Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Community,

I hope you are finding your summer break filled with adventure and joy! I am excited to begin the 2017-2018 school year and I know all of you are excited for your children to have a superb educational experience this year.

Our vision at Columbine Hills Elementary is to ensure that we are meeting the needs of each and every one of our students. We know that we must work together as staff, students, parents and the community in order to provide the very best education that the Columbine Hills students deserve. Our vision, *Aiming for Success, Believing...Together We Can!*, is carried out by each staff member to ensure the best for each and every student at Columbine Hills each day.

Although there are still a few weeks left until school starts, it is time to start thinking about registration and back to school business. Registration is on Wednesday, August 2nd from 7:30am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-5:30pm. During registration you will update your Jeffco connect information, pay your child’s school fees, find out your child’s teacher assignment and sign up for your child’s fall assessment time.

We look forward to seeing each of you at our Back to School Night on Tuesday, August 15th from 5:30-7:30pm. Please plan on arriving at 5:30pm and enjoy a free BBQ sponsored by the CHE PTA. At 6:00pm, teachers will open their classrooms to meet you and you will be able to drop off your child’s school supplies. This will be a great time to reconnect with friends and meet the CHE staff. We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night!

The beginning of the school year is a great time to get back to consistent routines and structures for students. There are some very simple, important steps you can take now, to ensure a smooth start to the year. These include: setting a REGULAR, EARLY bedtime each night, providing time for reading each evening, and talking with your child everyday about school. These small steps go a long way in preparing them for school, even beyond this year!

continued...
Message From the Principal, continued

We look forward to a successful year at Columbine Hills Elementary, “Aiming for success, believing, together we can!” As your principal, I 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,
Christa Wilson
Principal

Registration

Just a friendly reminder that registration will be held on Wednesday, August 2nd from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm. If you have updated Jeffco Connect and have paid your fees online, all that needs to be done is to pick up your student’s Monday folder and sign them up for assessments on Sign Up Genius. It will only take a few minutes to complete the registration process. Thank you and WELCOME BACK!

School Accountability Team

The school-level accountability committee (SAC) serves in an advisory role to the school principal. The school’s principal is ultimately responsible for ensuring compliance with all Federal, State and District requirements and meeting the academic performance expectations defined by Jeffco Public Schools. This committee will meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30pm prior to our school’s PTA meeting. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 11th. We hope to see you there!
Parking Lot Safety

Please help us keep our students safe by driving slowly through our parking lot and watching closely for students walking to cars. Please use the crosswalk so that we can ensure that students are getting to and from school safely. We are asking that families do not cross at the entrances of the parking lot. There are no crosswalks at these locations. Please do not park in the bus lane in the front of the school or in no parking areas in the parking lot. Thank you for your help and support!

Fee Payment for the 2017-2018 School Year

Fee payment for your student can be made online through Jeffco Connect. You may make payment for the 2017-18 school year with your debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover are accepted). To access Jeffco Student Fee Payment, go to our school’s website and click on the Jeffco Connect link, or go to the Parent Portal at www.jeffcopublicschools.org. Once you are logged into Jeffco Connect, click on the “Jeffco Student Fee Payment” link on the left side. Help guides are available on the page. A receipt will be sent via e-mail confirming your payment.

If you do not wish to take advantage of the online system, fee payment can be made at the school office during registration on August 2nd from 7:30am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-5:30pm.

Communication

Consistent communication is an important part of our home-school partnership. The Hoofprints is our monthly school-wide newsletter that will be filled with important reminders and information for your family. This communication will be sent out electronically through email at the beginning of each month and can also be found on our school website. If you would like to receive a hardcopy, you may request one from the office. Please take the time each month to read the information so that you are informed about what is happening at Columbine Hills. Communication between parents and the school is essential and we are always open to comments and suggestions. Feel free to contact your child’s teacher, myself or use the “Home School Connection” form at the back of the newsletter.

Neurofeedback Training

“We train your child’s brain and support brain health”
Dr Wanda Bedinghaus, MD

- Training for better focus and attention
- Your child gains confidence and skill
- Better grades = Happier child!
- Approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics

We accept most PPO insurance plans
Call Dr. Bedinghaus, MD to discuss how we can prepare your child for a better school year.
303-986-0492 • www.healingunleashed.com
Meet Jeffco’s New Superintendent!

