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

Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful spring break. We have an exciting and busy two months ahead of us as we wrap up this school year. We know that our students will finish this year strong.

All 3rd through 5th grade students will be taking CMAS, our state assessment, in April. The testing schedule has been sent home and is also attached in this newsletter. We appreciate your help in making sure your child is in attendance each day and on time. It is important for students to be well rested and to have a healthy breakfast each day. Thank you for your support.

Our next SAC meeting will be on April 11th at 5:30 pm followed by our PTA meeting at 6:30pm. These are both great ways to get involved at CHE!

We appreciate everyone’s feedback through the Family-School Partnership Survey. We will use this information to continue to make CHE a great place for students and families. A summary of the survey information will be sent out.

As your principal, I continue to 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,

Mrs. Wilson

Principal

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CMAS Stat Testing

Our third through fifth grade students will take state assessments that align with the Colorado State Standards. The Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) will be given in English language arts, math and science this spring.

Standardized tests inform our school in many ways. Our teachers, for example, review the results from the state tests to adjust their instruction. Students and families will be provided a fuller understanding of their student’s mastery of grade level expectations from the CMAS and our school is accredited, in part, based on CMAS results. CMAS provides a more accurate understanding of student knowledge because students will be asked to show and apply what they know, instead of just picking the right answer from a multiple-choice question. CMAS Parent Information Flyer

We would appreciate your support in making sure your child is in attendance on the days that he/she is testing. Please see the dates listed below for when your child will be taking one of the State tests. 22-23 CHE CMAS Testing Schedule

3rd Grade
CMAS ELA March 29, 30, 31
CMAS Math April 18, 19, 20

4th Grade
CMAS ELA April 11, 12, 13
CMAS Math April 4, 5, 6

5th Grade
CMAS ELA April 4, 5, 6
CMAS Math April 11, 12, 13
CMAS Science April 18, 19, 20

During CMAS testing we like to provide our students with snacks! Below is a sign-up to help provide snacks for each class. Thank you in advance for your help! CMAS Snacks Sign Up
Parking Lot & Crosswalk Safety

We have noticed an increase of families not following parking lot and Kiss n Go expectations. This creates safety concerns for students, staff and families. Please help us keep our students safe by driving slowly through our parking lot and watching closely for students walking to school. Please review the reminders below:

**Crosswalks**- Please use the crosswalks near the school. These are the designated areas to make sure that our students and families are able to cross the street safely. Drivers cannot see students or parents that are crossing at other locations or between cars. We are asking that families do not cross at the entrances of the parking lot or anywhere that there is not a crosswalk.

**Parking Lot**- Please help keep our students safe by driving slowly through our parking lot and watching closely for students walking to cars. We are asking that families to not cross at the entrances of the parking lot. We also ask that you do not drop students off in the parking lot, but use the Kiss n Go lane. As a reminder, we have several buses that come to CHE. Please do not park in the bus lane in the front of the school or in the no parking areas in the parking lot.

**Kiss and Go**- Please remember to have your child exit from the right side of the vehicle when using the Kiss and Go Lane. This allows students to exit safely on the side of the vehicle where there is no traffic. We ask that parents drive slowly and remain off cell phones.
Thank you to the Watch Dog Dads that supported CHE in March! 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!
Please look at a list of items that could be useful at CHE. This is a revolving list so check back often for added items. We are grateful for your donations.

**Sign up CHE Supply Requests**

Bandimere’s Race to Read program has started and will run through May 5th. Students must complete the Bingo sheet to earn tickets for the Night of Fire and Thunder on May 20th. Once the Bingo sheet is completed, students can continue reading and color in race cars to be displayed at school. The student with the most participation in each class will earn Teacher Assistant for the day. The top 2 classes from primary and intermediate will qualify their teachers for the Tricycle Race. If you have any questions contact PTA at columbinehillpta@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for the Spring Fling which will be Friday, May 12!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the yearbook cover contest! We had so many great entries. The winners this year are:

- Natalie Wilcox for the front cover.
- Kaelyn Kubin for the back cover.

All the entries we received will be printed inside the yearbook.

The Columbine Hills PTA would like to thank Nicole McDowell and her company COBANK for their generous donation. Very much appreciated!

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11 @ 6:30 in the cafeteria. As always, we encourage you to reach out with any ideas or questions at
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 March 2023. 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: Kallen Zeller (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
Jeremiah Reisbeck (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1: Eivin Smith (Mrs. McGeeney’s class)
Elijah Chedester-Sisneros (Ms. McLaughlin’s class)

Grade 2: Josiah Chavez (Ms. Johanson’s class)
Kaitlin Messner (Mrs. Welty’s class)

Grade 3: Nolan Kubin (Mrs. Bawden’s class)
Natalie Livingston (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 4: Izzy Ellinwood (Ms. Kirkland’s class)
Blake McRae (Mrs. Capansky’s class)

Grade 5: Adelae Anderson (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)
Kate Williams (Ms. Caouette’s class)

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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 **March 2023** by their teachers. Their writing will be displayed in the front entry for everyone to read.

Kindergarten: **Adelynn Vereeke** (Ms. Baltazar’s class)  
   **Ainsley Adams** (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1: **Max Cummings** (Mrs. McGeeney’s class)  
   **Peyton Witkowski** (Mrs. McLaughlin’s class)

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

Grade 3: **Louis Hogan** (Mrs. Bawden’s class)  
   **Dana Morrison** (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 4: **Jacob Preussner** (Mr. Capansky’s class)  
   **Emma Redleaf** (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 5: **Millie Birchfield** (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)  
   **Dom Montoya** (Ms. Caouette’s class)
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.
COLUMBINE HILLS ELEMENTARY FUN RUN

PROGRAM STATS

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$94 in 2022

Corporate Match Eligible: $1,335

In partnership with Double the Donation:

DONOR BASE EXPANSION

34 States

90% Registered

68% Pledged

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

RESERVE NEXT YEAR’S DATES

Kickoff: 3/4/2024
Event Day: 3/13/2024

Deadline To Reserve: 4/7/2023

2 WAYS TO RAISE MORE

BOOSTER GEAR
Online Spirit Wear Store

BOOSTER TECH
Direct Give Campaign
Connect your child or teen to virtual mental health support

With Hazel Health, your child can get the mental health support they need, **at no cost to you.**

**Virtual sessions with licensed therapists**

1. **Sign up**
   Give permission for your child or teen to see a Hazel therapist

2. **Therapy referral**
   Either you or a school staff member refers your child to therapy by contacting Hazel

3. **First therapy session**
   Hazel matches your child with a therapist and schedules an appointment

4. **Weekly therapy sessions**
   Over video, the therapist helps your child cope with what they’re feeling

5. **Therapy completion**
   Your child has achieved their therapy goals and is discharged from the therapy program

6. **Care coordination**
   If needed, Hazel helps connect your family with long-term mental health services in your community

**During weekly therapy sessions, Hazel Health therapists help students understand and cope with what they’re feeling**

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Grief/loss
- Self-esteem
- Change
- Academic stress
- Bullying
- and more

Learn more and consent for services [my.hazel.co/jeffcopublicschools](http://my.hazel.co/jeffcopublicschools)

Request a therapy appointment for your child by calling Hazel Health at 1-800-76-HAZEL (42935)

Services differ by district and school. To see what services your district offers, visit [hazel.co/get-hazel](http://hazel.co/get-hazel).
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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