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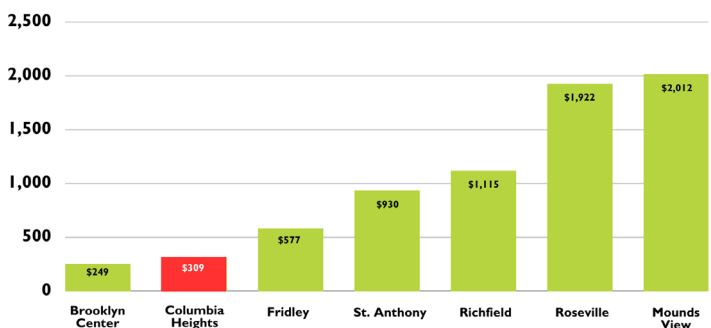


CHPS Financial Forecast

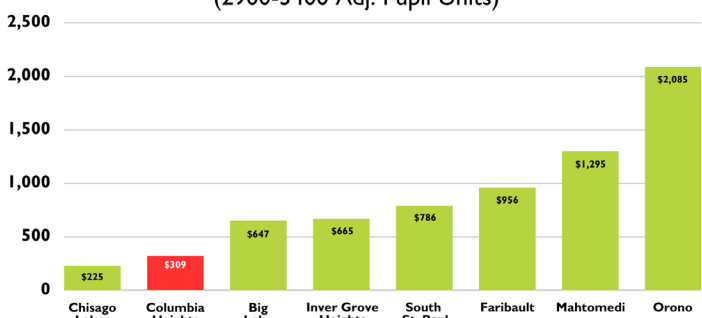
Columbia Heights Public Schools appreciates the many way our community supports and cares for our students and schools. CHPS receives \$390 per pupil amount annually from local taxpayers through the operational levy referendum that passed in 2005, which is one of the lowest in the Metro Area. The average is over \$1,000 per pupil that is provided by local taxpayers in metro school districts.

Operational levy, capital project levy and bond referendums are an important source of funding for schools. In 2014, the community/ tax payers supported a capital projects levy for technology and building maintenance. This levy allowed us to be prepared for distance learning when the COVID-19 pandemic began in March, 2020. Thank you to the community for the many ways you help support our students and schools.

Pay 2023 Operating Levy Authority
Neighboring Districts Comparison



Pay 2023 Operating Levy Authority
for Similar Sized Districts near Metro
(2900-3400 Adj. Pupil Units)



Current Per Pupil Levy Cap in MN is \$2,110.97

Cross-Subsidys*

*Cross-Subsidy is the amount that the general fund needs to spend to cover the costs of the program.

Special Education Cross Subsidy:

- School districts are required by law to provide additional supports for students served by special education.
- We proudly serve students with special needs and need the programs to be funded to provide these required services.
- Currently the cross subsidy is at the highest point ever, over 6 million for the 21-22 school year.

English Learner Cross Subsidy:

- Students learning English, in addition to their academic lessons, need extra support in smaller classes.
- Since the start of this school year, nearly 400 new English learner students have enrolled. Our overall English language learners are about 1,300 with our total District enrollment being about 3200.
- English language learning programs also provide support in helping students adjust to school and work with their parents in understanding the American school system.

CHPS Needs Due to Funding:

- General Education Allowance adjusted for rate of inflation and student needs
- MN State Budget Surplus funds allocated toward education needs
- Funding to make up for what the school will no longer get when COVID-19 funding ends
- Money to cover rising transporation costs
- Increased Enrollment

2023-2024 Budget Next Steps

1. School Board directs Administration to look for efficiencies.
2. District Administration works to balance budget and forecast next year.
3. What will help?
 - Ask your representatives to use state surplus toward adequately funding schools.
 - Schools collecting lunch forms directly impacts the amount of aid received.
 - Recruit students to CHPS, spread the word!



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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!

