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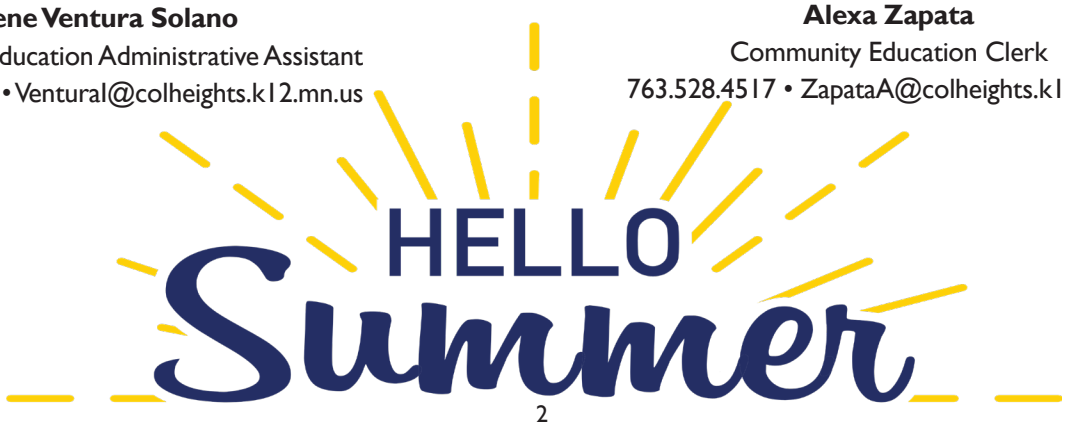

ENROLL NOW in Columbia Heights Public Schools

¡INSCRÍBETE AHORA en las Escuelas Públicas de Columbia Heights!

Columbia Heights Public Schools is a small, diverse school district providing students with the skills, knowledge, tools and support they need to excel both in and out of the classroom. We are committed to providing outstanding educational opportunities, so all learners can develop to their full potential.

Become a Hylander today!

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A Letter from Superintendent Stenvik

Dear Community Members,

Welcome to the Community Connections for Summer 2022! We are pleased to offer so many academic, enrichment and athletic opportunities for students of all ages in our community during the coming summer months. During the 2021-2022 school year, our schools have committed to "Heighten Up", by providing increased academic support for all our students, offering high quality and engaging enrichment, arts and athletic programs, and ensuring that our facilities provide a safe and healthy space for learning. This commitment extends through the summer with programs for our youngest scholars in Early Childhood Family Education, a new Nature-Based Kindergarten Prep program, our popular Summer ENCORE K-12 program and the continuation of Adult Education and Enrichment programs. Complementing all the great academic, arts and environmental programming are many sports and fitness camps for students in grades 4-12. We truly support lifelong learning at CHPS where "All Belong, All Succeed!"

We hope to see you in Blooming Heights School Garden, on the practice fields, classrooms, playgrounds and local parks during this summer of fun and growth for all our Hylanders!

HeightenUp

HYLANDERS HAVE heart

Zena Stenvik
Superintendent
Columbia Heights Public Schools

Participants must register – even for FREE classes – to ensure the instructor can prepare appropriately and minimum enrollment is met.

AdultEnrichment
Columbia Heights Public Schools

SENIORS

Defensive Driving Refresher | 4-hour Class

If you've previously taken a state-approved eight-hour Defensive Driving Course (55+), renew your 10 percent car insurance discount by taking this state-approved four-hour refresher course. Senior Discount already applied. Class is in-person at the CHPS Family Center - Room 100. 1440 49th Ave NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421.

Wednesday	**July 20**	**1:00-5:00 p.m.**	**$30 (1 session)**
Wednesday	**Aug. 24**	**1:00-5:00 p.m.**	**$30 (1 session)**

Defensive Driving | 8-hour Class

If you are 55 or older, save money on your car insurance premiums, and become a better driver! Senior Discount already applied.

Wed. & Thurs.	**July 13-14**	**5:30-9:30 p.m.**	**$30 (2 sessions on Zoom)**
Tues. & Wed.	**Aug. 30-31**	**9 a.m.-1 p.m.**	**$30 (2 sessions on Zoom)**

WELLNESS

Yoga

Come explore this ancient exercise system that strengthens the body while calming and focusing the mind. You will need a yoga mat and comfortable clothes. Classes take place in the North Park School for Innovation lunchroom or on Zoom.

