Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Community,

The beautiful colors of fall let us know that October is here! Teachers are looking forward to parent/teacher conferences to share the growth we have seen already in our students this year. Conferences are a great time to continue to build that partnership with your child’s teacher at parent/teacher conferences. We are looking forward to this opportunity to share the growth we have seen already this year. This is a great time for you to ask questions about your child’s progress and how we will work together to support your child in learning. Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 11th and Thursday October 12th. Sign-up Genius links will be posted on the CHE website for you to sign up for a time to meet with your child’s teacher.

Please join us for our School Accountability meeting on Tuesday, October 9th at 5:30pm in the library. PTA will follow at 6:30pm. Childcare will be provided for both meetings.

October’s spirit night will be held on Tuesday, October 10th from 4:00-8:00pm at Freddy’s on Kipling. Come enjoy dinner with your family while helping us raise money for our school. Funds raised through our monthly spirit nights help us provide additional resources for students in the classroom. We appreciate your support!

Safety is always a top priority at Columbine Hills and during the month of October we will be practicing a lock-down drill. During this drill students practice emergency procedures as if there was an intruder inside the building. Students learn the procedure of “Locks, Lights, Out of Sight”. We will be doing this drill with the support of the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department. As a reminder, we ask all parents and visitors to sign in at the office and be buzzed in at the front door. We appreciate your support with ensuring a safe and secure learning environment for our students.

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Message From the Principal, continued

As your principal, I continue to strive for a successful experience for your child. I look forward to seeing you all at the many fun events we have planned this month. I always welcome any questions, concerns or comments you have. 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”

Halloween Parade and Parties

We are looking forward to our Halloween parade and parties this Tuesday, October 31st. The parade will start at 8:30am and will be outside. We ask parents to line up outside near the basketball courts on the west side of the building to watch. Classroom parties will begin after the parade. Students should wear their costumes to school, please be sure to send a change of clothes for your child after the party.

Parties will end at 10:00am. Parents, if you are planning on attending this event, please make sure you sign in at the office.

Halloween costumes need to adhere to the following expectation

1. Costumes should follow the Student Dress Code Policy found in the CHE parent/student handbook.
2. For safety reasons, masks should not be worn.
3. Toy Weapons (Toy or facsimile guns, knives, swords, bats, etc.) are not allowed.
4. Costumes that are overly graphic, promote violence or otherwise might logically be assumed to be offensive to others are not acceptable.
Official Count Day!

Mark October 2 on your calendar – it’s October Count! The most important action you can take to support school funding is to make sure your student attends school that day. Much of public education funding from the State of Colorado is based on student count, and the official student count day this year is October 2.

The “count window” the state observes is September 25 - October 9, and the key student count day is Monday, October 2. Please help us ensure all our students are accurately counted by having your student in class that day! If your child must be absent on October 2 due to serious illness, call our attendance line, 303.982.5540 to report the absence. Attendance during the “count window” will help counteract an absence on October 2, but it’s best to come to school that day.

Thank you for your supporting Columbine Hills Elementary School!

"No Paws Please"

Just a friendly reminder of our “No Paws” policy at school between 7:00 am -6:00 pm. Pets are not allowed on school grounds when students are on campus due to allergies and the unpredictability of animals. Signs are posted on the edges of our campus. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

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. We are looking for parents who are willing to partner with the school as we plan and work towards our goals for the 2016-2017 school year.
Partnership and Volunteers at Columbine Hills Elementary

The great redwoods of California are one of the beautiful natural wonders of North America. These giant evergreens can grow to a towering 300 feet tall and live for hundreds of years. For all their magnificence, one would think the redwoods would require a deep root system to keep them upright. Instead, they have roots that spread out along the surface of the forest floor to capture all the moisture possible, intertwining with the roots of other redwoods in the grove. The interlocking roots securely support and sustain these giant sequoias when storms strike and fierce winds blow. The trees' survival depends on the combined support of one another.

Like the redwood trees, a system of support and partnership is an important part of making a school community thrive and grow. At Columbine Hills, we continue to work to build strong partnerships with parents and community members. The parent and school partnership is a vital part of making a school thrive and supporting our students. There are many opportunities for parents to build this partnership at CHE. PTA, School Accountability Committee, and the Healthy Schools Committee are just a few. We know that when we support one another and encourage one another, we become strong together and like the giant redwoods, we keep growing taller.

We are always looking for parent volunteers to help out at Columbine Hills Elementary. If you are interested in being a volunteer this year, please contact your child’s teacher. We do ask that you complete a volunteer confidentiality form this year. These are available in the front office or through your child’s teacher.

