Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Family,

“Parents and teachers are the key to a child’s success. For a child to achieve all round success, both parties must work tirelessly alongside them.” -author unknown

Happy February! The year is going by so quickly. It is so exciting to see the growth that our students have made so far this year! Thank you for your continued partnership with us to make our students successful!

Join us for our next School Accountability meeting on Tuesday, February 21st beginning at 5:30pm in the cafeteria. We will be reviewing our mid-year progress towards our school goals and this month’s parent survey focusing on overall feedback for CHE. PTA will follow at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

We are starting to plan for parent-teacher conferences which also align with the end of the second trimester. We will be sending home report cards in Monday folders on March 6th and then having conferences on March 8th & 9th. We hope this will better meet the needs of families. As always, if you have questions regarding your child’s academic progress or social/emotional needs, please contact your child’s teacher at any time. More information about conferences will be coming at the end of the month.

Please remember that we will have no school on Friday, February 17th as it is a non-student contact day and no school on Monday, February 20th in honor of President’s Day.

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Message From the Principal, continued...

I want to thank all of you for your continued support and feedback to continue to make Columbine Hills a great place for our students and families. 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. Feel free to send me an email or contact me at (303)982-5540.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Wilson
Principal
Aiming for Success, Believing...Together We Can!
Attendance Reminders!

Parents need to remember to call the Columbine Hills attendance number before 8:00 a.m. to report a student's absence. This is a 24-hour voice mailbox so you can leave a message any time, day or night. It is a parent's responsibility to notify the school regarding a student's absence, the attendance secretary will make every effort to contact the parent and any emergency contacts to establish the student's whereabouts. The absence will be marked as unexcused if a phone call from the parent/guardian is not received within 24 hours of the absence. To ensure safety, if a parent cannot be contacted, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department may be asked to help locate the child.

Safety!

We need your help in keeping our students safe.

- 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 do not cross at the entrances of the parking lot. 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 January! 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!

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.
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.

Each year the PTA has an election for Board Members. This year the office of President and Secretary are available. If you are interested in one of these positions please contact the PTA.

Please look at a list of items that could be useful in the classroom. This is 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 or email columbinehillspta@gmail.com

The PTA has been notified that Amazon Smile will no longer exist. Please link your King Soopers reward number to Columbine Hills Elementary. Also check out the Box Tops app which has added products since becoming digital.

Follow Passive Fundraising Info for easy step by step instructions.

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21st @ 6:30 in the cafeteria. We are working on the events for Spring 2023. As always, we encourage you to reach out with any ideas or questions at columbinehillspta@gmail.com.

The CHE Spirit Wear store at https://columbinehillsspiritwear.com/ is offering free shipping February 3rd - 20th!

Spirit Wear Free Shipping

Look for the Yearbook Cover contest info to come home in Monday Folders. We are still collecting pictures for the Yearbook. Take school photos, upload to the Yearbook Folder or send them directly to columbinehillspta@gmail.com.

Also the Yearbook Purchase Link is active.
Writer of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the Writer of the Month for the month of January 2023 by their teachers. Their writing will be displayed in the front entry for everyone to read.

Kindergarten: Remy Allmond (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
Takoda Wolfstar-Fridline (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1: Ava Mays (Mrs. McGeeney’s class)
Faith Reisbeck (Mrs. McLaughlin’s class)

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

Grade 3: Nolan Kubin (Mrs. Bawden’s class)
Dahiell Goetz (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 4: Kaylin Fischer (Mr. Capansky’s class)
Chloe Grant (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 5: Levi Prage (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)
Natalie Wilcox (Ms. Caouette’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 January 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: Heidi Bailey (Ms. Baltazar’s class)  
Xavier Elton (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1: Carter Michalek (Mrs. McGeeney’s class)  
Ben Herrero (Ms. McLaughlin’s class)

Grade 2: Addie Westphal (Ms. Johanson’s class)  
Judah Young (Mrs. Welty’s class)

Grade 3: Benny Johnson (Mrs. Bawden’s class)  
Brianna Santana (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 4: Haven Palmer (Ms. Kirkland’s class)  
Brody Pariott (Mrs. Capansky’s class)

Grade 5: Gabe Riffel (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)  
Joshua Schlanger (Ms. Caouette’s class)

photos continued...
CHE School Spirit Days

October 28 - Halloween Colors (orange, black, green, purple)

November 4 - Spirit Wear- CHE shirts

December 16 (sing along) - Holiday wear

January 25 - Western/Cowboy Day

February 24 - Decades

March 31 - Crazy Socks Day

April 3 - Autism Awareness Month; Wear blue

April 21 - Sports Day

April 27 - Day Without Hate; wear white

May 19 (award's ceremony) - Dress Fancy
How to Read Nonfiction Text

Kids love to read about real people, places, and events. Nonfiction books present real information in engaging and interesting ways. However, most kids read a lot more fiction than nonfiction, so spend some extra time helping your reader learn how to navigate a nonfiction book.

