



Hotchkiss K-8 School

Weekly News Update

“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”

November 2, 2018



Principal’s Message:

This past Monday during our teacher in-service we focused on two major items: ALICE training and our book study on the brain. The book is *Neuro Teach*. The ALICE training is an updated Active Shooter emergency response system. ALICE stands for Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate. These practices are not sequential and are to be used as situations present themselves. Lockdown is still part of the equation and is still a very effective safeguard when dealing with an active shooter. However, research and past incidents around the country has shown there are other practices that are more effective in certain situations. Safely evacuating a situation is sometimes the best option and sometimes as a last resort countering is the best option. We will be practicing these safety practices with our students throughout the year. We want our students to be prepared and know how to remain safe.

Brain Myth: *Brain development has finished by the time children reach secondary school.* FALSE-Your brain makes new neurons and new neural pathways throughout your life. In fact significant neuroplasticity continues in some areas of your brain beyond college years. This means that we have the ability to rewire our brains and make ourselves better learners. This proves we can all be lifelong learners. Just like a muscle, our brain needs to be worked and stretched to grow. This growth doesn’t end at a certain age.

Boys Basketball:

Boys basketball began last night as they played Columbine from Montrose. Our 7B team won 27-15. Our 7A and 8th grade team did not have the same success as they were defeated by the visiting Rams. Come out and support these young men as they have two games next week against Delta and Centennial from Montrose. Thank you to Coach Clock and Coach Peebles for coaching.

Student Council:

Parents, Guardians and Community members- The Student Council is sponsoring a Canned Food Drive starting November 5th-14th. You can drop off non-perishable food items at HK8 between 8:00-3:30 at the school office. Thank you for helping us help the community at Thanksgiving time!

Honor Roll:

Please find the Quarter 1 Honor Roll attached for the 3rd-8th graders. Students with straight A’s will receive the following certificates. From Delta County Federal Credit Union-Water Bottle or Piggy Bank with a \$1.00 coin; from Taco Hut- a free ice cream of choice or a mini nacho; Tucker’s Pizza-a coupon for ½ off a personal size pizza. We are very proud of these students and their accomplishments, keep up the good work. Also a special “thank you” to the area businesses for being a part of our community and supporting our HK8 students and staff.

Family Thanksgiving Lunch:

Everyone is invited to join us on Friday, November 16th for our 3rd annual “Family Thanksgiving Lunch”. Attached is the flyer we sent home with students on Wednesday. Please make sure to purchase your tickets by Friday, November 9th if you plan on joining us for our Thanksgiving lunch.

Calendar:

Sunday, November 4
Tuesday, November 6

Daylight Savings Begins-Fall Back
1:00 p.m.-Rotary Club donating dictionaries to all 3rd Graders
8:30 a.m. - 8th Grade Science Field Trip to Solar Energy International in Paonia
Boys Basketball Games @ Delta MS 7B-4:00; 7A-5:00; 8A-6:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. October Perfect Attendance (Ice Cream) Celebration

Wednesday, November 7

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Thursday, November 8

9:00 a.m. - 6th Grade Knowledge Bowl @ HK8
Boys Basketball Games vs. Centennial @ Hotchkiss Main Gym
7B-4:00; 7A-5:00; 8A-6:00 p.m.

Friday, November 9

9:00 a.m. - 7-8 Grade Knowledge Bowl @ HK8
Ticket purchases due for Thanksgiving Dinner

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