ENROLL NOW >



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Participants must register – even for FREE classes – to ensure the instructor can prepare appropriately and minimum enrollment is met. Refunds for cancelling a class registration can only be given if there is a 24-hour notice given before the class begins.

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. One class is in-person at the CHPS Family Center - Room 100. 1440 49th Ave NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421. The other is offered on Zoom.

Wednesday	June 7	5:30-9:30 p.m.	\$30 (1 session on Zoom)
Thursday	Aug. 10	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	\$30 (1 session in FC Room 111)

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.

Mon. & Tues.	June 5-6	1:30-5:30 p.m.	\$30 (2 sessions on Zoom)
Tues. & Wed.	July 18-19	1:00-5:00 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. Tuesday classes take place at Fridley Community Center (6085 7th St. NE, Fridley, MN 55432). Thursday classes will take place at Columbia Heights High School in Room 142 (1440 49th Ave. NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421).

Tuesdays	July 11, 18, 25	5:30-6:30 p.m.	\$27 (3 sessions)
Tuesdays	Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	5:30-6:30 p.m.	\$45 (5 sessions)
Thursdays	July 6, 13, 20, 27	10:00-11:00 a.m.	\$36 (4 sessions)
Thursdays	Aug. 3, 20, 17, 24	10:00-11:00 a.m.	\$36 (4 sessions)

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.

Wednesday	July 5	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Free (1 session on Zoom)
Saturday	July 8	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Free (1 session on Zoom)
Tuesday	Sept 12	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Free (1 session on Zoom)
Saturday	Sept 16	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	July 19	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Free (1 session on Zoom)
Saturday	July 22	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Free (1 session on Zoom)
Tuesday	Sept 26	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Free (1 session on Zoom)
Saturday	Sept 30	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Free (1 session on Zoom)



Into the Woods Musical at The Guthrie

Once upon a time, Cinderella pines to make a cameo at the ball, Jack (of beanstalk fame) tends to his pet cow, Little Red Riding Hood sets off toward grandmother's house and a baker and his wife discover they are barren, thanks to a curse from the neighboring witch. They all head into the woods and embark on remarkable journeys that include falling in love, slaying a giant, facing off with a wolf and more. Just when all wishes appear to be granted, a stray magic bean sprouts a second stalk and the giant's vengeful wife disrupts everyone's happy ending. Featuring beloved music and classic fairy tale characters, this heartfelt musical explores what happens after "happily ever after."

Wednesday

August 9

12:00-4:00 p.m.

\$38 (Transportation Provided)

Come join us for a trip to the Guthrie Theater without the worry of parking! Once tickets are purchased, we cannot refund them due to seat reservation expenses. Transportation is provided and is factored into the price of the ticket. Bus will arrive at CHPS at noon on August 9. We will return around 4:00 p.m. The show at the Guthrie is from 1:00- 3:30 p.m.

Tickets MUST be purchased by June 1, 2023.

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 Emma Bute at 763.528.4530 or ButeE@colheights.k12.mn.us.

Metro North Adult Basic Education

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

Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Advanced ESL

Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday 6:00-8:30 p.m.

FREE

classes for adults!

Day and evening
class times
available.

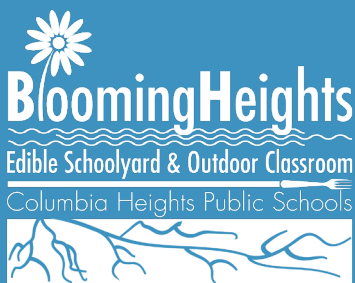
Adult Education Center — Columbia Heights/Fridley
4111 Central Ave. NE, Suite 100
Columbia Heights, MN

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!



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 | Books



Blooming Heights is unveiling a new way to share the garden with the community.

The Little Free Garden Shop is a place where people can get free garden and wildflower seeds, excess free produce from the garden, and free pantry items (non-expired canned and boxed non-perishables).

It is located along the sidewalk just south of the garden, next to the Little Free Library, behind the District Center.