Jason E. Glass is the new Superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools. Previously, Jason was the Superintendent of Eagle County Schools in Colorado. Jason has a wide variety of experience and was Iowa’s Director of Education - serving as the state’s Chief State School Officer - and leading a successful education reform effort that culminated in landmark legislation signed into law in 2013. Prior to serving in Iowa, Jason was the Senior Director of Human Capital Strategy with Battelle for Kids. Prior to joining Battelle for Kids, Jason served as the Director of Human Resources with Eagle County Schools. Jason has also worked as Eagle County Schools’ Director of Research & Assessment, as Vice President of Quality Ratings with Qualistar Early Learning, held several posts with the Colorado Department of Education, and worked as a university instructor and high school teacher in Kentucky. Jason holds a BA in Political Science and two Master’s degrees from the University of Kentucky (Education and Political Science). He holds a Doctorate in Education from Seton Hall University. Jeffco students, parents, families, staff, and community members may engage with Dr. Glass via Twitter @COJasonGlass and through his blog, https://advancjeffco.blog/.

New CHE Website!

Check out the new Columbine Hills website! We will be continuing to update the website as the school year starts. This webpage is a great resource of information for everything taking place at CHE. You can also access the school calendar, the lunch menu, newsletters and much more at our website. http://columbinehills.jeffcopublicschools.org/
Meal Prices and Charging
STUDENT MEAL PRICES FOR 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

Breakfast

Elementary $1.85
Secondary $2.10
Reduced meal price for all grade levels $0.00

The Smart Start Nutrition bill signed into law in 2007 allows all reduced eligible children to eat breakfast for free.

Lunch

Elementary $2.85
Secondary $3.35
Reduced meal price for grades PK-5th $0.00
Reduced meal price for 6th-12th $0.40

House Bill 14-1156 was signed into law in 2014. It allows students in grades pre-kindergarten through 5th who are eligible for reduced price meals to eat lunch for free.

Milk

8 ounce carton $0.85

Adult Meal Prices

Adult breakfast a la carte
Adult lunch without beverage $4.15

Please note that elementary and secondary a la carte pricing is subject to change based on yearly bid pricing.
## Columbine Hills Elementary

### August 2017

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- **2** Registration/Packet Pick-up 7:30 am - 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- **8** CHE Spirit Night @ Dairy Queen 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **15** PTA Barbeque 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- **15** Back to School Night 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- **17** First Day of School
- **25** Assessment Day/NO SCHOOL (by appt only)
- **28** Assessment Day/NO SCHOOL (by appt only)
- **30** Curriculum Night 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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- **4** NO SCHOOL/Labor Day
- **11** School Accountability Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- **11** PTA Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- **12** CHE Spirit Night @ Panera Bread (Aspen Grove) 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **22** Early Release/dismissal @ 12:15 pm

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- **2-6** CoGat testing, 2nd grade only
- **2** Individual Pictures
- **9** School Accountability Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- **9** PTA Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- **10** CHE Spirit Night @ Freddy's 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **11** Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **12** Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- **13** NO SCHOOL
- **31** Halloween Parade/Parties 8:30 am - 10:00 am

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- **3** Early Release/dismissal @ 12:15 pm
- **8** Individual Picture Retakes
- **9** 1st Trimester ends
- **10** Veterans Day Program @ 1:30 pm
- **13** School Accountability Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- **13** PTA Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- **14** CHE Spirit Night @ TBD
- **15** Vision and Hearing
- **16** Science Fair
- **17** Report Cards go home
- **20-24** NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break

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Advertising in this newsletter does not imply endorsement by the school or district.
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! Businesses that want to sponsor this school, please contact TSCA at info@tscaschools.com or 970-239-1641.

Students do not have school on May 25, 29 and 30. However, these days are identified as make-up days in the event it is necessary to make-up instructional times due to weather/emergency related closures.

Contact (970) 239-1641 info@tscaschools.com
Emergency Situations at School
Information for Families

Jeffco Public Schools is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our students, staff, and visitors.
Take a moment to review this guide to ensure you are prepared in the event of an emergency situation at school.

What are the types of actions a school might take in the event of an emergency?

Jeffco Public Schools follows the Standard Response Protocol established by the Love U Guys Foundation.

**LOCKDOWN**
Ordered when there is a threat inside the building. Students and staff are secured inside the school. School staff does not communicate during a lockdown. Parents are not allowed on site during a lockdown.