Tuesdays	**June 7, 14, 21, 28**	**5:30-6:30 p.m.**	**$36 (4 sessions)**
Tuesdays	**July 5, 12, 19, 26**	**5:30-6:30 p.m.**	**$36 (4 sessions)**
Tuesdays	**Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**	**5:30-6:30 p.m.**	**$45 (5 sessions)**

Forest Bathing (Forest Emersion Walk) | Silverwood Park, St. Anthony

Join us on an immersive, meditative and awe-inspiring Japanese forest bathing experience (Shinrin Yoku). Feel nature's fractals, sounds and sensations melt away your stress and anxiety and enhance your focus. Give yourself permission to slow down and connect your senses to the healing beauty of our metro area's green forested spaces.

Thursday	**June 22**	**7:00-9:00 p.m.**	**$35 (1 session)**

SPECIAL INTEREST

Home Buying Seminar | Nicole Hayden & Sandra Dezell

How to be successful in today's market! All your home buying questions answered - plus the answers you didn't know you needed.

Tuesday	**June 7**	**6:00-7:00 p.m.**	**Free (1 session on Zoom)**
Saturday	**June 11**	**10:30-11:30 a.m.**	**Free (1 session on Zoom)**
Tuesday	**July 19**	**6:00-7:00 p.m.**	**Free (1 session on Zoom)**
Saturday	**June 23**	**10:30-11:30 a.m.**	**Free (1 session on Zoom)**

Home Selling Seminar | Nicole Hayden

Determining what is most important for you! "Packing and staging and marketing, Oh My!" We will cover each step so you walk away feeling confident and prepared.

Wednesday	**June 1**	**6:00-7:00 p.m.**	**Free (1 session on Zoom)**
Saturday	**June 4**	**10:30-11:30 a.m.**	**Free (1 session on Zoom)**
Wednesday	**Aug. 3**	**10:30-11:30 a.m.**	**Free (1 session on Zoom)**
Saturday	**Aug. 6**	**6:00-7:00 p.m.**	**Free (1 session on Zoom)**

EQUITY

The Story of a Personal Attack | "We See You, Jew"

Dr. Ellen Kennedy received an anonymous and threatening message one morning with the subject line "We See You, Jew." Dr. Kennedy, who is Jewish, will discuss the alarming spike in antisemitism, homophobia and racism locally and globally; her response to the attack; and how we all can stand up against hate and xenophobia in our communities, our state and in our nation.

Monday **June 6** **6:30-8:00 p.m.** **$13 (1 session on Zoom)**

Violence Against Women | Dr. Ellen Kennedy

Learn the grim statistics for women, understand the cases and become a partner for change. Join us to hear from Dr. Ellen Kennedy, executive director of World Without Genocide and adjunct professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law.

Wednesday **June 8** **6:30-8:00 p.m.** **$13 (1 session on Zoom)**

TEACH A CLASS

Do you have knowledge, ideas or passions you'd like to share with others? **Consider teaching a Community Education class!**

For more information, visit colheights.k12.mn.us/AdultEnrichment or contact Adult Enrichment/Senior Program Manager Melissa King at 763.528.4591 or KingM@colheights.k12.mn.us.

Metro North Adult Basic Education

FREE *classes for adults!* *Day and evening class times available.*

Reading, Writing, Math, GED Preparation

Monday-Thursday **9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**

English as a Second (or other) Language (ESL) | Levels 1-3

Monday-Friday **9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**
Tuesday-Thursday **6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Advanced ESL

Monday-Friday **9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**
Tuesday-Thursday **6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Adult Education Center – Columbia Heights/Fridley

4111 Central Ave. NE, Suite 100
Columbia Heights, MN

How to Register

To register for classes, call 763.706.3833 or complete the online interest form available at metronorthabe.org and someone will contact you.

Class times may vary. ***Classes are ONLINE!***

BloomingHeights
Edible Schoolyard & Outdoor Classroom
Columbia Heights Public Schools

CHPS is one of Minnesota's only school districts with an outdoor classroom and living laboratory used by educators and students. Blooming Heights is a great place to learn hands-on gardening skills, and to use math, science, literacy, art and nutrition.

Learn more at colheights.k12.mn.us/BloomingHeights.

Contact Wes Nugteren for more information | NugtereW@colheights.k12.mn.us

Little Free Library | Seeds and Books

Come visit Blooming Heights to get a book or some garden seeds at our Free Little Library this summer!

FREE Produce Market

3:30-5:30 p.m. in Blooming Heights

July 20 • July 27 • Aug. 3 • Aug. 10

Come get fresh produce grown right in Blooming Heights!

Blooming Heights is located behind the District Office, between CHHS and the Family Center.

Youth Camps

Improve your skills, get conditioned and build bonds with your team. Students eligible for Educational Benefits (including Free and Reduced Price Lunch) will receive up to half off the posted price for youth sports camps.

