Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Parents,

We are off to a great start! It has been an exciting first few weeks of school. Students have been coming to school ready to learn each and every day. Students and staff are living our school’s mission of “Aiming for Success, Believing…Together We Can!”

I have been visiting classrooms talking with students about what “success” looks like. Our students understand that success is more than just achievement with academics, but it is also the impact of our daily actions on one another. I know that our students will be very successful this year both academically and socially.

Celebrating student success is an important component of our Columbine Hills Community. This year we will continue to celebrate student growth and achievement in writing through our writer of the month awards. Each month one student from each class will be selected as the “Writer of the Month” and will have their writing hung in the front hallway for everyone to read. We will also continue to recognize students through our B.U.G. award sponsored by The Littleton Breakfast Optimist Club. The purpose of this award is to honor students every month for improvement in their total academic experience. Students selected for this award have shown academic improvement during the month, have good attendance and model appropriate behavior.

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If you are looking for ways to get involved at Columbine Hills, there are many opportunities for you to do so. Our first School Accountability Committee (SAC) meeting will be held on September 13th at 5:30pm followed by our PTA meeting at 6:30pm. Childcare will be provided for both meetings. We would love to see you at one or both of these meetings.

We are always looking for parent volunteers to help out at Columbine Hills. 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 each year. This form is available in the front office.

As your principal, I am committed to a successful and positive elementary school 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

Christa.wilson@jeffco.k12.co.us
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 13th. I will be sharing our 2017-2018 state assessment data. We hope to see you there!

Thank You to the CHE Custodial Staff!

This summer district and school staff worked hard to continue to improve our school. Our custodial crew, led by our facility manager, John Labbat, worked to ensure that our building was cleaned top to bottom for our students and staff. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to making CHE a clean and safe environment for students.

School Attendance is Important!

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.

There are two types of absences – excused and unexcused. Absences will be excused for illness, family emergencies, and religious holidays. Absences for any other reason such as missing the bus, bad weather, waking up late, staying out late the night before and no excuse at all are unexcused.

Families are expected to plan family outings and vacations in conjunction with school holidays. If your child will be absent more than two days for a scheduled absence, a pre-arranged absence form must be completed 3 days prior and turned in to the office for approval. Approvals will only be granted to students with good attendance and good academic standing. If not approved, the absences will be marked as unexcused.

Doctor and dentist appointments should be scheduled after school hours. If you take your student to the doctor, we recommend requesting a note for your child’s attendance file.

We appreciate your help in making sure your child is at school on time!
Welcome Back Columbine Hills Elementary Community!

Our school year is off to a great start! This year the Columbine Hills PTA sponsored a BBQ in conjunction with Back to School Night. This was a fun way to reconnect with families and friends. New students and families were able to see the wonderful community we have at our school. We appreciate the help and support of the Columbine Kiwanis Club who volunteered to serve at this event. We also thank Safeway, King Soopers, Target and Sam's Club for their donations to the BBQ.
Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe!

Columbine Hills’ students and staff work to make sure we have a positive environment for student learning. We are a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) school, which means we have clear expectations connected to all of the different locations in our building. These expectations are connected to our three school rules; be respectful, be responsible, and be safe. Teachers and students have been reviewing and learning about these expectations over the past few weeks so that we can have a successful year in creating a great learning environment at CHE in each and every classroom. We ask that students model these expectations even outside of school and in our community. It is a good reminder to be respectful of our neighbors and their property when coming to and from school.

Music Notes from Band and Orchestra

Thank you to everyone who attended our instrument rental night at Ken Caryl Middle School on Tuesday evening August 28. Many students left with instruments that they will be using to experience the next step in their music education!

It’s not too late to join instrumental music! There are still spots available in our instrumental ensembles, and school instruments are available on clarinet, flute, trombone, trumpet, and tuba. Please contact me at eric.whaylen@jeffco.k12.co.us if your student is interested, and I will get you the necessary information.

Important Dates:

**September 4** (Tuesday) – Our first instrumental music rehearsal at Columbine Hills Elementary.

**September 11** (Tuesday) – Fundraising night at Chili’s! All day mention Columbine area instrumental music and 15% of your bill will go to fund the music department.

**November 13** – Fall Concert @ Columbine HS

**January 22** – Area Music Festival @ Columbine HS

**May 9** – Spring Concert @ Columbine HS
Watch D.O.G.S

Our Watch D.O.G.S kick off was a huge success! On December 7th, CHE held the kickoff for this national program which is part 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.

