"Aiming for Success, Believing...Together We Can!"

Columbine Hills Website

School Calendar

Jeffco Breakfast & Lunch Menus

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 2018-2019 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 1st 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 14th. Please plan on arriving at 5:00pm to enjoy a free BBQ sponsored by the CHE PTA. This will be a great time to reconnect with friends and CHE staff. Teachers will then open their classroom doors starting at 5:30pm to meet you and your child. You will be able to drop off your child’s school supplies as well. We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night!

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Message From the Principal, continued...

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!

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

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 typically meet on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30pm prior to our school’s PTA meeting.

SAC Meeting Dates for 2018-2019:
September 13th
October 4th
November 8th
January 10th
February 7th
March 14th
April 11th
May 9th

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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 2018-2019 School Year

Fee payment for your student can be made online through Jeffco Connect. You may make payment for the 2018-2019 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 1st from 7:30am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-5:30pm.

CHE Website

Check out the Columbine Hills website! 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/
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.

District Policy on Birthday Celebrations at School

Starting at the beginning of the 2018/19 school year, student birthdays should only be recognized with non-food celebrations. This means no student or family should bring any food item to share for their birthday. This standard is in place to limit exposure to life-threatening allergens, increase equity related to food sharing, and protect family decision-making around foods consumed. Columbine Hills will be recognizing each student on their birthday through the daily announcements and with a birthday bag. If you wish to celebrate your child’s birthday, only non-edible treats such as bookmarks, pencils or stickers to share with your child’s class are allowed.

Watch D.O.G.S

Our Watch D.O.G.S kick off will be on Tuesday, August 21st at 6:00pm. 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.

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, 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.
Hello Columbine Hills Families! My name is Robyn Buckland and I am more than thrilled to join the CHE Community as a 6th grade teacher. This year marks my 12th year in education, and I'm still as enthusiastic about working with children now, as I was in 2006. My experience includes six years as a 6th grade Language Arts instructor, and five years as a 4th grade teacher. I am certified in Elementary Education K-6, as well as English 7-12, and have taught in Colorado and Florida. I am passionate about my career and thoroughly enjoy building student and family relationships. I am excited to get know and work with the 6th grade students and families this year!

My name is Rania Morrill and I am very excited to join Columbine Hills Elementary! This is my 4th year in JEFFCO. As a Learning Specialist, I am part of the Intervention Team here at CHE and will be working with grades K-6. I began my journey into education by teaching post secondary students at the college level. As the needs of my family changed, I transitioned into the business world. However, I was always drawn to education. As the parent of a child with Dyslexia, I spent many hours researching how to help my own child, which turned into a passion for helping all children who struggle academically and knew that I had to follow the calling to teach again. Although I already had Master’s degree in Speech Communication (intercultural and interpersonal communication), I decided to pursue a second graduate degree in education to learn best practices in teaching and specialize in teaching kids who struggle with learning disabilities. I now have an M.Ed. in Special Education and have presented at professional conferences on the topics of reading strategies and academic interventions. As a lifelong learner, I am constantly seeking to improve my craft and learn all I can to help children reach their full potential. When I am not teaching and learning, I enjoy spending time with my family, cooking and traveling. My husband and I have three boys who have all grown up in JEFFCO schools. I have a recent graduate from Columbine High School as well as a current Senior there, and a 5th grader here at CHE. We are proud to be members of the Columbine Rebels family and attend many CHS sporting events. I am happy to be working in my own community and look forward to getting to know all the wonderful families here at CHE.

Hello! My name is Sara Primus, and I am the new social worker at Columbine Hills. I am so excited to be joining your community! I am moving to Denver from the Chicago area where I've lived for five years. I moved to Chicago to obtain my Masters in Social Work from DePaul University. Since then, I've worked as the lead social worker in the secondary and transition programs at Giant Steps, a therapeutic day school for students and individuals with autism. Prior to living in Chicago, I grew up and lived in Laramie, WY where I attended the University of Wyoming and later worked for four years in a self-contained special education classroom at a local elementary school. On a personal note, I am so excited to be back in the Rocky Mountain region and I am thrilled to be joining your community! In my free time, I love skiing, outdoor activities and spending time with family and friends. This year I'll also be spending a lot of my time decorating and furnishing our new place and planning a wedding! I look forward to meeting you all!
Hello, my name is Mr. Eric Whaylen and I am very pleased to be joining your learning community as the new elementary instrumental music teacher. I am originally from Wisconsin where I spent six years teaching high school music in a small town before setting out on an adventure to the great state of Colorado. For the past year I have been teaching elementary music in Jeffco, and I have fallen in love with this state and school district. I am extremely excited to share the love and knowledge of music with your students, and to create meaningful learning experiences and impactful performances with the community.