1440 49th Ave NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Little Free Garden | Produce



Youth Camps

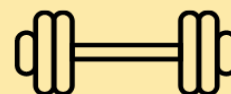
Improve your skills, get conditioned and build bonds with your team. Students eligible for Educational Benefits (including Free and Reduced Price Lunch) will receive up to half off the posted price for youth sports camps. Any age-eligible youth in the community can register for these programs.

Swim & Dive | Grades 7-12

Mon-Thur	June 12-July 27 <i>off July 3-7</i>	9:30-11:00 a.m.	\$70	CHHS Swimming Pool
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*Hylander Strength Camp | Grades 7-12

M/T/Th/F	June 12-Aug. 4 <i>off July 3-7</i>	8-9:30 a.m. or 9:30-11 a.m.	FREE	Hylander Center
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Basketball | Grades 6-12

Mon-Fri	June 19-23	4:00-6:00 p.m.	\$15	Hylander Center
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CA Football | Grades 6-8

Tues-Thurs	June 13-15	12:00-2:00 p.m.	\$15	CHHS Practice Field
Tues/Thurs	July 25, 27			

Football | Grades 9-12

Tues-Thurs	June 13-15	12:00-2:00 p.m.	\$21	CHHS Practice Field
Thurs	June 22, July 20, 27			
Tues	July 25			



Passing League (included in football program)

Wed	June 28, July 12, 19, 26	6:00-8:00 p.m.		TBD
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Dance | Grades 7-12

M/T/W	July 24-26	9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	\$18	CHHS Dance Studio
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Volleyball | Grades 6-12

Tues/Thurs	June 12-July 27 <i>off July 3-7</i>	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	\$36	Hylander Center
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Soccer | Grades 6-12

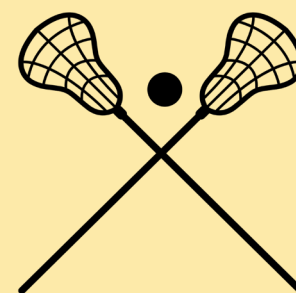
Mon-Fri	June 12-July 28 <i>off July 3-7</i>	5:30-7:30 p.m.	\$90	CHHS Practice Field
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Lacrosse | Grades 7-12

Mon-Thurs	June 12-July 27 <i>off July 3-7</i>	6:30-8:00 p.m.	\$72	CHHS Practice Field
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Synchronized Swimming | Grades 7-12

Tues/Thurs	July 11-27	4:00-6:00 p.m.	\$18	CHHS Swimming Pool
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Wrestling | Grades 7-12

Tues/Thurs	June 13-29	3:00-5:00 p.m.	\$18	CHHS Wrestling Room
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Baseball Skills Camp | Grades 6-12

Tues/Thurs	June 13-July 27 <i>off July 3-7</i>	6:00-8:00 p.m.	\$36	CHHS Baseball Field
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FOR CLASS UPDATES or TO REGISTER
hylanderactivities.com

Columbia Heights High School Presents:



- Saturday, April 29 - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 29 - 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 30 - 2:00 p.m.



"A Comedy About Family Vacations"

All performances will take place in the Columbia Heights High School's Performing Arts Center (PAC). Due to mild language, the suggested audience age is 12+. Purchase tickets at hylanderactivities.com! CHHS Students (w/student ID) and CHPS Staff (+1 guest) receive free tickets.

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 28 (Mon-Fri)
Times: 8:00-9:00 a.m. for ages 6-10
9:00-10:00 a.m. for ages 11-17

No cost to attend! Just Register!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfD1RRdrQ1KzpRar2_K6YzUTPPCvcYwi917EzBKV3RdreSllw/viewform

Summer Sampler | Entering Grades 3-6

An introduction to the sport: fundamentals, skills, and fun games with Hylander Coaches and student athletes. The Summer Sampler will give students entering grades 3-6 an opportunity to sample sports offered at the secondary level. Participants will experience a variety of sports such as soccer, volleyball, basketball, football, dance, lacrosse, swim, track & field.

