



Hotchkiss K-8 School

Weekly News Update

“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”

October 26, 2018



Principal's Message

We've had another great week at Hotchkiss K8. On Wednesday, I had the opportunity to meet with our superintendent Caryn Gibson, Marty Rover from HHS, Bill Eyler from Crawford and three of the school board members. Each principal did a short presentation about our school and then we did a Q&A with the panel. They also took a tour of each school. They were pleased with the culture of our school and could tell students and staff were happy to be here. We discussed our Mission and Vision and our academic goals. They thought the reteach/enrich and interventions we have added to our schedule was good. I emphasized that each grade in ELA and math have designated times to receive extra support where needed. The groups are leveled so teachers and interventionists can work on the skills or enhance the skills all students need to improve on. Mr. Rover and I discussed how our schools have been working together to enhance both of our schools programs. We also discussed with Mr. Eyler our relationship with the Montessori school in Crawford. The district has been looking into plans to improve safety at each of the district schools. During the facility tour there was discussion on how to most effectively implement this at Hotchkiss K8. We discussed the continuing needs we have in the old parts of the K-5 wing. We are breaking ground on a new playground for the BELA pre-school. It is located on the North end of the K-2 playground by the community garden. Thanks again for the opportunity to be a part of your child's education.

Spelling Bee 6th Grade

Congrats to these 6th grade students who competed in the spelling bee in Delta on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. All of our kids made it to the 6th round and did a fantastic job of representing our amazing school! Let these students know how proud we are of them! Thank you to Mrs. Heidi Simpson for being their sponsor. Overall Placing: Emma Reed-6th place, Canaan Church-7th place, Jessalyn Borgman-10th place, Ayla Reed-12th place and Kayli Jo Dagnan was the alternate.

Celebrate the Beat

Our 4th and 5th grade students participated the past two weeks in “Celebrate the Beat”. Celebrate the Beat music and dance classes elicit in students a personal standard of excellence, using dance as the medium to teach children valuable life lessons: that energy, discipline, teamwork, commitment and trying your hardest can lead to success. Founded by Tracy Straus in 2000, Celebrate The Beat was initially an outreach program for the [Aspen Santa Fe Ballet](#). In 2004, after witnessing the profound impact of her efforts, Ms. Straus decided to dance her way to independence, registering Celebrate The Beat as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Celebrate The Beat is proud to collaborate with [Associates of National Dance Institute](#) in teaching exchanges and to share best practices in dance education. All dance programs and techniques utilized by Celebrate The Beat are inspired by the award winning [National Dance Institute](#). Our students had a great time and learned a great deal. We are grateful they had this opportunity to participate in this program.

Calendar:

Monday, October 29

Wednesday, October 31

Thursday, November 1

NO SCHOOL for all DCSD Students - Teacher In-Service

K-5 Fall Parties NO COSTUMES for K-8 students

Boys Basketball Games vs. Columbine @ Hotchkiss Main Gym

7B-4:00; 7A-5:00; 8A-6:00 p.m.

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