We thank everyone who attended our kickoff and look forward to seeing all of the WatchDogs this year at school. If you would like to hear more about the program, please contact the main office. The Watchdog signup has been added to our school website!
From PTA

PTA would like to thank everyone that joined us at the Back to School BBQ. It was fun connecting with new and returning families. We would like to thank the businesses that donated to our event: King Soopers, Sam’s Club, Target and Columbine Liquors. In addition, a special thank you to Mike and Stella Mendinghall and the Kiwanis Club of Columbine for helping to serve the food.

Science Fair is right around the corner! The Science Fair Logo contest will be at the end of the month. Watch Monday Folders for more details!

The PTA runs one major fundraiser each year to fund many academic opportunities and fun community events. This year we will be doing the traditional catalog sale along with a donation drive. We will be kicking off our fundraiser this year on September 10th and forms will be due September 24th. If you would rather make a donation instead of purchasing items, you are welcome to do that as well. The CHE PTA receives 100% of the donation, and your child is still eligible to earn prizes for every $10 that is donated. See the packet going home on September 10th for more details.
**CHE PTA Fundraising Report**

**2017-2018**

- **Fall Fundraiser:** $8,571.00
- **Cookies with Santa & Silent Auction:** $2,314.30
- **Box Tops For Education:** $1,646.50
- **Donations:** $579.00
- **Spring Fling:** $441.03

- **Yearbook:** $125.30
- **King Soopers Cards:** $287.25
- **Spirit Gear:** $251.00
- **Canvas & Kids:** $236.83
- **Passive Fundraising (Amazon Smiles, Benefit Gift Cards):** $30.00

**Total Raised $14,482.21**

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**Student Support and Enrichment:** Licensing fees, CMAS snacks, classroom resources (ex: Chromebook headphones, reading intervention, science kits, whiteboards, book bins, 2-way radio etc.), classroom supplies, Monday folders, Science Fair, Race to Read, Reflections art contest, spelling bee

**Safety & Security:** Raptor security system and Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students)

**Community:** Canvas & Kids, Cookies with Santa, movie nights, school directory, yearbook, back to school BBQ, Spring Fling, talent show

**Hospitality:** Kindergarten graduation, 6th graduation continuation, PARCC snacks, Veterans Day, field day refreshments, staff appreciation, parent teacher conference meals

**Operating Costs:** Fees, insurance, etc.

**Assemblies and Programs:** Visiting author Justin Matott
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Students will be on a 3 day rotation. Please note that each ROTATION consists of THREE consecutive school days.

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Rotation 2: September 4, 5, 6, 17, 18, 19, 28
Rotation 3: September 7, 10, 11, 20, 21, 24
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**Monday's Specials:**
- Homestyle Mac & Cheese (36g Carbs)
- Dinner Roll (27g Carbs)
- Variety of Fruit and Vegetables Offered Daily
- Skim Milk (13g Carbs) or 1% Milk (13g Carbs) or Chocolate Skim Milk (20g Carbs)

**Tuesday's Specials:**
- French Toast Sticks (52g Carbs)
- Crispy Chicken Sandwich (46g Carbs)
- Variety of Fruit and Vegetables Offered Daily
- Skim Milk (13g Carbs) or 1% Milk (13g Carbs) or Chocolate Skim Milk (20g Carbs)

**Wednesday's Specials:**
- Rosemary Chicken (35g Carbs)
- Pickle and Meatball Sub (28g Carbs)
- Variety of Fruit and Vegetables Offered Daily
- Skim Milk (13g Carbs) or 1% Milk (13g Carbs) or Chocolate Skim Milk (20g Carbs)

**Thursday's Specials:**
- Hawaiian Pork Tenderloin (40g Carbs)
- Mexican Quesadilla (48g Carbs)
- Variety of Fruit and Vegetables Offered Daily
- Skim Milk (13g Carbs) or 1% Milk (13g Carbs) or Chocolate Skim Milk (20g Carbs)

**Friday's Specials:**
- Baked Chicken (35g Carbs)
- Tuna Salad (34g Carbs)
- Variety of Fruit and Vegetables Offered Daily
- Skim Milk (13g Carbs) or 1% Milk (13g Carbs) or Chocolate Skim Milk (20g Carbs)

Pizza Varieties: Alpha Cheese Pizza (47g Carbs), Alpha Pepperoni Pizza (47g Carbs), Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza (25g Carbs), Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza (25g Carbs), Domino's Cheese Pizza (25g Carbs), Domino's Pepperoni Pizza (25g Carbs), Pizza Hut Cheese Pizza (25g Carbs), Pizza Hut Pepperoni Pizza (25g Carbs)