June 14-30 Monday-Friday 12:30-2:30 p.m. FREE

Location: Valley View Elementary and Columbia Academy

If your student is attending Summer ENCORE, students can stay after ENCORE to go to the Summer Sampler.
If your student does not attend Summer ENCORE, they can arrive at 12:30 p.m.

There is no transportation available, so all students will need to provide their own transportation to the Summer Sampler (unless in Summer ENCORE), and all students will need to provide their own transportation home at 2:30 p.m.



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.

Sign up for either the June Session or the August Session.

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 12-23

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Family Center Training Room

Monday - Friday

August 14-25

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CHHS Media Center

The following **MUST** be provided during registration:

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



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 2023. Transportation will be available for students who were eligible to receive transportation during the 2022-2023 school year. Registration was sent out in March. You can also visit <https://www.colheights.k12.mn.us/Page/4769>

Monday - Friday

June 14-30

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1st-5th grade - Valley View Elementary

6th-8th grade - Columbia Academy

ENCORE Environmental Camp | Students Entering Grades 2-5

Join this fun field-trip focused program led by CHPS teachers. Activities 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 Highland Elementary. 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

July 10-14

8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Highland and Outdoor Field Trips

ENCORE Aquatics

ENCORE Aquatics classes are free to CHPS students or students living within District boundaries in grades 4-12. Lessons will be held in the afternoons between 1-4 p.m. in the high school pool for levels 1-5. Registration information will be sent out in May.

Monday - Thursday

June 19-29

1:00-4:00 p.m.

CHHS Swimming Pool



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Activities & Athletics Recap



Follow along with Hylander
Activities and Athletics
@hylanderactivities on
Instagram

Monthly Highlights Provided by the CHPS Activities Department

November-

Tim Randle hired as the new CHHS Girls Head Basketball Coach

Over 200 student athletes participated in Winter Sports

CHHS Concert Band participated in the Tri-Metro Conference 2022 Concert Band Festival

Hired CHHS alum for our Winter Coaching Season:

- Colton Williams '14- Boys Basketball
- Sharianna Frauly-McCord '18 - Girls Basketball
- Manny Alvarez '18 -Wrestling



December-

Successful run of the CHHS Musical "The Addams Family", the production received sixteen

honors through the Hennepin Theater Trust Spotlight Education program:

- Outstanding: Lighting Crew; Technical Leadership for Alison Giles and Hannah Severson
- Honorable Mention: Overall Production, Dance Performance, Overall Technical Team, Ensemble Performance, Sound Crew; Technical Leadership for Sakeena Janneh and Tristen Marquez; In a Leading Role for Malachi Tranby-Jones and Leo Pham; In a Supporting Role for Drake Kembitskey, Sophie Kuether, Mathias Wheeler; In a Featured Role for Rosie Smith
- Evaluator Shout-Outs: Lily Kleinschmit, Danquyen Le, Brylee Torkelson, Ensemble Acting



January-

Seven CHHS Student Leaders participated in the statewide 2023 Student Conference - *Together We Make a Difference - From Conversation to Action*

CHHS One-Act production of "At the Bottom of Lake Missoula" advances to Section 4AA Finals

Robotics completed a successful season: 5 teams competed in the League Qualifier Event. One CA team, "Kaos" win the Judges Award at the event

CHHS names Triple 'A' Award Winners for 2023: Sophie Kuether and Ji Qi Ni

CHHS All-Conference Band and Choir students participated in the Tri-Metro Conference Fine Arts Festival



February-

Girls Basketball hosted 1st round Sections game and won

Successful run of the CA Musical "The Lion King Jr."

