McLaughlin’s class)

Grade 2: Cora Cutsforth (Ms. Johanson’s class)  
Judah Young (Mrs. Welty’s class)

Grade 3: Jonathon Hicks (Mrs. Bawden’s class)  
Dashiell Goetz (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 4: Angelina Maj (Mr. Capansky’s class)  
Kylie Maley (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 5: Landon Mize (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)  
Wyatt Choiniere (Ms. Caouette’s class)

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Writer of the Month Awards, photos continued...
Thank you to the Watch Dog Dads that supported CHE in October! 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!
Light of the World Parish
Christmas Present Drive

The holidays are quickly approaching, if your family would like help with gifts, please complete this form or call the office. Completed forms are due to the office on the 7th of November.

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Holiday Craft Fair
NOVEMBER 12TH  10AM - 4PM
Columbine High School
6201 S Pierce Street
Littleton 80123
columbinecraftfair@gmail.com

The craft fair participants and exhibitors will be subject to health orders or policies from the Jefferson County Department of Public Health and/or Jefferson County Public Schools.

KITCHEN MANAGER
starting hourly rate
$20.36 - $27.30
depending on program & experience

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HIRING FAIR

Educational Support Staff & Tutors*
Math & Reading

Wednesday, November 16
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Jeffco Public Schools Education Center
1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg #77, Golden, CO 80401
Ed Center Board Room 5th Floor

WHY ATTEND?
• Land your first experience in education
• Opportunity to speak with principals who are filling positions NOW
• Some offers may be made on the spot

WHY WORK FOR JEFFCO?
• Benefits eligible positions available
• Opportunity for growth
• PERS retirement
• Be an integral part of educating & enriching the lives of students

RSVP:

APPLY NOW:
jps.click/jobs

*Para Educators, Teacher Aide, Educational Assistant, Classroom Assistant, Individual Support Professional

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ONLINE FUNDRAISERS

Congratulations on your upcoming Chipotle fundraiser! Below are details on how to participate in your fundraiser online through the Chipotle App or Chipotle.com.

1. Access the Chipotle app or order on our website.
2. Choose “Pickup” and select the location of the restaurant which is hosting your fundraiser.
3. Build your order with all your faves.
4. Once you’re ready, place your order, input your unique online fundraiser code in the “Enter a Promo Code” section. Don’t forget to click “Apply.”
5. Provide payment information and submit your order for pickup (not delivery). Reminder, pickup must be within the hours of your scheduled fundraiser.

If you or your supporters forget to input and apply the code at checkout, please email us your order information at fundraisers@chipotle.com.

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DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
COLUMBINE HILLS ELEMENTARY
33% of event sales get donated to the cause

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH | 5-9PM
8100 W CRESTMILE AVE, DENVER, CO, 80123

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE WJWRM9H OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location(s) and during the hours of the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. $50 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.
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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