



# Hotchkiss K-8 School

## Weekly News Update

*“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”*

March 19, 2021

### Principal’s Message



My message for the kids today was about the phrase “Have a good day!” This is one of the most familiar phrases we say to people. It’s a nice phrase with good intentions. There’s nothing wrong with it. However, I like the phrase, “Make it a great day!” a little better. First, great is better than just good. Second, is when you change the words ‘have’ and ‘make’ you change the phrase quite a bit. The word ‘make’ puts the individual in charge of their day and the choices they make. The individual is acting and not being acted upon. Even if it’s not the best day, we can always choose how we respond to it. If we want to make each day great we have a lot of power on making it that way, beginning with our attitude.

### Staff Spotlight

Our staff spotlights are the Kindergarten and 1st Grade teachers. Mrs. Anna Shaklee teaches kindergarten along with her exceptional instructional aide Mrs. Misty White. These two together bring an energetic, fun and a highly academic classroom. It’s amazing how the kids grow from the beginning, to the end of the school year. Our 1st grade teachers are Mrs. Rolinda Baes and Mrs. Mollie Renardet. They are both excellent teachers with a lot of experience. Missing the 4th quarter because of COVID has presented many challenges to each of our classes. It has been most evident for our 1st graders missing out on the last quarter of kindergarten. These two ladies have worked hard to help their kids catch up from what they missed last year. So grateful we have such awesome ladies in our Kindergarten and 1st grade classes.

### Student Spotlight

Our student spotlights are Charlie Miller and Pablo Govea Garnica. Charlie is a lifer at HK8 starting in Kindergarten. He has always been involved in school participating in sports and academic competitions. He is also very active in 4-H. He is witty, intelligent and likes to make people laugh. His favorite subject is PE. Pablo works hard, is polite and calm in class. He is a happy young man with an infectious sense of humor. He loves to help his family with their cattle. His favorite subject is PE. Thank you to Charlie and Pablo for being who they are and making our school a better place.

### Reading at HK8

We had the AR ice cream party for those 3-5 graders that accomplished their 3rd quarter reading goal. We began a new quarter this past week so all the kids are starting fresh to earn their goals. Keep reading with your child at home.

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

### COVID Updates

There is a new COVID Update Dashboard on the district website: [www.deltaschools.com](http://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. Our county is currently at the **BLUE level**. Hopefully we continue to improve and go to the **GREEN level**.

### Girls Basketball and Wrestling

Our 7th and 8th grade basketball teams played two teams this week. They hosted Paonia on Tuesday. The 7th graders won their game and the 8th graders lost. On Thursday the 7th graders hosted the Delta Green team. The 7B team won and the 7A team lost by one point. The 8th graders traveled to Delta with both teams losing. The 8B lost in overtime by one point. It’s always impressive the improvement our teams demonstrate from the beginning to the end of their season. The wrestlers took on Cedaredge on Tuesday. There were a lot of great matches between the two teams, very even and competitive. Lots of wins and lessons were learned.

### Calendar

- March 23** 7-8 Girls Basketball vs. Delta White; 8th Grade @ Home/7th Grade @ Delta 4:00 pm  
Wrestling vs. Cedaredge and Delta @ Cedaredge 4:00 pm
- March 25** 7-8 Girls Basketball vs. Paonia @ Paonia 4:00/5:00
- March 29** Parent-teacher conferences
- March 30** Beginning of CMAS testing 3-8 Grades ELA and Math

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