*Swim & Dive will take place in Fridley the summer of 2022 because the CHPS swimming pool will be closed due to construction.

Swim & Dive | Grades 7-12

Mon-Thurs	**June 13-July 28** *off July 4-7*	**4:00-6:00 p.m.**	**$95**	**Fridley Middle School Pool***

Strength Training | Grades 7-12

M/T/Th/F	**June 13-Aug. 5** *off July 4-8*	**8-9:30 a.m.** **or 9:30-11 a.m.**	**FREE**	**Hylander Center**

Girls Basketball | Grades 6-12

Mon/Wed	**June 13-July 27** *off July 4,6*	**4:00-6:00 p.m.**	**$30**	**Hylander Center**

CA Football | Grades 6-8

Tues-Thurs	**June 14-16**	**12:00-2:00 p.m.**	**$12.50**	**CHHS Practice Field**
Tues/Thurs	**July 26, 28**			

Boys Basketball | Grades 6-12

Tues/Thurs	**June 14-July 28** *off July 5, 7*	**4:00-6:00 p.m.**	**$30**	**Hylander Center**

Football | Grades 9-12

Tues-Thurs	**June 14-16**	**12:00-2:00 p.m.**	**$17.50**	**CHHS Practice Field**
Thurs	**June 23, July 21, 28**			
Tues	**July 26**			

Passing League (included in football program)

Wed	**June 29, July 13, 20, 27**	**5:00-7:00 p.m.**		**TBD**

Dance | Grades 7-12

T/W/Th	**June 28-30**	**9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**	**$15**	**CHHS Dance Studio**

Volleyball | Grades 6-12

Mon/Wed	**June 13-July 27** *off July 4, 6*	**12-2 p.m.**	**$30**	**Hylander Center**

Soccer | Grades 6-12

Mon-Fri	**June 13-July 29** *off July 4-8*	**4:00-6:00 p.m.**	**$75**	**CHHS Practice Field**

Lacrosse | Grades 7-12

Mon/Wed	**June 13-July 27** *off July 4, 6*	**4:00-6:00 p.m.**	**$30**	**CHHS Practice Field**

Robotics | Grades 6-12

Mon-Thus	**June 13-16**	**8:00-11:00 a.m.**	**$17.50**	**CA Room 217**
Mon-Wed	**June 20-22**			**CA Room 125**
Mon-Thurs	**June 27-30**			**CA Room 125**

FOR CLASS UPDATES or TO REGISTER
colheights.k12.mn.us/Page/4773

Columbia Heights Public Schools Presents:

- Saturday, April 23 - 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 24 - 2:00 p.m. | Hylander Family Day
- Thursday, April 28 - 7:00 p.m. | CHHS Student Night
- Friday, April 29 - 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 30 - 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 1 - 2:00 p.m.

"A Little Magic Goes a Long Way"

All performances will take place in the Columbia Heights High School's Performing Arts Center (PAC). Information about tickets, CHHS Student Night and Hylander Family Day will be provided on the CHPS website.

Inner City Tennis | Tennis Lessons

Six weeks of tennis and fun! Join all six weeks or pick and choose weeks that work.
Youth ages 6-17. No experience necessary!

Location: CHHS Tennis Courts
Dates: June 13-July 29 (Mon-Fri)
Times: 10:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 6-10
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for ages 11-17

No cost to attend! Just Register!
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Summer Sampler | Entering Grades 4-6

An introduction to the sport: fundamentals, skills, and fun games with Hylander Coaches and student athletes. The Summer Sampler will give students entering grades 4-6 an opportunity to sample sports offered at the secondary level. Participants will spend four days each sampling soccer, football, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball.

Register online at colheights.k12.mn.us/Page/4773

Mon-Thurs	**5-6:30 p.m.**	**FREE**
Basketball	**June 13-16**	**Hylander Center**
Baseball	**June 20-23**	**CHHS Baseball Field**
Soccer	**June 27-30**	**CHHS Stadium Field**
Volleyball	**July 11-14**	**Hylander Center**
Football	**July 18-21**	**CHHS Stadium Field**
Softball	**July 25-28**	**CHHS Softball Field at Ramsdell Park**

Youth Offerings

Driver's Education

Students will receive a total of 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. The classroom portion consists of ten, three-hour classes and the behind-the-wheel portion is three, two-hour private lessons. Pre-registration is required with a $215 down payment payable to CH Community Education. Classes offered through Safeway Driving School. The additional $140 is payable to the instructor.
For more information, contact Safeway at 651.351.9150 or visit safewaydrivingschool.com.

Parents/guardians will be required to complete Safeway's Account Verification. Safeway will send out an email before class begins that gives detailed information about how to login to the student's Safeway account to verify and complete contact information and to review and acknowledge our Service Agreement.

