Message From the Principal

Dear Columbine Hills Families,

As we wrap up 2018, 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. Thank you all for your continued support of our staff.

I want 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.

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

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We hope you will join us for our annual holiday sing-along on Friday, December 21st at 1:45pm in the gym. This is a fun way to celebrate the holiday season and wrap up the first half of the school year.

We wish 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 2019!

Sincerely,

Christa Wilson
Principal
“Aiming for Success, Believing...Together We Can!”
Columbine Hills LEGO League Afterschool Club

This year Columbine Hills started a FIRST LEGO League Jr. Club after school for 2nd and 3rd grade students. This club is made possible by the support and organization of parents and volunteers from the community. LEGO League Jr. is a powerful program that engages children in playful and meaningful learning while helping them discover the fun in science and technology through the FIRST LEGO League Jr. Experience. This year’s challenge is called Mission Moon. These students will be presenting what they learned in December at the LEGO League Expo!

Columbine Hills Giving Tree

Every year we like to help our CHE families in need by providing gift cards. The tree will be located in the office and if you would like to help, please select an ornament on the tree with a specific gift card (we usually have 25.00 selections to Walmart, Target, King Soopers and Kohl’s). Return the ornament to the office with the gift card by December 14th. Thank you!
Heartland Hero Essay Contest

Columbine Hills 5th grade students participated in the Heartland Hero Essay contest sponsored by The Captain Jason Dahl Foundation. Many area schools participate in the hero essay writing project known as the Heartland Hero essay contest. Our students learned about some of the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001 and about Captain Jason Dahl. He was a Ken Caryl resident who piloted the United Airlines flight 93 that crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after his aircraft was high-jacked by terrorists. His late wife, Sandra Dahl, wanted to honor him and inspire others, so she began the Heartland Hero essay project. Our 5th grade students wrote essays about a personal hero who made a positive difference in their lives.

Congratulations to these amazing writers! Thank you for sharing about the heros in your life who have had a significant impact on you. Columbine Hills would also like to thank all of the sponors of this project: Jason Dahl Foundation, Texas Road House, The Colorado Credit Union and Chick-Fil-A!

The Columbine Hills Essay Winners were:
1st Place: Tuli Smith
2nd Place: Thomas Reid
3rd Place: Will Rout
Columbine Hills Run Club!

Thank you to Ms. McIntyre, Mr. Capansky, Ms. Kirkland, Mrs. Buckland and Mrs. Blackwell for sponsoring the CHE Run Club this fall. Students participating in run club stayed after school once 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 3rd. This was a fun activity and could not have taken place without all of our teacher and parent volunteers! Thank You!
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.

Columbine Hills Elementary 2019-2020 Registration/Kindergarten Information Night

Columbine Hills Elementary will begin Kindergarten and Choice enrollment on January 22, 2018 for the 2019-2020 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 18th and January 9th at 6:30 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.

Thank You Columbine Hills PTA!

Columbine Hills would like to thank our AMAZING PTA! We want to recognize our PTA for all of their continued support at our students, staff, community and school. Below are all of the ways PTA supported our school this first semester! Thank you!

- Back to School Night BBQ
- Movie Nights
- Canvas and Kids
- Family Science Night & the CHE Science Fair
- Reception for the Veterans after our Veterans Assembly
- Cookies and Crafts December Event
- Grants for Education for teachers
BUG Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their homeroom teachers to receive the BUG (Bringing Up Grades) Award for November 2018. 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:
- Charlotte Harris (Ms. Baltazar’s class)
- Layla Damian (Mrs. Blackwell’s class)

Grade 1:
- Lucas Brenkle (Mrs. Ensminger’s class)
- Matiana Hopkins (Ms. Johanson’s class)

Grade 2:
- Lucas Nguyen (Mrs. Bawden’s class)
- Tyler Heit (Mrs. Hart’s class)

Grade 3:
- Kyle Squillace (Mr. Capansky’s class)
- Mckenzie Bauman (Ms. Kirkland’s class)

Grade 4:
- Mandey Almanzan (Mrs. Bettmann’s class)
- Porter Hesman (Mrs. Sarcletti’s class)

Grade 5:
- Daryll Howard (Mrs. Tapsfield’s class)
- Paige Espey (Ms. McIntyre’s class)

Grade 6:
- Mary Anderson (Mrs. Bower’s class)
- Lily Johnson (Mrs. Buckland’s)
Writer of the Month Awards

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

Kindergarten:  Emiliya Nikifarava  
(Ms. Baltazar's class)  
Corey Reid (Mrs. Blackwell's class)

Grade 1:  Natalie Wilcox (Mrs. Ensminger's class)  
Eva Jackson (Ms. Johanson's class)

Grade 2:  Kimmy Robinson (Mrs. Bawden's class)  
James Cummings (Mrs. Hart's class)