Talk about nonfiction

Begin by explaining that the book you’re about to share is nonfiction. That means that the book will give us information that is true. The book will be organized around a specific topic or idea, and we may learn new facts through reading. Some kids even enjoy sorting their home libraries into fiction and nonfiction books. This simple categorization task helps your child understand the difference between fiction and nonfiction.

Look at the parts

Most good nonfiction books will have helpful features that are not a part of most fiction books. These parts include a table of contents, an index, a glossary, photographs and charts with captions, and a list of sources. Share the purpose of the features with your reader.

- **Table of Contents:** Located at the front of a book, the table of contents displays a list of the big ideas within the book and where to find them.

- **Index:** An index is an alphabetical list of almost everything covered within the book, with page numbers. Readers can use the index to look up specific terms or concepts and go right to the specific information they’re looking for.

- **Glossary:** Located at the back of the book, a glossary contains key words that are related to the topic and their definitions. These definitions provide more information about new vocabulary words.

- **Captions:** Captions are usually right under photographs, figures, maps, and charts. Captions give a quick summary of what information is presented in the graphic.

- **Photos and Charts:** A lot of information can be found by “reading” the charts and photos found within nonfiction text. Readers will first need to figure out what information is presented. Then they’ll need to discover how to navigate the information. Some charts use clear labels, others require more careful examination. Help your reader learn more about the different ways information can be displayed.

Be the reading boss

Nonfiction books do not have to be read from cover to cover. Readers can use the table of contents and index to jump right to the information they are most interested in. In that way, they are the “reading boss” of that book! However, if your reader wants to read from cover to cover, encourage him to use the table of contents to understand how the book is organized. “First we will learn about the different types of frogs. Then we’ll learn where they can live, what they eat, and how they survive.” Passages from the book can be reread as often as necessary until your child understands what is written. You can refer to pictures, charts and tables over and over again as well.

As natural learners, young readers are drawn to books that give information about something or explain something they’ve always wondered about. With a little help and guidance about reading nonfiction, you can feel good about introducing your child to a new world of information.
HEALTHY HABITS: FAMILY EDITION
SCREEN TIME & TECHNOLOGY

JEFFCO SPECIFIC DATA
- 75% of Jeffco High School Students
- 62% of Jeffco Middle School Students

Report spending 3+ hours on an electronic device for something other than schoolwork each day
2021 HKCS Survey Data

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACTS OF TOO MUCH SCREENTIME
- Insomnia
- Depression and low self-esteem
- Decreased physical activity
- Attention span problems
- Behavioral issues

SHARE A BOOK
A simple way to teach children the importance of healthy habits is through books.
- Check out our Screen Time and Technology Book List

TIPS FOR PARENTS
- Lead by example
- Leave the tablet at home
- Turn off all screens during family meals
- Learn about parental controls and what your child is accessing
- Turn off screens and remove from bedrooms 30-60 minutes before bedtime

MEDIA GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN
- 0-18 Months
  - No screen time, unless used for video chatting
- 18-24 Months
  - Limit to watching educational programming with caregiver
- 2-5 Years
  - Less than 1 hour per day
- 6-10 Years
  - Less than 1.5 hours per day
- 11-13 Years
  - Less than 2 hours per day

Create your own Family Media Plan

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Child Mind Institute- Media Guidelines for Kids of All Ages
- Top 5 Internet Safety Tips for parents: VIDEO
- Screenfree.org
- Internet Guides and Resources- InternetMatters.org

Jeffco Healthy Schools
healthyschools@jeffco.k12.co.us
PICTURE DAY is coming!

NEW for 2023 ALL STUDENTS will be photographed and a proof provided after picture day!

Students will be photographed in two poses and proofs with a variety of backgrounds

SPRING PORTRAITS
Multiple looks and poses to choose from

& CLASS GROUPS

Proofs will be provided 1-2 weeks after picture day for ordering and viewing. See before you buy!