Wrestler Matthew Bermeo Vidal finishes 3rd at the Conference Wrestling Meet

One of the CHHS Knowledge Bowl teams advanced to the subregional competition



March-

The Hylander Boys Swim Team sends Isaac Gyurisn to the Minnesota Swim State Tournament

CHHS Speech Team placed Second overall in the Tri-Metro Conference Speech Tournament

CHHS Boys Basketball team made it to the Section 4AAA Semifinals

Seven CHHS Speech students advance to the Final Round at the Section 5AA Tournament

Katelynn Hackett advances to the Minnesota Class AA Speech State Tournament for Creative Expression

Sophie Kuether advances to the Minnesota Class AA Speech State Tournament for Drama



Valley View Elementary Fundraises for SACA

During March, Valley View Elementary had its first full school assembly since 2019! The reason that the young Valley View Hylanders were all together was for a fundraiser that the Student Leadership Team held for the entire school to earn money for Southern Anoka County Assistance (SACA) Food Shelf.

Representatives from SACA came to accept the \$1,510 check for the Food Shelf and spoke to the students about their impact with the money raised. The students were informed that for every dollar that they raised, it equals about 10 pounds of food for SACA. That is about 15,000 pounds of food that will be provided to SACA directly from the fundraiser. The students were thrilled about how much they raised and SACA thanked all of the students for choosing SACA to be the recipient of their hard work.



MSAA Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards

Nine Columbia Heights High School (CHHS) art students earned a total of ten Gold Key and Honorable Mention awards at the 2023 Minnesota Scholastic Arts Awards (MSAA) – a competition organized by Art Educators of Minnesota. The art students received two Gold Key awards and eight Honorable Mentions.

Senior Danielle Dickson received the Gold Key Award in Ceramics and Glass for her work titled “The Conflicts of Love” and Sophomore Mae Skaja received the Gold Key Award in Painting for her work titled “Uncontrolled”. Their work was shown with other Gold Key winners’ work on display in the Regis West Gallery at the University of Minnesota in February. All student award honorees were recognized at the 2023 MSAA ceremony.



Three students received Honorable Mentions in Photography, Bianca Cole Avila (9), Sabaif Idris (10), and Yoselin Diaz Santos (9) who received two honorable mentions for two photographs. Matthew Bermeo (11) received an Honorable Mention in Ceramics and Glass, Tamiah Jackson (9) received Honorable Mention in Drawing and Illustration, Natalie Molina (12) received Honorable Mention in Painting, and Hannah Severson (12) received Honorable Mention in Digital Art.

One Columbia Heights High School (CHHS) student earned a Silver Key award at the 2023 Minnesota Scholastic Writing Awards. Greta Wilson, a senior at CHHS, was awarded the Silver Key Award in the Critical Essay category for her submission titled “Coming in Second.”

Wilson’s essay was initially a piece for the CHHS student newspaper, The Heights Herald, where she is in her third year working on the staff and is currently Co-Editor-in-Chief. The story was inspired by the Hylanders making it to the Section Finals for Boys’ Basketball and Boys’ Soccer, but receiving second place in the section, and not making it to the MSHSL State Tournament.

“...athletes feel like receiving the silver medal is the worst feeling in the world. But why is that? Oftentimes it’s because they feel like their hard work has been wasted. They work and work and fall just short of first place. But if we shift our mindset as a society, and with the help of the often-complicit media, the day to celebrate (rather than dread) second place might come a lot sooner for many athletes.” – An excerpt from Greta Wilson’s “Coming in Second.”



You can read Wilson’s full piece at <https://heightsherald.org/5084/sports/second-place-finishes-often-overlooked/>

Columbia Heights High School Names District Triple ‘A’ Award Winners

Columbia Heights High School (CHHS) seniors Sophie Kuether and Ji Qi Ni 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 were eligible to receive a \$1,000 scholarship and be honored at the Triple ‘A’ on-court ceremony at the MSHSL Boys’ State Basketball Tournament that happened in March. CHHS students Kuether and Ni 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.

