



COTOPAXI CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Good afternoon Cotopaxi Students, Staff, and Community.

Weekly Message: Hello and thanks for your continued support. I hope everyone has had the opportunity to relax a little and enjoy some time outside or in small gatherings with family or friends. As we approach August, we are still planning our 'return to school' design with different models in mind. All reports indicate that we will be returning to in-school instruction with various modifications. We do recognize some families may not be able to attend in-school instruction, therefore we will look to provide the remote instruction as well for those families. Please take time to complete the survey that Mr. Eckelberry is finalizing to provide your feedback. It will be helpful as we work to complete our 'return to school' plans. Guidelines from the state and local officials are still rapidly evolving and we will continue to work with them on the various strategies and approval processes.

Special Board Meeting: Due to budget adoption requirements along with the delays from our State Legislature in approving the Long Bill, it is necessary to hold a special board meeting to approve our 2020-2021 School Budget. In addition to approving our budget, we will be approving the receipt of the Federal COVID monies. As mentioned previously, this budget includes a 15% reduction in funding from the State, however, we do know that this year, it will be necessary to approve revised budgets as additional information is received. The meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 29, 2020 at 5:00 pm** in order to meet the June 30th deadline. The zoom link for the meeting is posted on the Special Board Meeting agenda on our website if you wish or are able to attend. Board Meetings are open to the public. However, if you wish to address the Board, you must sign up for the Open Forum portion or submit questions for the Board and/or Administration at least 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the Board Meeting by sending an email to dvanesselstine@cotopaxire3.org, acanterbury@cotopaxire3.org or stunstall@cotopaxire3.org.

Food Distribution: My Neighbor's Cupboard food distribution flyer is now in. The date is **July 11, 2020**, however, the times have been updated. This distribution will begin at **9:00 am and end at 1:00 pm** and is open to all Fremont County residents. The guidelines remain the same: It will be a drive-through style format and the food cannot begin to be distributed until the start time of 9am. If you arrive early, you will be required to wait in the vehicle line until it opens at 9am. Remember all the food is inspected for freshness and each station provides different items. **Please mark your calendar** to take advantage of this wonderful resource. The stations will be set up near the preschool at the Cotopaxi Schools on July 11th. We look forward to seeing you there.

Return to Play: Mr. Thornton has posted the CHSSA and Fremont County approved 'return to play' structures for our coaches, student-athletes and families. This is a great first step, however, please do not hesitate to contact your child's coach or Mr. Thornton, AD, with any questions or concerns. They are here for you and will be happy to address any questions or concerns.

Resources: As information is received or finalized, we will continue to update our website and Facebook page. However if you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to send us an email as dvanesselstine@cotopaxire3.org or keckelberry@cotopaxire3.org.

Have a wonderful week and remember to continue to take care of yourself and your neighbors. Enjoy our Colorado weather and activities. Be safe and



Thank you,
Danielle Van Esselstine, Superintendent