Monday - Friday	**June 13-24**	**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**	**Family Center Training Room**

The following MUST be provided during registration:

- Student full legal name (first, middle and last)
- Student date of birth
- Home Address
- Student email address
- Parent email addresses
- Parent phone numbers

ENCORE
21st-Century Community Learning Center

ENCORE offers extended learning opportunities focused on technology, arts, environmental studies, health/fitness and academic support. All class offerings are designed to provide students with the skills they will use to be successful in college and careers.

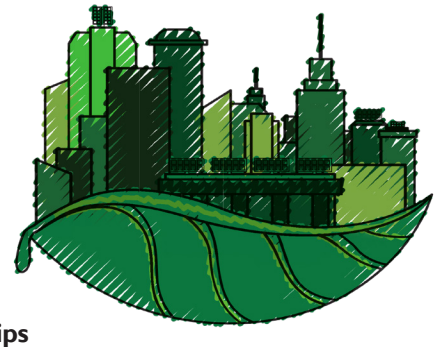
Columbia Heights Public Schools Summer ENCORE program will offer a free summer program and is available to students who are enrolled in CHPS for the fall of 2022. Transportation will be available for students who were eligible to receive transportation during the 2021-2022 school year. *Registration will be sent out in April. You can also visit https://www.colheights.k12.mn.us/Page/4769*

Monday - Friday	**July 11-29**	**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**	**Kindergarten*-5th grade - North Park School for Innovation** **6th-9th grade - Columbia Academy**

*Take a look at page 13 for more opportunities for your incoming kindergartener

ENCORE Environmental Camp | Students Entering Grades 2-5

Join this fun field-trip focused program led by CHPS teachers. Activites will include: environmental learning, outdoor fun and community building games. There is no cost for CHPS students for any of these activities or transportation. Buses will pick up students at home each morning before Environmental Camp and will transport them to North Park School for Innovation (NPSfI). Buses will then take students to the field trips activities. Due to the nature of this program, all park and school guidelines must be followed to remain in the program. Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack will be provided.



Monday - Friday	**Aug. 1-5**	**8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**	**NPSfI and Outdoor Field Trips**

ENCORE Aquatics will return the fall of 2022 after CHHS pool renovations.

Activities & Athletics Recap

Follow along with Hylander Activities and Athletics @hylanderactivities on Instagram

Monthly Highlights Provided by the CHPS Activities Department

August-
Hired CHHS alum for our Fall Coaching Season:
- Dontae Hayley '17- Football
- Tenzin Dorjee '17- Robotics
- Jonathan Heras '11 - Soccer

Added Athletics for 6th graders this school year, including football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, softball, baseball and track & field

September-
Introduced Hylander Family Nights as an opportunity for our Early Childhood, Elementary and CA families to be involved in CHHS Athletics
Adapted Soccer returned after a canceled year because of Covid-19 safety issues

October-
Held outdoor pep fests at all 5 district schools for CHHS Homecoming
Boys Soccer and Girls Volleyball hosted 1st round Sections games and won
Had over 3000 fans attend Fall Sports competitions

November-
CHHS Fall Play production of "Clue: On Stage". The show was evaluated by Spotlight Education and received the following awards:
Outstanding Honors for:
- Light & Sound Crew, Technical Leadership for Aldo Cardoso Hilguera and Renee DeMars Dehn

Honorable Mention Honors for:
- Overall Production, Acting Performance, Run Crew, Overall Technical Team, Leading Role to DeDe Reynolds

Football Team won 2nd place in Section 4AAAA
Hired CHHS alum for our Winter Coaching Season:
- Pashia Scott '17- Girls Basketball
- Troy Scott '15- Boys Basketball
- Patrick Baumgardner '17- Wrestling

December-
CA Musical production of "Willy Wonka Jr."
Spencer Alvarez signed his letter of intent to play football for the University of Minnesota
Introduced SuperFans, a group of Juniors and Seniors dedicated to enhancing school spirit at CHHS events

January-
CHHS One Act production of "The Swimmer" advanced to Section 4AA Finals
Robotics completed a successful season- 5 teams practiced for 5 months and competed in 5 meets

February-
CHHS introduced AAA Award Winners Kaylie Aquino and Drake Pham
Boys Basketball completed their regular season as the Tri Metro Conference Champions with a 21-0 record

