



Hotchkiss K-8 School

Weekly News Update

“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”

February 12, 2021

Principal’s Message



I came across a quote that made me reflect as a parent. It states, “Your kid is all you got....you can’t trade them in for a more talented one and they can’t exchange you for different or more supportive parents.” Now talented can entail many different aptitudes whether in athletics, music, art, academics or whatever activities your kids might participate in. The way I looked at the quote is not why isn’t my kid more talented in something, but how do I support them in what they are interested in or how do I support them when they fail. Am I critical or disappointed in them or do I help them improve, work harder, find others that can help them? When kids don’t live up to expectations of themselves, they are already disappointed and frustrated. Piling on those feelings doesn't help our kids. We can keep high expectations, but be positive and constructive with our feedback and express our love for them. Appreciate and enjoy the time you have with your kids.

Staff Spotlight

Our staff spotlight is the Pre-School staff. We have 3 sessions of Pre-School at HK8 for three and four year-olds. One session of all day and two half day sessions. Our all day staff includes: Twila Gallob, Ashlee Bolton and Kailey Rupe. Our half day sessions are taught by Susanne Taylor and Lynette Clock. These ladies do an excellent job of preparing these children for kindergarten and giving them the social and educational skills to succeed. Our Pre-Schools have received the highest rating from the Colorado Shines Rated Program for quality early childhood education. We are grateful to have these ladies and this program housed at Hotchkiss K8.

Reading at HK8

We will be doing a school wide read-a-thon on Tuesday, March 2nd to celebrate National Reading Day. All students and staff will be reading for a two hour block during the school day. This will be an annual event. Remember to check out our Bulldog Reading Corner for all kinds of information.

<https://sites.google.com/deltaschools.com/readingcorner/home>

COVID Updates

There is a new COVID Update Dashboard on the district website: www.deltaschools.com. If your child has been quarantined due to exposure from COVID, teachers will provide work either through packets or Google Classroom. Please let the office know if your child has tested positive, is showing symptoms or has been exposed as a close contact as soon as possible.

Basketball

Our basketball boys played two games this week. We hosted Delta White on Tuesday. Our boys played tough but lost both games. The A game was lost by 6 points which is a huge improvement from the 24 points the first go round. We hosted Delta Green on Thursday and played two games. The Bulldogs won both games to finish the season on a winning note. Great job boys! Thank you to Lynette Clock for coaching both teams. On to wrestling!

Spelling Bee

We had some of our 7th and 8th graders participate in the County Spelling Bee this past Wednesday. Participants included: Tyler Ware, Esteban Reyes, Gabe Garcia, Charlie Miller, Angel Bemis, Lane Stroh, Jakob Carver, Joe Hollembeak and Raelee Meyers. Esteban Reyes placed 6th out of 50 participants. All of the students represented our school with pride and class. Thank you to Mrs. Kena Price for serving as their sponsor.

Calendar

- February 14 **VALENTINE’S DAY**
- February 15-19 **NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK**
- February 15 **PRESIDENTS’ DAY**
- February 22 **7th/8th Girls Basketball and Wrestling Practice begins from 3:30-5:15 pm**
- February 24 **AKidz Clinic Open at HK8, 3:30 pm**
- February 25 **5th Grade Ski Trip to Grand Mesa**

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