



**Hotchkiss K-8 School**  
**Weekly News Update**  
*"Opening doors for endless possibilities."*  
**May 1, 2020**



### **Principal's Message**

Next week will be Teacher Appreciation Week. Even though we have not had kids in our building the past several weeks, I assure you that our teachers and staff have been hard at work. I have been amazed about how they have met this challenge and continue to educate our students in these different circumstances. They have had to stretch themselves and learn new skills and be creative with assignments and staying connected with their students. Just like in the classroom, they have monitored and adjusted to the changing situations each week. Our instructional aides, custodial staff, kitchen staff and secretaries continue to perform their duties with excellence. I could not ask for a better group of people to work with and make Distance Learning a success. They love and care for their students and worry about the impact this has had on them.

I also want to thank another group of people at this time and let you know how much we appreciate your efforts. Thank you to the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, guardians, and neighbors who have had to step up and help educate their children from home. We appreciate all of your sacrifices and challenges you have gone through to make this a success. You also have had to stretch yourselves to help your students learn and figure out Google classroom, ZOOM, Class Dojo, Gizmo, Google Meets, and keep track of packets. Not only have you done this but you continued to juggle work and family life and the new stressors COVID-19 has put on our community. So, from all of us at Hotchkiss K8, we say THANK YOU!

### **Kids Heart Challenge**

Update on Thank You Gifts from Kid's Heart Challenge: with the impact of COVID-19, the AHA will be holding onto thank you gifts until the summer when education staff across the state start reporting back to school. Being one of the largest nonprofit health organizations, the AHA doesn't want to put communities at risk right now, especially high-risk survivor communities. With that, they'll come pre-bundled to hand out at the beginning of the school year. If for some reason a student is no longer at the school (middle school or has moved), we can figure out then on how we will get them to the student, either ship to the new address or deliver to HK8. But I assure you they WILL receive them. We thank you for your generous hearts, Hotchkiss community!

### **Amy Miller**

Amy Miller has accepted a new position in the school district. She will be the new assistant principal and athletic director at Paonia Junior/Senior High School. We want to thank Mrs. Miller for her excellent service at Hotchkiss K8. Mrs. Miller served as our instructional coach the past two years. Her contributions to our students and staff will be felt for years to come. She made a positive impact on our school and we greatly appreciate her. We are excited for her and the new challenge she has accepted. She will be dearly missed at our school. Best of luck Mrs. Miller!

### **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 27-May 15**      New material for Distance Learning

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](http://hk8.deltaschools.com) and please like us on Facebook, at [facebook.com/HotchkissK8](https://www.facebook.com/HotchkissK8). You are always welcome to call the school office (872-3325) for questions and information. Hard copies are available by request.