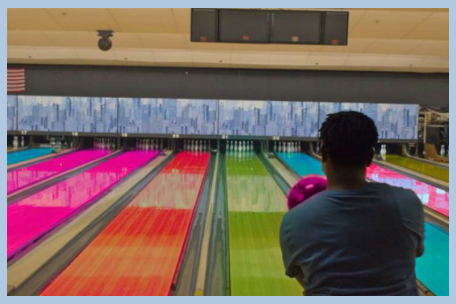
March-
Hired CHHS alum for our Spring Coaching Season:
- Nicole Kirscher '19 - Lacrosse
- Josh Olayiwola '12 - Track

Senior Zach Severson advanced to 2022 MSHSL Boys A Swim Championships in the 200-yard Freestyle
Senior Jon Heveron advanced to 2022 MSHSL Class AA Wrestling Championship
Pool records broken in the 200 Free, 200 IM, 100 Free and 100 Fly
Boys Basketball Team won 2nd place in Section 4AAA
Terrence Brown named "Tri Metro Boys Basketball Player of the Year"
Had over 3500 fans attend Winter Sports competitions
Coach Willie Braziel named "Class AAA Coach of the Year"

April-
CHHS Musical production of "Matilda" opens (details on page 7)

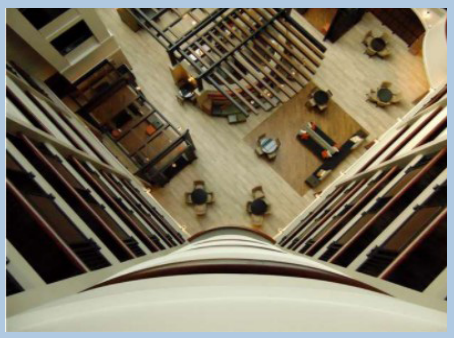
MSAA Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards

Fifteen Columbia Heights High School (CHHS) art students earned a total of 20 Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention awards at the 2022 Minnesota Scholastic Arts Awards (MSAA) – a competition organized by Art Educators of Minnesota. The art students received five Gold Key awards, eight Silver Key awards and eight Honorable Mentions.



Senior Simon Graves earned three awards, including a Gold Key (Editorial Cartoon category), and two Silver Keys (Editorial Cartoon and Art Portfolio categories). Senior Amara Thompson also earned a Gold Key (Poetry), along with Junior Daelen White (Photography), Sophomore Niomi Dillard (Photography) and Freshman Brittany Pekarek (Photography). Their artwork advances to the National Scholastic Art Awards competition in New York City, which will take place later this year.

In addition to Graves, Seniors Hoang Phong (Photography) and Eli Zhagnay (Drawing & Illustration), Juniors Alex Druley (Digital Illustration) and Wilson Apuparo Martinez (Photography), Sophomore Rosy Estrada (Photography) and Freshman Trista Kimmerling (Photography) earned Silver Key Awards.



Seven students were selected for Honorable Mentions. Class of 2022 recipients are Amina Jama (Personal Essay & Memoir), Connor Nelson (Photography), Phong (Photography) and Thompson (Painting). Juniors Druley (Digital Art x2) and Rae Lawrence (Journalism) received three Honorable Mentions between the two of them, and Sophomore Thantruc Mai received an Honorable Mention for Digital Art. The Minnesota Scholastic Art Awards was established in 1923 and is the longest-running program of its kind in the nation. All student award honorees were recognized at the 2022 MSAA ceremony, on Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Weisman Art Museum at the University of Minnesota.

Photos (top to bottom): Simon Graves' image titled "The Many Faces of Confinement", Daelen White's image titled "Color Bowling", Niomi Dillard's image titled "Look Away Kiss", Brittany Pekarek's image titled "Far Away"

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of students and help support our schools?

Come join us as a volunteer!

Please contact Melissa for more information | KingM@colheights.k12.mn.us or 763.528.4591

Columbia Heights High School Names District Triple 'A' Award Winners

Columbia Heights High School (CHHS) seniors Kaylie Aquino and Drake Pham are this year's Academics, Arts and Athletics Award (Triple 'A') students. Each year, high school seniors are selected for their participation in Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) sponsored arts and athletics while maintaining high academic standing. They are eligible to receive a $1,000 scholarship and were honored at the Triple 'A' on-court ceremony at the MSHSL Boys' State Basketball Tournament that happened in March. CHHS students Aquino and Pham did not move on to the regional level to attend this ceremony, but have received their certificates for the Triple 'A' Award for the Columbia Heights Public School District.

To be eligible for the Triple 'A' Award nomination, a student must be a high school senior, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, participate in at least one MSHSL-sponsored athletic program and one arts/activity program, comply with the MSHSL's Student Code of Conduct, complete the application form and submit it to the administrative region secretary by the deadline date specified by the region committee.

