

Hotchkiss K-8 School
Weekly News Update
“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”
August 30, 2019

Principal’s Message

Our main priority at our school is safety. I just wanted to update you on some of the steps we have taken to improve our safety at school. We will continue to use the ALICE procedures for emergency situations. ALICE stands for; A=Alert, L=Lockdown, I=Inform, C=Counter, E=Evacuate. We will do training on these procedures throughout the school year. You will be informed when we conduct these drills. We want our students to know how to be safe and help others be safe. In the event we were to evacuate our school, K-5 students would be evacuated to Hotchkiss Automotive and the 6-8 students would be evacuated to Heritage Hall at the fairgrounds. We have purchased a 5 gallon bucket and lid for each of the classrooms, main office and kitchen area to be used in an emergency such as this. Items in each bucket will include a hammer for breaking a window, a first aid kit, straps for doors, and wasp spray. We will also have bottled water and granola bars in each classroom. We will keep you updated throughout the year. There is also a safety video produced by the district office which is on the Delta County School District website: deltaschools.com

New Teacher:

We were fortunate this fall to have our kindergarten classes increase enough to have two sections of kindergarten. That’s a good thing! We have hired Mrs. Vicki Hodges as the second kindergarten teacher. She comes with many successful years of teaching and a caring, engaging attitude for kids. She will be a great addition to our staff.

Garden Club

You may have noticed the new K-8 school garden near the elementary playground. This garden was built with funds provided by the Delta County Healthy Schools Grant through The Colorado Health Foundation. The garden will be used to provide hands-on learning experiences in nutrition, science, and mathematics for our students. The Hotchkiss K-8 Green Growers Garden Club met once a week all summer to learn about growing food and how to take care of the garden. We want to thank Anja Ullmann, Whittier Ullmann, Rachel Smith, and Avery Flores for the many hours they spent this summer tending the garden, selling produce at the Hotchkiss Market, and making sure our garden is producing fruits and veggies for our staff and students this fall. These girls showed amazing dedication and GRIT! Thank you for all of your hard work!!

Calendar

Monday, Sept. 2	NO SCHOOL- Labor Day
Tuesday, Sept. 3	Pre-School meeting @ 8:00 am for morning students/2:00 pm for afternoon students. These meetings will be held in the multi-purpose room.
Wednesday, Sept. 4	STUCO applications due by 3:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 5	7th/8th Grade Football game @ Cedaredge @ 4:00/5:30 pm 7th Grade Volleyball @ Columbine (Montrose) @ 4:00 pm, bus leaves @ 2:15 pm. 8th Grade Volleyball @ Hotchkiss K8 vs. Columbine @ 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 10	7th/8th Grade Football @ Columbine (Montrose) 4:00/5:30 pm, bus leaves @ 1:50 pm 7th Grade Volleyball @ Cedaredge @ 4:00 pm, bus leaves @ 2:40 pm 8th Grade Volleyball @ HK8 vs. Cedaredge @ 4:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 12	7th Grade Volleyball @ Delta @ 4:00 pm, bus leaves @ 2:50 pm 8th Grade Volleyball @ HK8 vs. Delta @ 4:00 pm

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