Watch D.O.G.S

We would like to get the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program started at Columbine Hills this year! This national program is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center of Fathering. There are two primary goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S. program.

1. To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.
2. To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

WatchDOGS are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer for at least one day each school year. During the day, WatchDOGS may read and work with students, each lunch with students, watch school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and other assigned activities where they will actively engage with not only their own child, but other students as well.

The CHE PTA has dedicated funds to help us begin this program at CHE. We are looking for a few parents to help get this program up and running. Please visit the program website at www.fathers.com/watchdogs. Please contact the main office if you can help get the Watch DOGS program started at Columbine Hills.
BUG Awards

Once again this year, CHE will be continuing our BUG Awards program that began a few years ago! BUG stands for “Bringing Up Grades!” It is sponsored by the Breakfast Optimist Club of Littleton. Every homeroom teacher will select one student a month to receive the award. Selection is based upon academic improvement and/or increased effort, improved or good attendance and good citizenship. Each selected student receives a “BUG” t-shirt, a “BUG” pencil and a certificate.

The following students were selected by their homeroom teachers to receive the BUG (Bringing Up Grades) Award. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen for the BUG award for September 2017:

Kindergarten:  
Joshua Schlanger (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
Kate Williams (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1: 
Abraham Not Afraid (Ms. Kearns’ class)
Oliver Shisler (Ms. Johanson's class)

Grade 2: 
Logan Birchfield (Mrs. Bawden's class)
Alayna Kissler (Mrs. Hart's class)

Grade 3: 
Trenton Bantock (Mr. Capansky’s class)
Mason Snyder (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 4: 
Arianna Vega (Mrs. Bettmann's class)
Harmony Jensen (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 5: 
Jordan Good (Mrs. Tapsfield's class)
Kailani Forbes (Ms. McIntyre’s class)

Grade 6: 
Bayley Holloman (Mrs. Bower’s class)
Gunther Shugart (Mrs. Bower’s class)
Writer of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the Writer of the Month for September 2017 by their teachers. Their writing will be displayed in the front entry for everyone to read:

Kindergarten:      Lilly Davis (Ms. Baltazar's class)
                    Maya Hinojos (Ms. Kearns’ class)

Grade 1:           Mateo Lobato (Ms. Johanson's class)
                    Jaden Evans (Ms. Kearns’ class)

Grade 2:           Paige Kartchner (Mrs. Bawden's class)
                    Kyle Squillace (Mrs. Hart's class)

Grade 3:           Macy Trammell (Mr. Capansky’s class)
                    Porter Hesman (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 4:           Taylor Norris (Mrs. Bettmann's class)
                    Audree Harris (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 5:           Catrin Woodbury (Mrs. Tapsfield's class)
                    Bronson LeBon (Ms. McIntyre’s class)

Grade 6:           Hannah Rocklin (Mrs. Bower’s class)
Science Fair Time!

The Science Fair Logo contest was held at the end of September. The entire student body voted for their favorite logo during lunch, and the winner will be announced at the Science Fair Kick Off Assembly on October 9th. The winner's design will be used on the Science Fair participation buttons. All of the logos submitted for the contest will be used in promoting the Science Fair, so keep your eyes open for all the amazing artwork!

On October 9th, Science Matters will be here for the Science Fair Kick Off Assembly. They will be pumping up the students for the Science Fair and teaching about the scientific method. Registration forms for the Science Fair will be in Monday folders on October 9th and are due on Monday, October 16th (no exceptions). The Science Fair schedule and handbook are available on the CHE website under School Documents or follow this link:

http://columbinehills.jeffcopublicschools.org/family_resources/school_documents

The handbook must be read prior to completing the Science Fair registration form. If you need a paper copy please stop in the office. For questions please contact Mrs. Blackwell - jblackwe@jeffco.k12.co.us or Kylie Smith - koholamama@gmail.com.

The Science Fair and Family Science Night will be held on November 16th. We are looking for volunteers to help with both events. Please sign up with Sign Up Genius:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094ea9ac2aa13-science4

or contact Kylie Smith koholamama@gmail.com

CHE Spirit Day

The first Friday of each month is CHE Spirit Day! The first spirit day of the year will be Friday October 6th.

Make sure to wear your CHE Spirit Gear!
PTA Fall Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families that participated in the PTA Fundraiser. Your support funds such opportunities as the Back to School BBQ, Grants for Education for Classroom Resources, Science Fair and Family Science Night, Race to Read, Teacher Reimbursement for classroom supplies, Movie Night, Parent Teacher Conference Meals, Spring Fling, Teacher Appreciation Week, Spelling Bee and more! With your continued support, we are happy that we will be able to continue these opportunities for all CHE students and staff. Please attend our Oct. PTA meeting on Oct. 9th to hear the report on the fundraiser sales!