Aquino has participated in Band and Choir (Superior Rating) throughout high school and Tennis (Captain) while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Pham has participated in Band (Superior Rating, All-Conference), Basketball, Track & Field (All-Conference Honorable Mention) and Key Club while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. CHPS is proud to have these leaders as a part of our school system and we are very excited to see what these two students do in the future.

For more information about the Triple 'A' Award, visit the MSHSL website.

CHPS Art Student's Art Displayed in MN Senate Building

At Columbia Heights Public Schools (CHPS) there is no shortage of artistic and creative students. From the elementary schools to the high school, many students have succeeded in art contests throughout the school year, representing the most creative and colorful department at CHPS. One North Park School for Innovation (NPSfI) student recently gained recognition for her art once again.

Caitlin Carruthers, a 5th grader at NPSfI, had her art piece selected by Senator Kunesh to be displayed in the Senate Office Building. Carruthers submitted her art into the "My District, My Minnesota" Art Gallery. Her painting of the Central Avenue Bridge caught the Senator's eye as she recognized the bridge right away. She said she "is drawn to the abstract nature of the art" and "loves its connection to our vibrant city." Earlier this school year, Carruthers also received first place in the Elementary 2022 Youth Art Flag Month Design Contest.

Because of her art being selected, Carruthers was invited to tour the State Capitol and Senate buildings on Saturday, March 12, along with her mother and her NPSfI teacher, Ariane Kokes. Senator Kunesh gave the tour and talked about some of the interesting art history of the building, recognition of Indigenous History and hidden details someone might not notice at first glance. Senator Kunesh also showed the guests her office and personal art collection, some of which is from artists from right here in District 41.

"The experience at the capitol was amazing! The architecture was really cool and the tour was so interesting. It is hard to put into words what it was like there, it is just so unique and different. A lot of people don't get to experience something like this and I am so glad I go to. I felt really nervous and out of place in such a cool building, but had a lot of fun."

– Caitlin Carruthers, 5th grader at NPSfI.

Hylanders Making Headlines

CHHS Hylanders Boys Basketball Players on KSTP - Channel 5

KSTP-TV came to CHHS on February 10, 2022 to speak with two of the Hylander Boys Basketball Captains, Terrence Brown and Mujahiid Burton, about their undefeated regular season and their hopes for the rest of the season. The story aired on March 16th, on the eve of the 4AAA Section Championship Game vs. Totino Grace.

WCCO Visits Valley View Classrooms for Valentine's Day

WCCO-TV | CBS Minnesota visited Valley View Elementary on February 14, 2022 to speak with some of our students about their "Good Question" segment. Reporter Susan-Elizabeth Littlefield and Photojournalist Jose Pascual spent the day asking our students "What is Love?"

To keep up on fun things happening at Columbia Heights Public Schools, like when the media visits or just fun activities around the district in classrooms, make sure to follow the official Columbia Heights Public Schools Instagram @chpsisd13 or search us on Facebook for frequent postings!

CHHS Key Club Wins Several Awards at DCON 2022

The CHHS Key Club went to DCON 2022 (District Convention) in mid-March and took home many awards for their service, fundraisers, art and talent.

Team Awards:

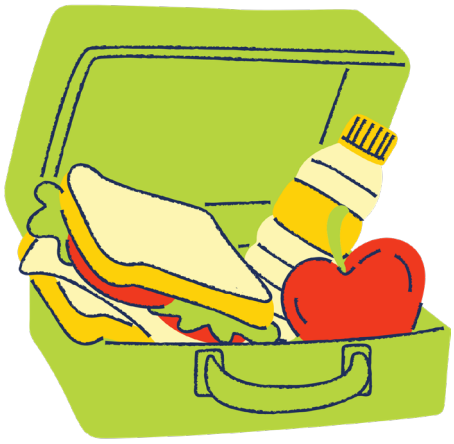
- Distinguished Club Diamond Level
- 1st Place Platinum Division Achievement Award

These two awards are based on charitable activities, fundraisers and service hours that club members performed during the past year.

Member Awards and Second Place Awards:

- Aldo Cardoso Hilguera - Distinguished Club President
- Simon Graves - Distinguished Club Treasurer
- Amara Thompson - First place talent show & oratory contest winner
- Yuliza Cordova - Second place talent show contest winner
- Kiara Amezcua - First Place Monthly Reports award
- Second Place Non-Traditional Scrapbook Award
- Second Place Club Newsletter Award

Columbia Heights Public Schools Offers Summer Meal Program



Columbia Heights Public Schools (CHPS) is excited to announce its participation in the USDA summer food programs. The USDA announced in early March 2021 they would extend their summer food programs to allow all children to continue to receive FREE nutritious meals this summer when schools are out of session. The district will have specific summer food sites that will be posted on our website and sent home to every family in the digital newsletter.