**SHELTER**
Ordered when personal protection is necessary from dangerous weather conditions such as a tornado, blizzard, or hail. May also be ordered in the event of a hazmat situation in the area.

**EVACUATION**
Ordered when people must exit the building due to unsafe circumstances. If student pick-up or off-site reunification is required, instructions will be communicated by the district.

**LOCKOUT**
Ordered when there is an issue outside the building, most often due to police activity in the area that could pose a threat, or a wild animal nearby. All exterior doors are locked while "business as usual" continues inside the school.

- Some situations may require a combination of the actions described above.
- School and district staff train yearly on emergency protocols and situation management.
- Students participate in drills throughout each school year.

What type of emergencies might impact my child's school? Which actions are taken?

**Severe weather** - Schools may Shelter until weather passes; could delay release of students at end of day until safe to exit building.

**Fire or Hazmat Situation in the Area** - Evacuation or Shelter, depending on location and severity of fire/hazmat issue.

**Threat of Violence or Weapon on a Person** - Lockout, Lockdown, or Evacuation, depending on the situation.

**Intruder** - Requires an immediate Lockdown; an emergency notification will be sent to parents by the district with any instructions.

**Police Activity in the Area** - Usually a Lockout; action may be taken at the direction of a law enforcement agency or any staff member at the school.

What do I need to know, do, and not do?

- If you are visiting a school and an emergency situation occurs, follow protocol along with students and staff.
- We know families want information right away. Our experience has taught us initial information is almost always incorrect. Please know, our security and administrative staff are working hard to determine what the real situation is and will communicate with families as soon as information is verified as accurate and any steps to take have been determined.
- Do not call the school or security staff, as they are working on the situation and ensuring your student's safety. Do not go to the school; this may interfere with procedures. Only public safety personnel will be allowed in/near a school during an emergency situation.
- We understand you may want to communicate with your student during an emergency, however, please refrain from calling his/her cell phone, as it may prevent him/her from hearing important, possibly life-saving, information or instructions.
- It is vital parents and guardians keep their information updated in JeffcoConnect (www.jeffcopublicschools.org/family_portal). We will utilize email, text messaging, and phone calls to communicate with you.
- The fastest way to get information in an emergency situation is to follow us on Twitter (@JeffcoSchoolsCo) and Facebook (@JeffcoPublicSchoolsColorado). It is our first and fastest means of getting messages out. Also, check our website for alerts posted on the main page.

www.jeffcopublicschools.org

If you have questions regarding our district emergency procedures, contact 303.982.6808.
2017 SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

August 7th – 12th
Hours: 10 am – 3 pm
Stevens Elementary School

School Supplies available for children in grades Preschool – 12

Have you received services from the Action Center?

If NO, then

You may receive School Supplies for your children if you are:

- A Jefferson County resident OR
- Are homeless

Come to Stevens Elementary only on your designated pick-up day. See list on back.

You MUST bring the following items with you:

✓ Photo ID
✓ Proof of Jefferson County address (recent mail or bill in your name)
✓ Birth certificates for each child
✓ Proof of custody (if legal guardian)

If YES, then

If you are a client at the Action Center and have previously provided birth certificates for all eligible children.

Come to Stevens Elementary only on your designated pick-up day. See list on back.

You MUST bring the following items with you:

✓ Photo ID
✓ Proof of Jefferson County address (recent mail or bill in your name)
✓ Blue/Purple Birth Certificate Card (if you have one)
✓ Birth Certificates for each child (if you haven’t brought them in before)

See list on back to determine your day or the Open Days.

If you come before your assigned day you will be asked to return on an Open Day.

BRING PHOTO ID & PROOF OF ADDRESS
Come to Stevens Elementary School **ONLY** on the day that corresponds with your **LAST NAME**

**Hours:** 10am - 3pm

*Wait times at distribution are longest in the morning. Come in the afternoon, for shorter wait times.*

*Only come to the school on your designated day.*

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**OPEN day for all letters** ........................................Fri – Aug 11th

**OPEN day for all letters** ........................................Sat – Aug 12th

*Due to the Wheat Ridge Parade on Saturday, August 12th, please use 44th Ave to access Stevens Elementary School*

**Stevens Elementary School**

7101 W. 38th Ave, Wheat Ridge 80333

Call 303.237.7704 for questions or more information.

(Please note: The Action Center will be closed on Saturday, August 12th)
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:____________________________________________________________________

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.

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Staff Appreciation

Dear _________________________,

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