Kuether has participated in Band and Choir throughout high school. She is also involved in One-Act Play, Speech, numerous school musicals and plays, along with Tennis (Captain) while maintaining a 3.9 GPA. Ni has participated in Band all four years of high school. He has also participated in Football his senior year and Tennis (Captain) since he was a 7th grader. Ni has done this all while maintaining a 3.98 GPA throughout high school. 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.



NPSfl Raises Money for the Kids Heart Challenge



North Park School for Innovation (NPSfl) students participated in their Kids Heart Challenge assembly on Friday, March 17 to celebrate raising \$6,778! The top fundraisers from each grade received medals and were able to compete against their teachers in a relay race around the gym.

The NPSfl students had a goal of \$5,000 raised, which was incentivized by getting to dump ice water on some NPSfl staff members who volunteered to let students do the ice bucket challenge on stage while sitting in blow-up swimming pools, which the district has shared on the @chpsisd13 Instagram. The gym was full of cold water, ice, chants, cheers and laughter as the students enjoyed the entertainment of some very cold NPSfl staff members. The student who raised the most money was also able to rename the school gym for the year, which is now called the “No Fitness Limit” Gym.

Congrats North Park School for Innovation students and staff on an amazing fundraiser. The Kids Heart Challenge fundraiser was led by Vicki Denzer, NPSfl Physical Education teacher, who has been running these since 2002! The district is grateful to have such dedicated staff, who not only focus on raising money for causes, like the Kids Heart Challenge, but also make it a rewarding opportunity for all students who were involved.



CHHS Students Go to MSHSL Sponsored Conference

Seven Columbia Heights High School (CHHS) students attended the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL)'s "Together We Make A Difference" Initiative Conference on Friday, January 13, 2023. Student leaders from throughout the MSHSL's member schools came together to lend strong voices to the continuing efforts to ensure a safe environment for all students to learn and participate in all activities. The conference was held at Park Center High School in Brooklyn Park and had more than 750 student leaders from 75 schools come to participate.

The goals and action steps of the "Together We Make A Difference" initiative were developed by the MSHSL to:

- "Identify and provide resources to assist schools and administrators in planning, preparing and implementing best practices to address and eliminate harmful behaviors and support students who have been impacted.
- Organize and facilitate student groups in bringing student voice to address this significant issue and develop a model code of behavior. Once developed, this code will be distributed to school boards, administrators, coaches, parents, and students statewide. The code will cover all aspects of participation in activities as well as behavior at school. It will include participants in activities and athletics, spectators, staff, students, and community members. Student leaders across the state have been engaged in trainings to lead regional student meetings.
- Convene regional student meetings across the state, ultimately leading to a statewide student conference involving student leaders in athletics, fine arts and other activities to raise awareness about student conduct, bullying, gender, race and other issues and assist in the development of tools for all schools."

The CHHS students who participated were Anoosha Ali (12), Kennedy Dudley (12), Saveon Harvey (12), Silvia Hernandez Monroy (12), Tatiana Martin Gonzalez (12), Patrick Pitts (12) and Caroline Raleigh (11).

When asked about the experience, Anoosha Ali said, "My favorite part was the student performances. They were so spontaneous and showed everyone the talent our generation holds. The guest speakers that came and shared their life stories to inspire us were amazing, and they spoke about how activities can change one's life for the better."

Patrick Pitts also had a similar positive experience, "It was empowering. Trying to create a welcoming environment and seeing everyone working for that same goal of inclusion. I would encourage all students who are passionate about what they are involved in to try and go to something like this, and interact with students from other schools, to see the similarities and differences between our programs."



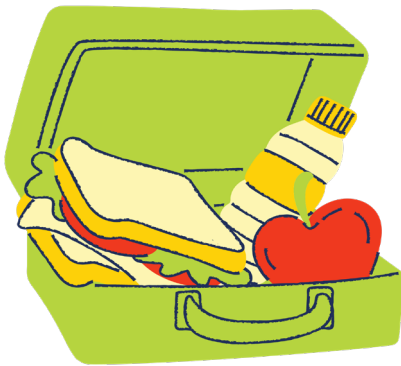
To keep up on fun things happening at Columbia Heights Public Schools, like when the media visits or fun activities around the district in classrooms, make sure to follow the official Columbia Heights Public Schools Instagram @chpsisd13 or search us on Facebook for frequent postings!