Columbia Heights Public Schools will begin serving meals at designted summer sites June 13. Summer meal service is available to all children age 18 and younger and persons over age 18 with mental or physical disabilities without charge. Meals will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis during specific serving times each day.

For more information and to find a food site near you, visit colheights.k12.mn.us/FoodServices.

Child Care

Summer Adventure Club | Kindergarten-Grade 5 (Entering Fall 2022)

Adventure Club programming facilitates a variety of activities to promote learning beyond the classroom including arts & crafts, swimming, dramatic play, time in the Blooming Heights Edible Schoolyard & Outdoor Classroom and more! Adventure Club also has a Reading Corps member to help students with literacy development throughout the summer.

Hours, Dates & Location
6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays, June 13-Aug. 26 at North Park School for Innovation.

Fees
$46 per day (includes meals and activities)
+ $25 registration fee (only for families not enrolled during the 2021-2022 school year)
**Fee assistance may be available through Anoka, Ramsey or Hennepin County Child Care Assistance Programs. Contact your county for details.*

Learn More
For more information including fees or to register visit colheights.k12.mn.us/ACregister or call 763.528.4517.

Mini Adventures | 36 Months-5 Years Old

Mini Adventures is a four-star Parent Aware child care program for children 36 months to 5 years old. In Mini Adventures, your child will participate in a variety of activities including mathematics, guided group time, literacy, dramatic play, music, games, outdoor play, arts & crafts, movement and more! Early Childhood Screening is required for all participants. Independent toileting is required for children before participating.

Hours, Dates, Location & Fees
6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, year-round at the Family Center.

Weekly Program Fees* Per Child	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days	2 Days	1 Day
	$296	$250	$197	$139	$71

**Breakfast, lunch, and snack included in weekly fee. We accept County Child Care Assistance and Pathways I scholarships. Pathways II scholarships may be available for those who qualify.*

Learn More
For more information, visit colheights.k12.mn.us/Mini or call 763.528.4517. Space is limited.

EarlyChildhood
Columbia Heights Public Schools
PreK 3 • ECFE • Early Childhood Screening • Home Visits

Early Childhood

Register now for the 2022-2023 school year. For more information, visit colheights.k12.mn.us/EC.

ECFE

Nature Fun Outdoor Class | 1-5 years*

Learn about nature and explore different activities including planting seeds, pollinators, berries, vegetables, worms, insects, examine the growing process and more! Parents will separate for half of the class for discussion about ways to support and engage their child in outdoor/nature activities. Classes offered in partnership with Blooming Heights Edible Schoolyard & Outdoor Classroom. Options to participate in full or month-long sessions. Located at the CHPS Family Center.

children under the age of 12 months stay with their parents the entire class time.

June session:	**Wednesdays**	**June 15-June 29**	**10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.**	**$15 per child**
July Session:	**Wednesdays**	**July 13-July 27**	**10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.**	**$15 per child**
Full Session:	**Wednesdays**	**June 15-July 27***	**9:00-10:15 a.m.**	**$30 per child**

does not meet July 6

Park/Playground Meet Ups | Birth to 5 Years

Come play! You're invited to an informal playtime to meet and connect with other families and their children. Our parent educator, Lauren Mitchell, will be facilitating the meet up and answering parenting questions. No registration necessary.
*Any cancellations will be posted on our Early Childhood web page. *www.colheights.k12.mn.us*

Tuesdays:	**June 21**	**4:30-5:30 p.m.**	**Huset Park**
	June 28	**9:30-10:30 a.m.**	**Huset Park**
	July 12	**4:30-5:30 p.m.**	**Ramsdell Park**
	July 19	**9:30-10:30 a.m.**	**Ramsdell Park**

Nature-Based Preschool | Birthdates Sept. 2, 2017-Jan. 15, 2019

Your child will discover different types of seeds, pollinators, insects, examine the growing process and more! Daily activities include a nature walk, free exploration, a Blooming Heights activity, story, snack and journaling. Classes will take place rain or shine and children will be expected to have the appropriate outdoor gear. The first and last day of the classes will be with parents and include time with your child and our parent educator. Class offered in partnership with Blooming Heights Edible Schoolyard & Outdoor Classroom.

does not meet July 5 & 7

Tues/Thurs **June 14-July 28*** **9-11 a.m.** **Family Center** **Fee based on sliding scale below.**

$20 ($0-11,000)	**$39** ($11,001-20,000)	**$59** ($20,001-30,000)	**$78** ($30,001-40,000)	**$98** ($40,001-50,000)	**$126** ($50,001+)

K Prep

Nature-Based Kindergarten Prep Program

This program is for incoming kindergarteners (must be enrolled in kindergarten at a CHPS elementary school for fall 2022). Register on the CHPS Community Education webpage under "Summer Opportunities". Students will actively learn outside each day through fun and educational activities! This includes exploration, physical movement, community building and academics woven into our outdoor, nature-based learning program. Students will also take field trips to places such as Blooming Heights Edible Schoolyard and Outdoor Classroom and local parks. This program will take place rain or shine (dress appropriately for the weather). Students are encouraged to register for Summer ENCORE (pg. 8).

