



Hotchkiss K-8 School

Weekly News Update

“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”

April 17, 2020



Principal’s Message

My heart has been grateful this past week. I have appreciated the nice comments, the support and compliments I have heard and received about our staff. I am very appreciative of the efforts they have put forth in attempts to try to reach kids and communicate with them. It’s been fun to see some of the kids out walking or saying “Hi” to them on one of my kid’s Zoom meetings. I meet with every one of my teachers each week and I hear good things from them about what is happening at their student’s home. Thank you!

The school board met this past week and one of the topics of conversation was what will happen on April 30th? April 30th is the day the governor has designated that in-person education could possibly resume. There have been several schools on the front range that will not resume in-person education and will continue with Distance Learning. Montrose county schools will continue with Distance Learning for the remainder of the year. Our school board is waiting to receive further direction from our governor. We will keep you posted on further developments. I would like to say “thank you” to the Friends Church from Paonia on the cards they sent out to our staff, thanking them for all they do for our students. It was a wonderful gesture and very kind of them. Thank you to Kerry Smith for helping organize this event.

Survey

We are completing week 3 of our Distance Learning and we want to know how we are doing. You will be sent a link that will connect with the survey. There will be a survey for K-3 and 6-8 grades. Our 4-5 teachers have sent out questionnaires the past two weeks and so there will not be a separate survey for their grades. This has been a huge adjustment for everybody and we want to continue to do our best to serve our students.

Spirit Week

Next week we will be doing an at home Bulldog Spirit Week for Hotchkiss K8. Please submit your pictures on our PAWS Facebook page or email jennazeldenthuis@hotmail.com. Thanks to our parent group and StuCo for organizing this event. We hope it will be fun for the kids and a little reprieve from our current reality. See the calendar for the theme of each day.

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.

Calendar

- April 20** SUPER HERO
- April 21** WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP
- April 22** 80’s
- April 23** PAGEANT HAIR/COWBOY HAT
- April 24** WEAR YOUR SHADES
- April 1-30** Distance Learning will continue

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