Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Families,

“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.”

—— William Arthur Ward

As we wrap up 2017, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the Columbine Hills Community. It is an honor to continue to serve such a supportive and caring community. The first half of this school year has been great. It is amazing to see the growth our students have made so far this year. It is such a pleasure to see the learning and thinking that each student engages in each day.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the CHE parents for partnering with us to support your child’s learning. Please remember the importance of letting your child see how much you value education and share your love of learning. It is ok if you do not have all the answers to your child’s questions, but it is important to show them how to find the answers. Learning builds confidence, and a child who is confident is more open to learning new things. We truly appreciate your partnership in your child’s education.

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MINERS ALLEY CHILDREN’S THEATRE

NOV 25 ~ DEC 23

The Story of the Nutcracker

After School Classes Beginning January 23rd
Click Here for Tickets and Class Information
**Message From the Principal, continued...**

This month students will be taking their mid-year assessments. We look forward to seeing the growth each child has made. We look forward to sharing your child’s progress with you.

Wishing you a wonderful Holiday Season and a fantastic New Year! Keep your children reading and writing over the break. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2018!

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 the front of the school or in no parking areas in the parking lot. Students using the Hug-n-Go lane must exit out of the right side of the car so that they are not getting out of the car into traffic. This is to ensure their safety. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe. Thank you!

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 have been discussing the importance of parent engagement and how we can continue to engage parents in their child's school experience. We invite all parents to come and share their ideas of how to continue to improve CHE!
Thank You PTA!

We want to recognize our PTA for all their continued support at Columbine Hills. Below are all of the ways PTA supported our school this first semester!

* Back to School Night BBQ
* Movie Nights
* Family Science Night & the CHE Science Fair
* Reception for the Veterans after our Veterans’ Day Assembly
* Cookies with Santa
* Grants for Education for teachers

COLUMBINE HILLS ELEMENTARY 2018-2019
REGISTRATION/KINDERGARTEN
INFORMATION NIGHT

Columbine Hills Elementary will begin Kindergarten and Choice enrollment on January 8, 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year. We will be offering a fee-based, full day kindergarten class for $300.00 a month and a half day class which is free. Our Kindergarten information nights will be held on December 14th and January 11th at 6:00 pm. If you know of any families that would be interested in attending, please have them call the school office. If you have any questions, please call our office at 303-982-5540.
Veterans' Day Celebration

Thank you to everyone who attended our Veteran's Day assembly! We LOVE honoring all of the service men and women who serve our country.
Reflections

During the 2017-18 school year, hundreds of thousands of students reflected on a common theme "Within Reach" and created original works of art in the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. Students entered the national awards program through their school’s PTA.

This year, the entries of two CHE students, Cadence Grandell and Marshal Harris, have advanced to the state level. Cadence’s entry is in the photography category and Marshal’s is in the literature category. Congratulations to both of these students!
Columbine Hills Run Club

Thank you to Ms. McIntyre, Mr. Capansky and Mrs. Blackwell for sponsoring the CHE Run Club this fall. Students participating in run club stayed after school two days a week and learned how running and exercise can be fun! This after school activity concluded in November with a 5K Fun Run on Saturday, November 4th. This was a fun activity and could not have taken place without all of our teacher and parent volunteers! Thank you!
B.U.G. Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their homeroom teachers to receive the BUG (Bringing Up Grades) Award for November 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:  Levi Prage (Ms. Baltazar’s class)  
              Gabrielle LeRoy (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1:      James Cummings (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)  
              Sophia Tsuber (Ms. Johanson's class)

Grade 2:      Madison McCormick (Mrs. Bawden's class)  
              Andrew Ellison (Mrs. Hart's class)

Grade 3:      Addison Siecker (Mr. Capansky’s class)  
              Alina Lysenia (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 4:      Kurtis Morse (Mrs. Bettmann's class)

Grade 5:      Morgan Snyder (Mrs. Tapsfield's class)

Grade 6:      Devin Loetscher (Mrs. Bower’s class)
**Writer of the Month Awards**

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

Kindergarten: **Brantley Simpson** (Mrs. Blackwell's class)

Grade 1: **Caitlyn Davis** (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)
          **Dorian Malek** (Ms. Johanson's class)