Monday-Friday **June 20-July 1** **7:45-11:30 a.m.** **North Park School for Innovation** **Transportation Provided**

Early Childhood Screening

Promote positive health and developmental outcomes and kindergarten readiness starting at the age of three (3) years. During screening your child's speech, motor, and cognitive skills are reviewed. Your child will have their height, weight, vision, and hearing checked. You will participate in a summary interview to review the screening process, social and emotional skills, and discuss any concerns you may have. Screenings last approximately 60 minutes and are held at the Family Center. To schedule an appointment, call 763.528.4517.

Mon/Aug. 15	**Tues/Aug. 16**	**Wed/Aug. 17**
11 a.m.-7 p.m.	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Join the Early Childhood Advisory Council

Join the Early Childhood Advisory Council! Our council is comprised of parents and guardians involved in early childhood education and care programs. Benefits include: FREE Early Childhood Drop-In Pass, providing input and feedback, developing leadership skills, creating new friendships and support from other members and having fun!

Our advisory council meets monthly to provide input and feedback about programming and community needs, plan events and to fundraise for classroom materials. For more information, or to join, call 763.528.4518.

Are you in the school census?

Being in the census ensures that you will receive all of the District's early childhood mailings, receive notification of early childhood screening opportunities, and receive PreK and Kindergarten information when your child is eligible to attend. If you've recently had a baby, moved or did not receive this catalog in the mail, contact the Nicole Geffre in the District Office at 763.528.4420.

One-to-One Parent Visits

Columbia Heights Public Schools offers free one-to-one parent visits after the birth or adoption of a new child or for parents who simply have questions about their child's development. During these visits, a licensed parent educator will provide developmental, behavioral and social emotional support to all families in person, by email, or by phone day and evening. Call 763.528.4546 for more information.

PreK

Register now!
Space available in PreK 3 and PreK 4 for the 2022-2023 school year!

PreK 3 | 3 years old by Sept. 1

PreK 3 prepares children for lifelong success! PreK 3 curriculum and assessment is aligned with PreK 4 and Minnesota Early Learning Standards. Classes are taught by licensed early childhood education teachers. Early Childhood Screening is required for all PreK 3 students. Transportation is not available. For more information, or to register, visit colheights.k12.mn.us/PreK3.

Parent Aware

Monthly tuition is based on a sliding fee scale. Financial assistance is available to families who qualify.

Mon/Wed/Fri	**$22** ($0-11,000)	**$42** ($11,001-20,000)	**$62** ($20,001-30,000)	**$84** ($30,001-40,000)	**$105** ($40,001-50,000)	**$135** ($50,001+)
Tues/Thurs	**$14** ($0-11,000)	**$28** ($11,001-20,000)	**$42** ($20,001-30,000)	**$56** ($30,001-40,000)	**$70** ($40,001-50,000)	**$90** ($50,001+)

Mon/Wed/Fri	**8:00-10:30 a.m.**	**FC Room 112**	**Tues/Thurs**	**8:00-10:30 a.m.**	**FC Room 112**
	11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	**FC Room 112**		**11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**	**FC Room 112**

PreK 4 | 4 years old by Sept. 1

PreK 4 is a FREE program that provides an engaging and educational environment to prepare your child for Kindergarten. PreK 4 curriculum and assessment is aligned with Kindergarten and the Minnesota Early Learning Standards. Classes are taught by licensed early childhood education teachers. Early Childhood Screening is required for all PreK 4 students. Bussing is provided for PreK 4 families who live within the District boundaries. Classes are held Monday-Friday at Highland Elementary, North Park School for Innovation and Valley View Elementary.

Mornings **7:55-10:25 am.** **Afternoons** **11:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.** **Full Day** **7:55 a.m.-2:15 p.m.**

To register your student for PreK 4, visit colheights.k12.mn.us/Enroll or visit the Placement Center.

Registration Information

For more information on Community Education Registration, including class eligibility and policies, visit colheights.k12.mn.us/CommunityEd or call 763.528.4517. To register for Mini Adventures, call 763.528.4517. To register for PreK 4, visit the Placement Center or call 763.528.4426.

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