Questions? Call 303.346.2772 or email info@dr-photo.com

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JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

The preschool enrollment process for the upcoming 2023-24 school year has changed. Your student’s age on or before October 1, 2023 will determine which platform you complete enrollment through: EnrollJeffco or Colorado’s Universal Preschool Program (UPK).

Applications Open: January 17, 2023 (8:00 a.m. MT)

3 Year Olds:
EnrollJeffco
www.enrolljeffco.org

4 Year Olds:
Universal Preschool Program (UPK)
www.cdec.colorado.gov/colorado-universal-preschool

Note: Families enrolling their 4-year-old student at a charter school(s) will use the UPK family portal. However, not all charter schools are participating in UPK. If the charter school is not listed, you will have to apply through EnrollJeffco. Families enrolling their 3-year-old student at a charter school(s) will apply through EnrollJeffco.

Need Help Enrolling for Preschool?
Open House:
January 17 (7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
Lutz Preschool Center
13950 W 20th Ave, Golden, CO 80401
jps.click/preschool
303-982-1737
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**First/Last Day of School**
- First day: Aug 16
- Last day: May 26

**No School for Students**
- Non student days: Aug 1-15
- Non Student day: Sept 23
- Fall Break: Oct 20-21
- Thanksgiving Break: Nov 21-25
- Winter Break: Dec 19-1/3
- Non student day: Jan 4
- Non student day: Feb 17*
- Spring Break: Mar 17-24
- Non student day: April 28*
- Non student day: May 30

*potential snow make up days

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**Holidays (no school)**
- Labor day: Sep 5
- Thanksgiving: Nov 24
- Christmas: Dec 25
- New Year's: Jan 1
- Martin Luther King: Jan 16
- Presidents' Day: Feb 20
- Memorial Day: May 29

**Added Two hour Delay Days**
- Oct 27
- Feb 2
- May 4

### Important dates and CHE events on back

**Trimester 1:** 8/16/22-11/11/22

**Trimester 2:** 11/14/22-2/28/22

**Trimester 3:** 3/1/23-5/26/23

*Dates and times subject to change*
Important dates for Columbine Hills

- Registration (7:30-12:00 & 1:00-5:30) Aug 3
- Kindergarten Popsicles in the Park (4:00-5:00) Aug 4
- Meet the Teacher (5:30-7:00) Aug 12
- PTA Ice cream Social (6:00-7:00) Aug 12
- Columbine Block Party (6:00-8:00) Aug 19
- Fall assessment days Aug 26 & 29
- SAC & PTA meetings (5:30 & 6:30) Sep 13
- Field Day Sep 28
- Vision & Hearing Sep 29
- Make-up Field day Sep 30
- Individual pictures Oct 6
- SAC & PTA meetings (5:30 & 6:30) Oct 11
- Fall Conferences Oct 18 & 19
- Science Fair kick-off Oct 18
- Early Release @ 12:15 Oct 19
- Halloween Parties Oct 31
- Picture retakes Nov 8
- SAC & PTA meetings (5:30 & 6:30) Nov 8
- Veteran’s Day assembly Nov 11
- Science Fair/Family Night Nov 17
- Report cards go home Nov 18
- Sing-a-long assembly Dec 16
- Drive-thru Hot Cocoa night Dec 16
- SAC & PTA meetings (5:30 & 6:30) Jan 17
- Columbine Area SAC Jan 23
- Columbine Area Spelling Bee Feb 2
- Valentine’s Day Feb 14
- SAC & PTA meetings (5:30 & 6:30) Feb 21
- Spring Individual and Class pictures Feb 22
- Fun Run Kick Off Mar 6
- Report cards go home Mar 6
- SAC & PTA meetings (5:30 & 6:30) Mar 14
- Fun Run Event Mar 15
- Spring Conferences Mar 8 & 9
- Kindergarten & 5th graduation pictures April 6
- SAC & PTA meetings (5:30 & 6:30) April 11
- End of year assessments May 5 & 8
- Award assembly May 19
- Kindergarten continuation May 24
- 5th Grade continuation May 26
- Last day of school & Early release @ 12:15 May 26
- Report cards go home May 26

*Dates and times subject to change*
Columbine Hills Elementary School “Home School Connection”

Please return to Christa Wilson, Principal

I have a question, a concern or something positive to share:

____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

This information is optional:

Name:________________________________
Daytime Phone:_________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________

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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