Grade 2: **Tommy Cole** (Mrs. Bawden's class)
          **McKenzie Bauman** (Mrs. Hart's class)

Grade 3: **Nadeem Jankowski** (Mr. Capansky’s class)
          **Isis Herrera** (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 4: **Jaelyn Rodriguez** (Mrs. Bettmann's class)

Grade 5: **Adam Jeffers** (Mrs. Tapsfield's class)
          **Heidi Squillace** (Ms. McIntyre’s class)

Grade 6: **Eliza Robb** (Mrs. Bower’s class)
          **Romaun Tsuber** (Mrs. Bower’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! Businesses that want to sponsor this school, please contact TSCA at info@tscaschools.com or 970-239-1641.
Watch **D.O.G.S.**

Our Watch D.O.G.S kick off will be on December 7th at 6:00 pm. Join us for free pizza and a fun night hearing about how you can be a part of this great program at CHE. 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.

Watch DOGS are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer for at least one day each school year. During the day, Watch DOGS may read and work with students, eat 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. Please visit the program website at: [www.fathers.com/watchdogs](http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs).
SCIENCE FAIR

A HUGE thank you to all that participated and attended the Science Fair and Family Science Night. Our students received some amazing compliments from the judges this year. Nice work everyone!

Thank you to all of our parents that encourage and support their children to do projects. Our students and all of their hard work are the core and life blood of the Science Fair. Thank you to all of the volunteers that help make the Science Fair and Family Science Night run so smoothly! We had 40+ people helping out this year. This includes volunteers from outside the school that came in to help judge our students. A special shout out goes to Kylie Smith, Mrs. Blackwell, Michelle Wheeler, Joni Ellis, Bryan Zeller, Zelda Schnerp, Mrs. Kennelly, Mrs. Bower, Mica Espey, and Moe Wheeler.

Thank you to the administration, office staff, building maintenance, teachers and other staff members for their hard work on projects, behind the scenes planning and creating, attending Family Science Night, and their overall support. Thank you PTA for sponsoring the Science Fair and Family Science Night. Your financial and physical support provide an amazing science assembly for the whole school, ribbons and buttons for the participants, fliers and other handouts, hospitality and gifts for the judges, presenters for Family Science Night and a FREE event for the whole school.

Thank you to our Family Night Presenters: Space Voyage, Science Matters, Party Safari and Columbine Preschool!

2017 Science Fair Results:

**Kindergarten**
1st Place- Abigail Toth
2nd Place- Levi Prage

**1st Grade**
1st Place- Josie Ellis
2nd Place- Oliver Shisler
3rd Place- Emma Gist

**2nd Grade**
1st Place- Paige Kartchner
2nd Place- Riley Woodbury
3rd Place- Elliot Prage

**3rd Grade**
1st Place- Lane Capansky
2nd Place- Zoe Schwartzwalder

**4th Grade**
1st Place- Andrew Zeller
2nd Place- Audree Harris
3rd Place- Tuli Smith

**5th Grade**
1st Place- Sienna Somers
2nd Place- Catrin Woodbury
3rd Place- Mycala Smith

**6th Grade**
1st Place- Leila Wheeler, Micaela Mohrlang
2nd Place- Marshal Swanson, Cole Cilento
3rd Place- Nathan Bantock, Bayley Holloman, Jacob Wilcox

Photos from the Science Fair and Family Science Night are located on the CHE PTA Facebook Page.
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- Bloq Pork Sandwich  
- Turkey & Cheese Sandwich  
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- Chicken Street Taco  
- Hot Doggie Dog All Beef Hot Dog  
- Vanilla Yogurt, Granola, String Cheese or  
- Strawberry Yogurt, Granola, String Cheese or  
- Blueberry Yogurt, Granola, String Cheese or  
- Sack Lunch  | Choose one entree:  
- Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza Variety  
- Turkey & Cheese Sandwich  
- Granola Cup  
- Sack Lunch  | Variety of Vegetables  
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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: December 6, 7, 8, 19, 20
Rotation 2: December 11, 12, 13
Rotation 3: December 1, 4, 5, 14, 15, 18
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:

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Staff Appreciation

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