



Hotchkiss K-8 School
Weekly News Update
“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”
April 10, 2020



Principal’s Message

We are completing Week 2 of our Distance Learning here at Hotchkiss K8, and I have to say I am so excited and proud of how our students, families and staff have been handling this new way of learning. On our K-5 packets we have had two weeks where we had a 98% pick up rate and over a 90% return rate. That’s a great start. We realize some parents can not pick up or return on Mondays. Don’t worry though, as we are open Tuesday-Friday from 10 am-2 pm and can give and take packets then as well. We are still working through some stumbling blocks with the packets and online learning for the 6th-8th graders. We are making strides and will continue to put our students with the right resources. Thank you to parents, families and neighbors for supporting our students. Once again I can’t say enough about my staff and how they continue to adjust and do their best with this challenge. Thank you!

One of the principles I learned growing up was about effort. Here are a couple of statements that have stuck with me and served me well. First statement is “_____ loves effort.” Just put a name, a person or an organization in the blank and see how true it is. For example, “My parents love effort” or “HK8 loves effort.” Then the following statement is “Effort brings rewards.” Our effort always brings rewards. Please do your best and I promise you will experience positive results. Effort is not always easy but it is worth it. If you need any assistance or help please do not hesitate to contact the school or email me. I love serving this community and I know we will come through this stronger and better.

State Science Fair

Congratulations to 8th grader CeCe Houseweart for competing in the state science fair on April 2nd. She had to create a website with her presentation on it and then did a phone interview with 10 judges. This was all done remotely. Her presentation was “*Temperatures Affect Microscopic Organisms*”. She competed in the Environmental Science division and earned 4th place in the state. Awesome job CeCe and thank you to Mrs. Lindberg for helping her in her Advanced Science Class.

School Hours

The school will be open daily on a restricted basis on Mondays from 8:00 am-4:00 pm and Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Students will be able to pick up and drop off learning packets in the Big Gym on Mondays. On Tuesday-Friday we will have staff in the office to answer phones and conduct school business. If you need assistance, please go to the front window and waive or knock and someone will be out to help you. We are not allowing any of the public in the building until further notice. Thank you for understanding.

Grab and Go Meals

Our cafeteria is still handing out Grab and Go meals Monday-Friday from 11:00-1:00 pm outside of the Big Gym.

School Counseling

Our school counselor, Keith Trumbull has posted a powerpoint on our school website. [HK8 Student Support Resources](#), is a slide show presentation from Mr. Trumbull with good information and ideas of things to do during this time.

Calendar

April 1-30 Distance Learning will continue

Please remember our primary form of communication is our weekly Friday Newsletter through email, we are constantly putting up new information on our website under the community tab, please check it regularly. You may also access the newsletter through our website: hk8.deltaschools.com and please like us on Facebook, at facebook.com/HotchkissK8. You are always welcome to call the school office (872-3325) for questions and information. Hard copies are available by request.