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 often a time that we reflect on the things we are thankful for. The Columbine Staff is thankful to be serving you and your children. It is always wonderful to see a community working together to ensure the success of our students. We thank you all for supporting our school and community.

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 will be having an assembly on Friday, November 10th at 1:30 pm to honor those who have served. If you know any Veterans, please invite them to join us for 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.

Please join us for our SAC (School Accountability Committee) meeting on Monday, November 13th at 5:30 pm in the library. We will continue to share the work we are doing this year that we have outlined in our unified improvement plan. PTA will follow at 6:30 pm. Childcare is provided for both 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!”
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 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. Please do not park in the bus lane in front of the school or in no parking areas in the parking lot. Thank you for your help!

"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.

ENROLLING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS!

Learn more about our Preschool through Pre-K programs. Offering care 11 hours a day, curriculum-based, & meals included.

Call to schedule a Complimentary Discovery Day!

Click Here for More Information
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!
Band & Orchestra

Hello band and orchestra guardians!

It was really nice to meet so many of you during conferences! We have some important events coming right up:

Our fall concert is just around the corner! Both band and orchestra will have a concert on the 7th of November at Columbine High School in the gym at 7:00PM.

Concert schedule:

**Beginning students** arrive at 6:15 pm in the band room – Leave cases and coats in the band room – bring instrument, stand, music to gym.

**Advanced students** arrive at 6:30 pm in the back of the gym (behind curtain) – Leave cases and coats in back of gym, Bring instrument, stand, and music to the front of the gym.

6:45 pm – String tuning

7:00 pm – Concert

**Item checklist for concert:**

- Instrument / Music
- Music stand
- Band/Orchestra t-shirt (or black shirt if you don’t have one) and black pants or skirt.

Extra rehearsal:

On Wednesday November 1st, I’ll be holding an extra rehearsal in the Columbine High School band room to prepare for the concert the following week. Here is the schedule for that:

4:00 – 4:45 pm Beginning Band

4:45 – 5:30 pm Beginning Orchestra

5:30 – 6:15 pm Advanced Band

6:15 – 7:00 pm Advanced Orchestra

Best wishes!

Gregory Gates
BUG Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their homeroom teachers to receive the BUG (Bringing Up Grades) Award for October 2017. The BUG awards are sponsored by the Optimist Club of Littleton. 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.

Kindergarten:  
Aryanna Stunkel (Ms. Baltazar’s class)  
Hailey Rivers (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1:  
Maxim Nicolaev (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)  
Hayden McGuire (Ms. Johanson's class)

Grade 2:  
Meghan Wilcox (Mrs. Bawden's class)  
Elliott Prage (Mrs. Hart's class)

Grade 3:  
Xavier Bollacker (Mr. Capansky’s class)  
Annaliiese Bollacker (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 4:  
Grace Hendricks (Mrs. Bettmann's class)  
Noah Diaz (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class) Grade 5:  
Jordan Nielsen (Mrs. Tapsfield's class)  
Heidi Squillace (Ms. McIntyre’s class)

Grade 6:  
Tammy Almanzan (Mrs. Bower’s class)  
Jaxon George (Mrs. Bower’s class)
Writer of the Month Awards

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

Kindergarten:  Amelia Birchfield (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
               Abigail Toth (Mrs. Blackwell's class)
Grade 1:       Emma Gist (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)
               Oliver Shisler (Ms. Johanson's class)
Grade 2:       Manny Jackson (Mrs. Bawden's class)
               Russell Norris (Mrs. Hart's class)
Grade 3:       Mandey Almanzan (Mr. Capansky’s class)
               Preston LeBon (Ms. Kirkland’s class)
Grade 4:       Brady Shearer (Mrs. Bettmann's class)
               Christian Montes (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)
Grade 5:       Lily Johnson (Mrs. Tapsfield's class)
               Trinity Cook (Ms. McIntyre’s class)
Grade 6:       Lorena Reents-Dant (Mrs. Bower’s class)
               Jacob Wilcox (Mrs. Bower’s class)
Science Fair Updates

Science Fair is just around the corner! Congratulations to all the students that participated in the Science Fair Logo Contest. There were so many wonderful entries! All the entries will be used in promoting the Science Fair so watch the hall for all the wonderful art. The finalists in the contest were:

1st- Tuli Smith
2nd- Brianna Howard
3rd- Daryll Howard
4th- Cordillia Skaggs

Family Science Night

The Science Fair and PTA sponsored Family Science Night will be taking place on November 16th. The Science Fair will be held during the school day, with the Family Science Night from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. The gym doors will open at 5:00 PM so that families may have time to enjoy the Science Fair projects before the Science Family Night presenters start at 5:30 PM. Preschool will be hosting a sensory and science exploration table during the evening! As in the past, there will be three 25 minutes rotations with the presenters. Make sure to get here early so that you can enjoy all our presenters!

This year our guests are:
Learn How to Be an Astronaut with Space Voyage
Reptiles and Insects with Party Safari
Fun with Chemistry with Science Matters

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.
Reflections

Congratulations to all of our Reflections art program participants! First and second place winners advance to the district competition at Red Rocks Community College.

The winners are:

Primary Visual Arts-
Jackson Casias, 1st place, “Stars”
Paige Kartchner, 2nd place, “Reaching for the Stars”

Intermediate Visual Arts-
Tuli Smith, 1st place, “Nature Makes My Heart Sing”

Middle School Visual Arts-
Marshal Swanson, 1st place, “One Small Step for Hippo, One Giant Leap for Hippokind”
Lorena Reents-Dant, 2nd place, “Doctors Rock!”

Intermediate Photography-
Aubree Wallery, 1st place, “The Life of a Ballerina”

Middle School Photography-
Cadence Grandell, 1st place, “Throw It!”
Marshal Swanson, 2nd place, “Striving for Excellence”

Middle School Literature-
Marshal Swanson, 1st place, “Dreams Within Reach”
JOIN US FOR OUR JOLLY NEW EVENT

Santa’s Village

AT

CHATFIELD FARMS

Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays
November 24 – December 24

Come to Chatfield Farms to see Santa, make a craft with Mrs. Claus, and meet the reindeer while walking through colorful holiday lights that illuminate the night.

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS
Chatfield Farms
C-470 & Wadsworth Blvd.
botanicgardens.org
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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: November 3, 6, 7, 16, 17, 27
Rotation 2: November 8, 9, 10, 28, 29, 30
Rotation 3: November 1, 2, 13, 14, 15
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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Staff Appreciation

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