



Hotchkiss K-8 School

Weekly News Update

“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”

May 29, 2020

Principal’s Message



This will be the last newsletter of the school year! It was definitely an unprecedented school year. We ended it in an unconventional way but I’m certainly proud of my staff and students for their achievements this year. And thank you again to all the parents and community for your support. Below are some of the highlights from our staff and students. Have a great summer!

- Our school was ranked as one of the top schools in Colorado based on growth for our 2019 CMAS scores. Because of this accomplishment we were nominated for the Colorado Succeeds Prize.
- 8th Grade football team finished the season with one loss to Centennial in Montrose.
- 7A & 7B Volleyball, 8A Boys and Girls Basketball teams made it to the county championship games.
- 8B Girls Basketball team won the county tournament.
- 4th-5th Grade made a successful field trip to Mesa Verde and participated in Celebrate the Beat.
- 4th-6th Grade skiing field trips to Grand Mesa and Powderhorn.
- Amazing band and choir concerts from all of the K-8 students.
- 7th-8th Grade MathCount teams took 1st place in the county, Aizlyn Sommer was 1st overall.
- Our school won the elementary Energy Contest and was awarded \$12,000. This will go toward a new LED sign.
- We launched our new parent group PAWS Squad and live Facebook meetings and updates.
- All State Choir: Aizlyn Sommer, Emma Hollembeak, Zach Luginbyhl, Brooklyn Matus, Cambria Hoff.
- Honor Band: Henry Hollembeak, Raney Moore, Sasha Taylor.
- Honor Jazz Band: Raney Moore, Annalise Hendrix.
- District Science Fair Champion CeCe Houseweart, 4th Place at the State Science Fair.
- Service Projects by the Bulldog Honor Society, School events by the Student Council
- Community members and staff successfully hosted Bulldog Learning Centers after school in December.
- Wrestling team won the Gunnison Invitational and was 2nd at the Montrose Tournament.
- 6th-8th grade Knowledge Bowl Teams represented Hotchkiss K-8 well at the county competitions.
- 6th-8th grade District Spelling Bees were represented well by HK8, with 15 7th & 8th graders representing HK8.
- HK8 hosted a successful career fair for the county schools, with 45 vendors and 342 student participants.
- Quarterly Beef Cook-offs sponsored by the Black Mesa Cattlewomen.
- 7th-8th Battle of the Books top 3 teams in the county.
- 2 Destination Imagination teams took 1st at regionals, 1 team took 2nd, all 3 teams qualified for state.
- Launched Sources of Strength with our middle school students.
- Drama students wrote and performed their own play.
- Promoted 56 8th grade students to high school. Check out the 8th grade continuation video

<https://youtu.be/gOMSyYoGPsk>

School Hours

The school office will be open daily from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm through Tuesday, June 9th. If you need assistance, please go to the front window and wave 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.

Summer Meals

Farm Runners and the Food Bank of the Rockies will be at Hotchkiss K8 every Friday starting June 5th-August 14th from 11:00 am-1:00 p.m. Food Bank of the Rockies will have meals for students (parents can pick up for kids) and Farm Runners will have fresh produce bags for families.

Calendar

June 1-9 School will be open from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm **August 10-**Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year
August 17 Back to School Night 5:00-7:00 pm **August 19-**First Day of School

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.