



Hotchkiss K-8 School

Weekly News Update

“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”

October 19, 2018



Principal’s Message

I hope everybody enjoyed their fall break. It was good to see everyone back at school. I thought the kids did a great job getting back into the swing of things. The teachers and staff have done a great job establishing effective procedures and routines with the kids. As a staff we have been doing a book study by reading a book called *Neuro Teach*. It’s a book that is helping us better learn how the brain works and how it operates when learning occurs. By understanding how the brain works our staff and students will be better teachers and learners. Researchers have learned more about the brain the past 10 years than all other previous years. There are many myths about the brain that has caused us to not fully understand how the brain works and causes us not to be as effective as teachers or learners. For example, *one myth is the brain shuts down when we sleep*. The truth is the brain is still active when we sleep, and certain crucial brain tasks, including ones associated with memory storage, only happen during this time. Sleep is vital for learning. It would be ideal for students to get at least 8-9 hours of sleep a night. I will be sharing more of these myths and truths about the brain throughout the rest of the year.

Emergency Response Day

This past week emergency response departments from the area came and did presentations to the K-5 students. Departments represented were fire, police, ambulance and dispatch. Students were able to learn what services these agencies provide. They explored different vehicles and learned about fire safety. We appreciate these agencies and the men and women who help keep us safe. Thank you!

Beef Cookoff

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Bear’s 7th/8th grade cooking class had a beef cook off on Thursday. The class does this at the end of each quarter. There were four different groups that made a variety of dishes. They included tacos, chili and gyro sandwiches. All of the kids did a great job. The contestants were judged on the taste of the dish, presentation, how they cleaned up, keeping sanitary conditions, a written test and how they worked as a team. The winners were Lillian Jardon, Annika Knehs, Breanna Beall, Landon Brown and David Denison. Congratulations! We would to thank the judges for their time and support. The judges were Nancy Carlson, Theresa Phelps, and Pauline Carr. We would also like to thank the Black Mesa Cattle Women’s Association who sponsored the event by providing the prizes and the beef that was cooked.

Calendar:

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| Monday, October 22 | 2nd Quarter begins |
| Tuesday, October 23 | 6th Grade Spelling Bee at the Delta Center @ 9:00 am |
| Wednesday, October 24 | Report Cards go home with students |
| | Parent Meeting for Gifted @ 5:00 pm Technology Room |
| Friday, October 26 | K-2 Pumpkin Patch @ HK8 |
| | Celebrate the Beat Public Performance @ 5:30 p.m. in Main Gym |
| Monday, October 29 | NO SCHOOL for all DCSD Students - Teacher In-Service |

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