



Hotchkiss K-8 School

Weekly News Update

"Opening doors for endless possibilities."

April 2, 2021

Principal's Message



The Naming/Rebranding advisory committee finished meeting this week for the new high school. Starting on Monday, April 5th the information will be posted on the School District website along with Paonia & Hotchkiss High Schools' websites for the public to vote. North Fork 5th grade students through the current Junior class will have an opportunity to vote through their school email for their suggested name, mascot, and school colors. Students that are not 5th graders can vote but would need to do so on the public site. We encourage all community members and students to vote starting on Monday. Younger students may need help voting. Please encourage everyone to vote as we want to gain true knowledge of what people want. The school board will vote at the April 15th board meeting on the suggested information.

Battle of the Books

Congratulations to our Battle of the Books team. The competition consists of questions based on a series of books the students have read for the past few months. HK8 had two teams in the contest. Team 1 members included: Jesalynn Borgman, Aneka Price, Izzy Harrison and Alyssa Lovelace. Team 2 members included: Laynee Zeldenthuis, Roan Spencer, Kiera Stroh, and Olivia Leaton. Team 2 won 2nd place in the county contest. Congratulations to all of these young ladies. Thank you to Kena Price for sponsoring the team.

Student Spotlight

Our student spotlights are Emma Reed and Lance McCollum. Emma is a quick witted and funny young lady. She is a conscientious student that participates in class with interesting questions and she puts forth her best effort every day. She has participated in volleyball, basketball and track and is a good teammate. Her favorite subject is math. Lance has a great sense of humor and really enjoys working with his hands. He has been actively involved in school and has been a leader on and off the field. He is interested in running his own business one day and contributing to building up our society. His favorite subject is PE. Thank you to Emma and Lance for being who they are and making our school a better place.

Reading at HK8

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." — Emilie Buchwald 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. If your child has been quarantined due to exposure from COVID, teachers will provide work through packets or Google Classroom. Please let the office know if your child is showing symptoms, has been exposed as a close contact or tested positive as soon as possible. When determining close contacts, we give information to our district and county health leaders and follow the prescribed protocols. We had to quarantine students this week due to close contacts. If your child is quarantined the school will call you and let you know. Our county is currently at the **GREEN level**. We have been able to increase our capacity to 50% for indoor activities. The mask mandate is still in place. Beginning April 2nd the COVID vaccine will be available for ages 16-18.

Girls Basketball and Wrestling

Unfortunately we were unable to complete our girls basketball and wrestling seasons. I was impressed with how our athletes improved from the beginning of the year to the end. They did a great job of representing our school. Although it is disappointing they missed their final contests we are grateful we had a season. Thank you to our basketball coaches Lynette Clock and Bev Burke and to our wrestling coaches Richard Flores, Chuck Miller and Kyser Seaney.

Calendar

April 3 Destination Imagination Virtual Awards

April 5 7th-8th Grade Track practice begins at Hotchkiss High School, 3:30-5:15 pm

April 6-8 4th-6th Grade CMAS Testing ELA and Math

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](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.