



Hotchkiss K-8 School
Weekly News Update
“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”
March 8, 2019



Principal’s Message

I was reading an article on the importance of reading out loud to your child and the benefits it has for you and your child. This quote struck me as a very important reason to do read alouds. One of the Big Five of reading ability is vocabulary. Students with a broader range of vocabulary are generally better readers and are able to comprehend better. We find this with students entering the 4th grade. They may be able to read the words but if they are lacking depth in understanding vocabulary they really struggle with comprehension. And the whole point of reading is being able understand and apply what you have read. So please read aloud to your children and spend that precious time with them.

“Reading and listening skills begin to converge at about eighth grade. Until then, kids usually listen on a higher level than they read on. Therefore, children can hear and understand stories that are more complicated and more interesting than what they could read on their own...Beyond the emotional bond that is established between parent and child (or teacher and class), you’re feeding those higher vocabulary words through the ear; eventually they’ll reach the brain and register in the child-reader’s eyes.”

- *The Read-Aloud Handbook*

Battle of the Books

We had students participate in the Battle of the Books contest this week. The team of Jesalynn Borgman, David Denison, Isaac Lee and Sasha Taylor won 1st place. Congratulations on the win! Other students that participated included: CeCe Housewart, Sidney Neff, Maddie Brezonick, Aizlyn Sommer, Van Barrow, Haddi Leaton, Alexis Church and Tia Moore. Thank you to Mrs. Kena Price for sponsoring our students.

All State Choir

Congratulations to the following students for being selected and participating in the All-State Choir in Denver this week: Tristan Barnash, Tia Moore, Sammie Beck, Paris West and Victoria Clark. This is quite an honor to be selected to sing with the best around the state.

Calendar:

Sunday, March 10

Tuesday, March 12

Wednesday, March 13

Thursday, March 14

Friday, March 15

Saturday, March 16

Daylight Saving Time begins: Remember to Spring Forward

6th Grade Knowledge Bowl Delta MS @ 9:00 am

County Wrestling Tournament at Paonia JRHS @ 2:00 pm

7th/8th Grade Knowledge Bowl Delta MS @ 9:00 am

Beef Cook-off @ 11:15 am

6-8 Grade Band/Choir Spring Concert at Hotchkiss K8 @ 6:00 pm

3rd Quarter Ends

Wrestling Tournament @ Olathe MS, 8:30 a.m.

***** Remember Homework Helpers for 7-8 graders after school. Tuesday with Mrs. Johnson and Wednesday with Mrs. Bayles.**

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