



Hotchkiss K-8 School
Weekly News Update
“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”
February 26, 2021



Principal’s Message

I know a lot of you watched the board meeting last night. We have the privilege of continuing to operate as a K8 school. I'm excited to continue to move forward in that capacity and to continue to offer the opportunities for our students to learn and grow. As with any tough decision, and one that causes this much change in our North Fork Valley, we must remember there is another side of the story. Not much changed for us but we know a lot did for others. Please keep that in mind. This is a time for us to reach out and serve where possible. We also have a group of 8th graders that will be transitioning into something different than they had planned for. Yes, they get to go to Hotchkiss for high school but it will be under a different name and they won't have the Bulldog mascot. They will also be attending a school with a new group of classmates and some new teachers. We need to support them in any way we can. Please be mindful and appreciative of the time and effort that our school board and district office leaders put into this decision. It was not an easy one, and you could tell from the meeting it was deeply emotional for some. Our school board and district leaders have been very supportive of our efforts here at HK8. I know they will continue to champion for our staff and students. This decision will affect different people in different ways. The main thing we can do moving forward is be positive, humble and have an attitude of service for those around us. I enjoy coming to work everyday and witnessing the miracles my staff performs with children. Thank you for all you do as parents to support our efforts.

Student Spotlight

Our student spotlights are Paden Roedel and Dalton Leger. Paden is funny, thoughtful and kind. She works hard in her classes and shows a lot of grit. She has played volleyball and basketball. She is a great addition to our sports teams and loves to compete. Her favorite subject is Art. Dalton is very personable and caring. He has participated in football and wrestling. He enjoys riding dirt bikes and is very mechanically inclined, which he takes pride in. He has great energy and enthusiasm for life. His favorite subject is PE. Thank you to Paden and Dalton for being who they are.

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. Some of our staff received the first shot of the vaccine this past week.

Girls Basketball and Wrestling

Our girls basketball teams begin games this next week. We have 23 girls participating. That’s great! We are also excited to have Coach Bev Burke coaching again at HK8, with Lynette Clock. Our wrestling team has 22 young men participating. They are being coached by Richard Flores and Chuck Miller. Their first match is on March 9th.

Calendar

- March 2** **HK8 National Reading Day Read-A-Thon**
- March 3** PreK and Kindergarten 2021-2022 Registration
- March 4** 7th Girls Basketball @ Cedaredge 4:00 pm
8th Girls Basketball vs. Cedaredge @ HK8 4:00 pm
- March 6** Destination Imagination’s Instant Challenge (Virtual)

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