Movie Night

Movie Night is Oct. 20th. The movie will be Descendants 2, and the cost is $2.00. Bring pillows and blankets and enjoy this night as a family! This is a family event and parents do need to stay with their children.

In celebration of our movie, please wear a costume! Costumes must follow the school guidelines. They must follow the Student Dress Code Policy found in the CHE parent/student handbook: “no masks, no toy weapons and no costumes that are overly graphic, promote violence or otherwise might logically be assumed to be offensive to others are not acceptable.”

PTA Meeting

The PTA meeting is Monday October 9th at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria.

We will be reviewing and providing feedback for the fundraiser & spirit gear, talking about events like Science Fair, Movie Nights and MORE! Come learn about the PTA and give your input! Your voice matters!

A meal and child care will be provided!

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.
Colorado Ski Country USA believes that every student should have the opportunity to learn Colorado's signature winter sports. That's why for over 20 years the CSCUSA Passport Program has helped thousands of 5th and 6th graders ski or snowboard for free. With no parent purchase required, CSCUSA’s 5th grade Passport Program is the only ski pass that gives your kiddos **THREE (3) FREE DAYS** of skiing or snowboarding at 22 of Colorado’s premier mountains. 6th Grade participants receive **FOUR (4) days** of skiing or snowboarding at each resort for $105 if you register before Wednesday, November 30th. Make sure your child does not miss out on the fun and sign them up today! The quickest and easiest way to register for the 5th and 6th Grade Passport Program is online at [coloradoski.com/passport](http://coloradoski.com/passport).

Thank you in advance for your assistance in getting kids out on the slopes.

If you have any additional questions, don't hesitate to contact us!

**CONTACT US**

**HOURS** Monday - Friday | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. MST  
**PHONE** 303.866.9707  
**EMAIL** passport@coloradoski.com  
**WEBSITE** coloradoski.com/passport
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**Pizza Varieties:** Blackjack Cheese Pizza, Blackjack Pepperoni Pizza, Pizza Hut Cheese Pizza, Pizza Hut Pepperoni Pizza, Dominos Cheese Pizza, Dominos Pepperoni Pizza, Alpha Cheese Pizza, Alpha Pepperoni Pizza, Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza, Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza

Conditons: Daily availability of condiments varies, Cholula, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Ranch Dressing, Italian Dressing

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Jeffco Healthy Schools
Family and Classroom
Shared Food Resource

Overview
As required by law, Jeffco’s Wellness Policy and Guidelines include standards for foods shared during the school day starting in 17/18 unless otherwise noted.

Why?
- Improve Nutrition
- Address Allergies
- Promote Equity
- Protect Family Decisions on Food

1/2 Healthy
The foods we share can teach students about nutrition and balance.

To define healthier options, schools can:
Follow district definition in the Guidelines*
OR
Create and document their own definition

Holiday Celebrations
If food is offered at a school celebrations, at least HALF should include healthier options.
Schools or classrooms can also opt for no food or only healthier food!

Ideas for Implementation:
- Inform teachers and parents about providing balanced options for celebrations
- Create a sign-up sheet that includes at least half healthier options (don’t forget to address allergies)
- Determine other non-food options for celebrating

Rewards
Schools will not use food or beverages as rewards for academic performance or good behavior.

Ideas for Implementation:
- Utilize non-food rewards for the whole class, such as extra physical activity or recess time, games, a fun dress-up day
- Limit individual rewards and focus on clear expectations and positive words for all students
- Utilize other rewards such as being a line leader, sitting with a friend, choosing a movement break or game

Individual exemptions are allowed with approval of school leadership

Birthdays
Starting in 2018-19 (or sooner), student birthdays should only be recognized with non-food celebrations.

Ideas for Implementation:
- Clearly communicate these standards with families and consider engaging family groups
- Determine other non-food options for celebrating birthdays
- Ask families to not bring in food to share (this does not apply to food for individual consumption)

For more information and to access the full Wellness Policy and Guidelines, visit: www.tinyurl.com/jeffcohealthyschools
**SPECIALS ROTATION SCHEDULE**

**2017-2018**

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Students will be on a 3 day rotation. Please note that each ROTATION consists of THREE consecutive school days.

Rotation 1: October 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 25
Rotation 2: October 2, 3, 12, 16, 17, 26, 27, 30
Rotation 3: October 4, 5, 6, 18, 19, 20, 31
Custodial Positions Available

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Amy @ 303-982-2352
Christine @ 303-982-2259
Robin @ 303-982-2255

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Go to prospective employees
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:_________________________________________________________________

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Staff Appreciation

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