Grade 3:  Alayna Kessler (Mr. Capansky's class)  
Rylee Buckland (Ms. Kirkland's class)

Grade 4:  Natalia Stolz (Mrs. Bettmann's class)  
Grace Anderson (Mrs. Sarcletti's class)

Grade 5:  Jackie Herrera (Mrs. Tapsfield's class)  
Matthew Schlanger (Ms. McIntyre's class)

Grade 6:  Eliannah Nguyen (Mrs. Bower's class)  
Lucia Battaglia (Mrs. Bower's class)
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 their hard work are the core and life blood of the Science Fair. Thank you to all 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, Shelly Zeller, Zelda Schnerp, the 5th & 6th Grade teachers, Mica Espey, Holly Harris 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; Exploration Universe, Science Matters, Party Safari and Columbine Preschool!
2018 Science Fair Results

Kindergarten
1st Place- Emma Johanson
2nd Place- Dylan Langren
3rd Place- Charlotte Harris

1st Grade
1st Place- Kate Williams
2nd Place- Abigail Toth
3rd Place- Eva Jackson

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

3rd Grade
1st Place- Riley Woodbury
2nd Place- Russell Norris
3rd Place - Ethan Ellison

4th Grade
1st Place- Garrett Ellis
2nd Place- Zoe Schwartzwalder
3rd Place- Macy Trammell

5th Grade
1st Place- Taylor Norris, Andrew Zeller
2nd Place- Landen Morrill, Marcus Palazewski,
   Audree Harris
3rd Place- Kimberly Brito, Samantha Gant

6th Grade
1st Place- Morgan Synder, Sienna Sommers,
   Bronson LeBron
2nd Place-Alexa Busi, Brianna Howard
3rd Place- Savannah LeRoy, Mycala Smith

Photos from the Science Fair and Family Science Night are located on the CHE PTA Facebook Page.
PTA Grants for Education

The PTA is proud to sponsor Grants for Education at CHE. The purpose of this program is to put a portion of the funds we raise directly into the hands of teachers and staff to provide materials and services designed to further enrich the educational opportunities of our children. Grants are given on a biannual basis for innovative, creative and/or necessary applications. We are pleased to share with you the grants that were approved for the Fall 2018-2019 school year. Be looking for these additions to your child’s classroom.

Mrs. Nguyen and Ms. Primus - Subscription to Social Express; An online resource that teaches foundational skills for social and emotional learning through interactive stories and games.

Mrs. Baltazar - New classroom area rug; Aids in daily classroom management and teaching.

Mrs. Tapsfield & Mrs. McIntyre-Butler - Book tubs; Allows for better classroom organization and access to materials for students.

Mrs. Bower - Steve Spangler Science Kits and Activities; Supports science learning and are used for motivation and team building.

Mrs. Ensminger - Seat Sacks; For math and literacy to help students access materials independently.

Mrs. Hart - Sets of headphones; For student use with Chromebooks.

Mrs. Bettmann & Mrs. Sarcletti - Power point lessons for Colorado History; supports learning.
HEY PARENTS!
DO YOU NEED SOME HOLIDAY HELP?

* 4 TO 8PM *
DEC 9

$20 PER CHILD

GET YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING DONE
CHEER WOULD LOVE TO WATCH YOUR KIDDOS FOR A NIGHT!

dinner included | must be potty trained

ALL PROCEEDS HELP CHEER GO TO NATIONALS

Register at www.holidayshoppingcheer.ezregister.com
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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 5, 6, 7, 18, 19, 20
Rotation 2: December 10, 11, 12, 21
Rotation 3: December 3, 4, 13, 14, 17
WINTERLAND COOKIES & CRAFTS

Sponsored by the CHE PTA
Friday Dec. 7th
5:30 - 7:30 pm
FREE for the entire family!

Visit with & have a professional photograph taken with Santa,
Family Photos by professional photographer*, 10 Giftable
Family Crafts, Cookies, Hot Chocolate, and Silent Auction.
*there is a charge for family photos and photos with Santa

Sign up for Santa & Family Photos will be emailed the week of Nov. 26th

The Silent Auction will offer classroom baskets, projects, one of the kind teacher experiences and other goodies available for bidding. With the funds raised at the Silent Auction we hope to purchase a CLASSROOM LOCKDOWN KITS and FLEXIBLE SEATING for classrooms. The Classroom Lockdown Kits provide safety and sanitary supplies in each classroom in the event of an actual lockdown. Flexible seating gives students an opportunity to use seating that allows them to rock or wobble while doing work and studies show that it helps to keep students more alert and focused.

Donations needed for the Silent Auction please contact Kylie at columbinehillspta@gmail.com.

We need cookies donations and help with the event. To sign up please click on the link below.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094ea9ac2aa13-volunteers1
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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