Summer Food Service Programs

All Columbia Heights School District summer programs will include a free breakfast and lunch for students who are ENROLLED. All of our school sites are designated as closed enrolled sites for the safety and security of all our students. There are a number of OPEN summer feeding sites within a few miles of our district that can also be accessed by all students from Pre-K- age 18.

Use these resources to find an SFSP site near you:

- Download the Free Meals for Kids app provided by Hunger Impact Partners to your phone or device.
- Call the 211 Hotline. From a cell phone – Twin Cities Metro Area: 651-291-0211, Greater Minnesota: 1-800-543-7709, TTY: 651-291-8440.
- Call the Minnesota Food HelpLine at 1-888-711-1151, available from Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., Central Time.
- Text USDA to texting service. Text Summer Meals to 914-342-7744. Spanish speakers, text Verano to 914-342-7744.



Child Care

Summer Adventure Club | Kindergarten-Grade 5 (Entering Fall 2023)

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 12-Aug. 25 at the CHPS Family Center

Fees

\$47 per day (includes meals and activities)

+ \$25 registration fee (only for families not enrolled during the 2022-2023 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	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days	2 Days	1 Day
Fees* Per Child	\$302	\$255	\$201	\$142	\$72

+ \$25 registration fee (for new registrations only)

**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.





Early Childhood

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Early Childhood

Register now for the 2023-2024 school year. For more information, visit colheights.k12.mn.us/EC.

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 CHPS Early Childhood Coordinator, Kari Sawyer, 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/ec and announced on the Community Education Facebook Page and SeeSaw.

Wednesdays:	June 21	9:30-11:00 a.m.
	June 28	9:30-11:00 a.m.
	July 12	9:30-11:00 a.m.
	July 19	9:30-11:00 a.m.
	July 26	9:30-11:00 a.m.
	Aug. 2	9:30-11:00 a.m.
	Aug. 9	9:30-11:00 a.m.
	Aug. 16	9:30-11:00 a.m.

Kordiak Park
LaBelle Park
Blooming Heights with Mr. Wes
Huset Park Splash Pad (East Side near Murzyn Hall)
Ramsdell Park Wading Pool
Blooming Heights with Mr. Wes
McKenna Park Wading Pool
Keyes Park

For questions about the park meet-ups, please contact Kari Sawyer, CHPS Early Childhood Coordinator by emailing her at SawyerK@colheights.k12.mn.us or calling 763.528.4518

Fall ECCE Offerings | Registration Open May 1, 2023

Fall of 2023-2024 school year. All classes will take place in the CHPS Family Center Rooms 103 & 104. ECCE classes will begin on September 5, 2023 and specifications on days off and end dates will be communicated in the next Community Ed Catalog.

Mondays:	Multilingual Families	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Birth-5 Years
	Incredible Infants (8 wks)	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Birth-11 Months
Tuesdays:	Terrific Toddlers	9:00-11:00 a.m.	12-35 Months
	ECCE for Spanish Speakers	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Birth-5 Years
Wednesdays:	Grow With Me	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Birth-5 Years
	Fun for All Ages Class	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Birth-5 Years
Thursdays:	Nature Based ECCE (6 wks)	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Birth-5 Years
	ECCE for Spanish Speakers	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Birth-5 Years
	Play and Learn	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Birth-5 Years
Fridays:	Drop-In Class	9:30-11:00 a.m.	Birth-5 Years

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.

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: 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.

PreK

Register now!
Space available in PreK 3 and PreK 4 for the 2023-2024 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.
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. Busing 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 a.m.	Afternoons	11:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.	Full Day	7:55 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
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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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