



# Hotchkiss K-8 School

## Weekly News Update

*“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”*

October 11, 2019



### Principal’s Message

There is an African proverb that goes “Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors.” This life is full of challenges, some of our own making, some because of other people’s choices and some because we live on a planet where we don’t have control over everything. Part of growing up is learning to navigate the rough seas and learn from those experiences and become better. I was able to attend Camp Cedaredge this week with the 6th graders. I was impressed with how many of the kids embraced some of the challenges at camp. They had to climb heights and walk across ropes, work as a team in outdoor activities, complete the ‘leap of faith’ jump, zip line, and the ‘screamer’ swing. All of the kids stretched themselves and participated the best they could in many of the activities. Some kids failed the first time but did it again and succeeded. One of the toughest challenges for them at certain times was listening to each other and working as a team. When we are put in unfamiliar or tough situations it exposes our weaknesses. On the surface this may seem like a negative thing. However, I think it is one of the best things to happen to us. It forces us to recognize our weaknesses and then figure out how we can become better. When we do this, our weaknesses can eventually become our strengths. It has been a great 1st quarter. Our teachers, staff and students have definitely had to stretch themselves this quarter. I am grateful for everyone’s effort and I know what we are doing will help our students.

**\*\*Thank you to all of the teachers, staff and volunteers this year that have helped make all of our field trips successful!**

### Mesa Verde

Our 4th and 5th graders also went on a field trip that stretched them. They were able to attend Mesa Verde and learn of the ancient people that inhabited the cliff dwellings in southwest Colorado. Some of our students had to overcome some fears as they climbed ladders, navigated steps into and out of the cliffs, and crawl through tunnels. The field trip tied into what they are learning in ELA and Social Studies and gave them hands on experience to enrich what they have been reading and writing about.

### Cold Weather

As the weather has the potential to be cold I wanted to touch upon our inclement weather policy. All students will remain outside before school begins, during morning recess, lunch recess, during pm recess, and after school is dismissed unless they are working under the supervision of a teacher or severe weather does not permit anyone to be outside. All students are expected to dress properly and go outside. The principal or designee will decide when it is an “inside day” based on weather conditions (below 20 degrees, rain, snow). We will use the atomic clock inside our office when determining the temperature. If a student is recuperating from an illness, he/she needs a note from a parent to stay in for the day. The student will sit in the office during the lunch and recess period.

### Calendar

<b>October 14-18</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL- FALL BREAK</b>
<b>Monday, Oct. 21</b>	Students back, Quarter 2 begins, 7-8 grade Boys Basketball begins after school
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 23</b>	K-5 Safety Day in the morning
<b>Thursday, Oct. 24</b>	Pumpkins for K-2 @ 11:45 am Parent Group Meeting at 3:45 p.m. in the Library
<b>Friday, Oct. 25</b>	Picture Retakes 6th Grade Spelling Bee @ Delta Rec. Center Q1 Report Cards emailed home

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