



Hotchkiss K-8 School

Weekly News Update

"Opening doors for endless possibilities."

April 30, 2021

Principal's Message



We are celebrating our Staff this next week. We have a lot of fun things planned to recognize all of the great people we have working with your children. We are grateful for our cooking class, the district office and our PAWS squad for helping us pull this off. This past year has been an extremely challenging one for the education profession. We have had to navigate so many things that we never have before. Online learning, blended learning, quarantines, Covid protocols and safety measures, limited access for parents in the building and extra curricular activities, groups of students and staff missing huge chunks of school and constantly changing directives from the state on how to comply with everything. It's been a different kind of stress for sure. Through it all the staff and students at HK8 have handled themselves like champions. We have been able to keep our doors open for in person learning, participate in sports, continue with our clubs and academic contests, had music concerts, some field trips and we will be able to have an in person 8th grade continuation ceremony. I am grateful for my staff. They have dealt with a lot and have delivered a quality education to our students. We are very blessed in our little valley to have such exceptional people that love kids. Thank you for your continued support.

Plant Sales

We have two different plant sales from two different organizations coming up in the month of May. The DCSD Farm to School Program will be holding pop-up plant sales over the next few weeks! Summer fruit and veggie starts and native pollinator plants will be available to any community member until they are all sold. The funds will help support our school gardens. You can find a plant sale on May 20th at Hotchkiss K8 3-5pm and May 29th from 10am-1pm at the Hotchkiss Farmer's Market. See the attached flyers or [Visit our website for more info!](#) Also, 3rd-5th graders, watch out for our Garden Club registrations coming soon for HK8. You can register online or at school starting the week of May 2nd. Our own Life Skills class will be selling plants they have grown in our greenhouse. They have a variety of beautiful plants, flowers and herbs. The prices range from \$1-\$10. This is an awesome opportunity to support these aspiring entrepreneurs. This is a self funded club and all proceeds go to support this class. The sale will take place at HK8 from May 3rd-14th.

Student Spotlight

Our student spotlights are Mario Gamma, Tony Alvarado and Payson Pene. Mario is cheerful, easy going, creative and hard working. He is patient in helping others, is sweet and has fun helping little kids during his time with kindergarten buddies. He came to HK8 this year and has been involved in football and wrestling. His favorite subject is PE. Tony has a great attitude and works hard in class. He has been involved in football, basketball and wrestling. He loves being a kindergarten buddy. He is respectful and gets along with everybody. His favorite subject is PE. Payson has attended HK8 since kindergarten. He has been actively involved with school and has participated in football, basketball, and wrestling. He has a great sense of humor and has a positive attitude. His favorite subject is PE. Thank you to Mario, Tony and Payson for being who they are and making our school a better place.

Track

We hosted a great Hotchkiss Track Meet this week. Our kids represented our school and did very well. Thank you to the HS track team and coaches for helping us run the field events and managing the meet. We had some individual event champions and several placers. If you would like to see the results go to <https://sites.google.com/view/scottmeets/home>

Calendar

- May 3-7** **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**
Life Skills Plant Sales
- May 4** 4th/5th Grade Spelling Bee at the Delta Center - 9:00 a.m.
7th Grade Wax Museum from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Track Meet @ Cedaredge MS at 1:30 pm
- May 5** 8th Grade Wax Museum from 12:30-3:30 p.m. **May 5-7 Book Fair from 10:00-4:00 in small Gym**
- May 6** 4th Grade Field Trip to Fort Uncompahgre from 9:15-2:45 p.m.

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