My name is Hannah Waddell and I graduated from Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design in August 2017 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education with an emphasis in Painting. As an artist and educator, I enjoy exploring and teaching in all mediums. In my artistic practice, I mainly focus on oil and encaustic painting. I also enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, reading and playing with my new puppy, Bentley. I look forward to getting to know the staff and students at my new schools and can’t wait to start our year together!
Writer of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the Writer of the Month for May 2018 by their teachers. Their writing will be displayed in the front entry for everyone to read:

Kindergarten: Ryder Potter (Ms. Baltazar's class)

   Amelia Schmidt (Mrs. Blackwell's class)

Grade 1: Isla Sawyer (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)

   Hayden McGuire (Ms. Johanson's class)

Grade 2: Xander Marron (Mrs. Bawden's class)

   Frankie Bentley (Mrs. Hart's class)

Grade 3: Corbin James (Mr. Capansky’s class)

   Vincent Le (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 4: Matthew Schlanger (Mrs. Bettmann's class)

   Will Routt (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 5: Naiya Jackson (Mrs. Tapsfield's class)

   Mia Nelson (Ms. McIntyre’s class)

Grade 6: Kyle Scull (Mrs. Bower’s class)

   Leila Wheeler (Mrs. Bower’s class)
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 May of 2018:

Kindergarten: Amelia Birchfield (Ms. Baltazar’s class)  
               Dexter Erdody (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)
Grade 1: Sophie Wells (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)  
         Sydney Fuentes (Ms. Johanson's class)
Grade 2: Ryleigh McDonald (Mrs. Bawden's class)  
         Lilly Coleman (Mrs. Hart's class)
Grade 3: Caleb Henderson (Mr. Capansky’s class)  
         Andrew Wilcoxen (Ms. Kirkland’s class)
Grade 4: Lexi Pagliasotti (Mrs. Bettmann's class)  
         Jaden Alexander (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)
Grade 5: Catrin Woodbury (Mrs. Tapsfield's class)  
         Aidan Jordan (Ms. McIntyre’s class)
Grade 6: Caleb Smith (Mrs. Bower’s class)  
         Ericka Hartnett (Ms. Bower’s class)
2018 School Supply Distribution
August 6th – 11th  
Hours: 10 am to 3pm
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.**

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<td>✓ Birth certificates for each child</td>
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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**

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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.

Staff Appreciation

Dear ____________________________,

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Colorado Kids for Kids

New and Gently Used School Supply Store

Kids in Need Shop For Free

Saturday, August 4, 2018
10am - 3pm
Sunday, August 5, 2018
10am - 3pm
Monday, August 6, 2018
10am - 1pm

Location:
7760 W. 38th Ave.
Wheatridge, CO 80033

**Kids must be present to receive a backpack
**While Supplies last

www.ck4k.com
SchoolCafé Available on July 1!

- Submit your application online from your SchoolCafé account
- Remember, a new application must be filled out each year to continue receiving free or reduced-price meal benefits

SchoolCafé replaces MyPaymentsPlus for online meal payments

- All student and adult balances will roll over into SchoolCafé
- Visit www.schoolcafe.com to create your account

For assistance, contact Jeffco Food and Nutrition Services at 303-982-6748
Columbine Hills Elementary School Newsletter
August 2018

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
- Protect Family Decisions on Food

Healthy

½ The foods we share can teach students about nutrition and balance

½ 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 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.

Individual exemptions are allowed with approval of school leadership

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, playing music
- 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, additional work credit

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

Many schools already have similar policies in place

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)

Any other shared food should be selected judiciously, taking into consideration the nutritional value of the food being served, Jeffco’s goal of promoting healthy dietary habits, and the frequency of use.

To access the full Wellness Policy and Guidelines, visit: www.tinyurl.com/jeffcohealthyschools