Fruit Varieties: Applesauce (49g Carbs), Ripe (65g Carbs), Spiced Applesauce (65g Carbs), Bronco Fruit (15g Carbs), Red and Blue Berries (90g Carbs), Blueberries (14g Carbs), Blueberries and Pineapple (16g Carbs), Blueberries with Whip Topping (10g Carbs), Zita's Peach cup (49g Carbs), Zita's Sour Apple (22g Carbs), Zita's Strawberry (13g Carbs), Zita's Watermelon (44g Carbs), Apple (46g Carbs), Banana (21g Carbs), Grapes (43g Carbs), Kiwi (13g Carbs), Mandarin Oranges (15g Carbs), Mixed Fruit (15g Carbs), Orange (15g Carbs), Sliced Peaches (22g Carbs), Sliced Pears (22g Carbs), Sliced Peaches (18g Carbs), Cantaloupe (10g Carbs), Clementine (13g Carbs)

Vegetable Varieties: Green Beans (3g Carbs), Peas (cold) (19g Carbs), Peas (hot) (12g Carbs), French Fries (29g Carbs), Baby Carrots (8g Carbs), Celery Sticks (6g Carbs), Taco Toppings (7g Carbs), Sandwich Toppings (7g Carbs), Corn (17g Carbs), Broccoli steamed (3g Carbs), Mashed Potatoes (45g Carbs), Refried Beans (29g Carbs), Baked Beans (29g Carbs)

A La Carte Offerings: Annie's Organic Bunny Grams (24g Carbs), Baked Fresh Carnival Cookie (27g Carbs), Baked Fresh Chocolate Chip Cookie (27g Carbs), Red Velvet Cookie (28g Carbs), Triple Chocolate Filled Cookie (33g Carbs), Beef Jerky Original (6g Carbs), Beef Jerky Teriyaki (6g Carbs), Chees Its (4g Carbs), Chees Mix Hot & Spicy (9g Carbs), Double Chocolate Oatmeal Bar (24g Carbs), Goldfish (14g Carbs), Nature Valley Oats 'N Honey Bar (15g Carbs), Pirate's Booty (14g Carbs), Rice Krispie Treat (20g Carbs), Smartfood White Cheddar Popcorn (19g Carbs), Mott's Mixed Berry Fruit Snacks (38g Carbs), Fruit Rollup (21g Carbs), Orange (15g Carbs), Sliced Peaches (22g Carbs), Sliced Pears (22g Carbs), Sliced Pears (18g Carbs), Chocolate Sundae Crunch Bar (25g Carbs), FroYoChoco Strawberry (32g Carbs), FroYo Cake Batter (33g Carbs), FroYo Chocolate (33g Carbs), FroYo Salted Carmel Corn (33g Carbs), FroYo Very Strawberry (33g Carbs)

Condiments: Daily availability of condiments varies

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Mark your calendars for our annual **Open House held Saturday, September 15th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Windy Peak and Mount Evans Outdoor Lab Schools will open their doors for you and your family to see first-hand what students experience during their week-long educational adventure. Ease your nerves about the upcoming experience and get excited for what’s to come. Have you already attended Outdoor Lab? This is a great opportunity for you to take a walk down memory lane! Don't miss your chance to check out the historic and beautiful mountain sites that make Outdoor Lab a truly life-changing experience.

Questions about which site your student will be attending? Check this year’s school schedule for all the details that will also include deadlines on ordering Spirit Wear gear. We're excited announce that Outdoor Lab gear will also be available for purchase during Open House, cash and checks are preferred (credit card available). Last but not least, don't forget to bring your appetite for a delicious BBQ lunch at either site for only $5 (all proceeds support the Outdoor Lab program).

Interested in learning more about Outdoor Lab? Simply click the video on the left side of your screen to get a glimpse of the wonderful impact Outdoor Lab has on all involved.

**Directions:**

**Mount Evans Outdoor Lab School**  
201 Evans Ranch Road, Evergreen, CO 80437

Mount Evans is located outside of Evergreen, 35 minutes from Denver West. Please plan additional time for parking.

**Windy Peak Outdoor Lab School**  
20973 Wellington Lake Road, Bailey, CO 80421

Windy Peak is located 9 miles outside of Bailey, Colorado. You will be driving on a dirt road for most of that 9 miles. There is signage pointing towards the Outdoor Lab school.
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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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

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