



Hotchkiss K-8 School

Weekly News Update

“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”

October 4, 2019



Principal’s Message

I came across a story the other day that peaked my interest because it spoke of the ‘cobra effect’. The phrase was coined by a German economist named Horst Siebert. The cobra effect occurs when a solution to a problem worsens the problem. This happened in New Delhi, India when it was under colonial rule of the British. At the time the city had been inundated with a cobra snake problem. They were everywhere and rapidly expanding. The solution to the problem was to pay a bounty to people to kill the poisonous snakes. Understanding that money could be made by breeding more snakes, and then hunting them, locals began doing just that. After the bounty had ended, the locals who bred snakes released more snakes out into the city. This led to further problems and had no effect on the original problem. This can be referred to as unintended consequences. As a parent and principal this story is something I keep in mind when making decisions. Many times I wrestle with the thought of unintended consequences. We thank you parents for your support and recognize the responsibilities you have at home.

Powderhorn Skiing and Recreation

The Powderhorn Adventure Sports Training (PHAST) has been in existence since the mid-1970s providing area students the opportunity to ski or snowboard at an extremely affordable rate. Their mission is for all students in our surrounding communities to be given the opportunity to experience not only a lifetime sport but gain appreciation and understanding in outdoor environments. Attached are two documents. One with information on the program and one to register.

Volleyball and Football

Our volleyball teams did really well at the county tournament. The 7B and 7A teams both made it to the championship game but both came up short to Delta. Our 8A team lost to Delta in the semi-finals. Our football teams hosted Cedaredge this week. Both the 7th and 8th grade teams came away with wins. The 7th grade won 12-8 and the 8th grade won 38-0. At the conclusion of the fall sports I just want to thank our coaches. Tiffany and Lynette Clock coached the volleyball teams and Eric Hollembeak, Chuck Miller, Scott Rienks and Sean Hannah coached the football teams. They did an outstanding job and we appreciate all of their time and effort. We also appreciate how much effort our students put into this fall season. Their skills increased and they improved their play throughout the year. Thank you to the parents who supported them by attending games, getting them to practice and the financial means it took for their kids to play. We look forward to the winter sports season. Boys’ Basketball practice will begin on Monday, October 21st after school.

Calendar

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| Monday, Oct. 7 | 6-8 Grade Fall Band & Choir Concert @ 6:00 pm Big Gym |
| October 8-10 | 6th Grade Field Trip to Camp Cedaredge |
| October 9-10 | 4th/5th Grade Field Trip to Mesa Verde |
| Friday, Oct. 11 | Kindergarten Field Trip to the Punkin Patch @ 9:00 a.m.
End of Quarter 1 |
| October 14-18 | NO SCHOOL- FALL BREAK |

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