



Hotchkiss K-8 School

Weekly News Update

“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”

September 27, 2019



Principal’s Message

I hope all is going well with your family and in your home. In my message this week I wanted to touch on a subject that not only has implications in our school but within our society. Rumors and gossip have been something that people have always had to deal with. They can be very harmful and cause emotional, mental and physical stress on individuals and families. With the technology available and the increased use of social media to communicate with each other it has gotten exponentially worse. In my video message to students this week I gave them a tool they can use to decrease the spread of rumors and gossip. I wanted to share that with everyone in our newsletter. It’s an acronym T.H.I.N.K. So before saying anything to anyone I encourage all of us to THINK and ask these questions to ourselves. **T=Is it True? H=Is it Helpful? I=Is it Inspiring? N=Is it Necessary? K=Is it Kind?** If those questions are asked and can’t be definitively answered yes, it’s probably best to not say anything. I have told the students that this includes speaking, writing, and sharing on social media. I appreciate your support in this matter. Thank you!

Beyond Textbooks Parent Portal

With our new curriculum and assessment framework Beyond Textbooks, some parents have expressed an interest in how to gain more information or how they can better support their child. There is a Parent Portal on the Beyond Textbooks website. The portal is located on the Home Page and will give parents information about “What is Beyond Textbooks”, “What is my child learning and how can I help?”, “Benchmark Handbooks”, “Dinnertime Conversations”, “What is Reteach and Enrich?” The website is located at beyondtextbooks.org

Volleyball and Football

Great games and competition again for our volleyball and football teams this week. The volleyball teams played on Tuesday against Olathe. Both the 7B and 8B teams won and both the 7A and 8A teams lost. Our teams are ready to compete in the county tournament this Saturday. Good luck!

Our football teams played two games this week. On Tuesday, the 7th and 8th grade teams traveled to Olathe. The 7th grade tied and the 8th grade won. On Thursday, both teams played Centennial from Montrose and came away with losses in two tough football games. Their last game will be next Thursday at home against Cedaredge. There’s always fight in our DOGS!

Calendar

- Saturday, Sept. 28** 7th/8th Grade Delta County Volleyball Tournament @ Delta MS @ 8:00 am
- Monday, Sept. 30** No School for PreK-5 students
Parent Teacher Conferences Grades K-5 12:00-8:00 pm by appointment
Parent Teacher Conferences Grades 6-8 4:00-8:00 pm
- Tuesday, Oct. 1** Parent Teacher Conferences Grades K-5 4:00-6:00 pm by appointment
Parent Teacher Conferences Grades 6-8 4:00-6:00 pm
- Thursday, Oct. 3** 7th/8th Grade Football @ Hotchkiss vs. Cedaredge @ 4:00/5:30 pm

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