



COTOPAXI CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Hello Cotopaxi Families and Community,

Weekly Message: Welcome to summer! Our summer hours are now in effect: Monday-Thursday from 8:00am - 2:00pm with the buildings closed from June 15th through July 15th. We will still have staff working in and around the buildings but limited access is available so please be sure to email the school if you are planning to visit during the summer. Although the school year with students is now complete, many of our year end processes have just begun such as State reporting, roll-overs, grading, inventory, purchasing, scheduling, budgeting and much more. In addition, lots of preparations are now underway for the next school year involving normal processes as well as new guidelines dictated by health and safety requirements. The best means of communication during this time is through emails although we will be checking voicemail frequently.

Board Meeting: With the completion of our food deliveries, we are able to return to our normal Board meeting schedule. Therefore, our June meeting is on Monday, June 8th at 5:00 pm. Although restrictions on gatherings have eased a bit, we will continue to hold the Board meeting via our zoom format for the month of June. The Zoom link is attached/published on our posted Agenda which is on the Cotopaxi website and posted at the school building. Just a reminder that all of our Board Meetings, including this one, allow for a public comment section which is restricted to three (3) minutes per person if a person signs up in advance of the Board meeting. If you would like to address the Board within the public comment section, please send an email to Ms. Amber Canterbury at acanterbury@cotopaxire3.org, or Mrs. Danielle Van Esselstine, Superintendent at dvanesselstine@cotopaxire3.org, or Mrs. Stephanie Tunstall, Board President at stunstall@cotopaxire3.org at least 10 minutes prior to the Board Meeting. All other guidelines associated with the public comment section are still in effect.

Summer Meal Information: We will keep this posted throughout the summer and hope that everyone can take advantage of these food distributions. Please be sure to share with your neighbors, friends and families! Please mark these dates on your calendar and refer to our website and appropriate links for additional information. These organizations will be parked at the Cotopaxi School for your convenience.

- **Fremont Canon City School Food Program:** Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- **My Neighbors Pantry:** June 13, 2020 from 10am to 12pm
- **Loaves & Fishes:** June 6th, June 20th, July 11th, and July 25th from 11am to 12pm

Return to School: We encourage everyone to provide your feedback to the Colorado Department of Education on 'return to school' feedback. The State will use this data to help determine options for school districts, therefore, your voice does matter for our school district. Please open the following link, [feedback planning framework](#), to share your opinions. The month of June will start to indicate more solid return to school options and as that information is received, we as a district will be able to start formulating a more comprehensive plan for what returning in the fall for our staff and students will look like. As rural school districts, we have submitted documents to the State and Governor Polis has shared he wants a more individualized approach to opening in the fall. That is a positive step. However, we ask for your patience as we await critical decisions. Our goal has been and will continue to be, a return to school in the Fall following required guidelines to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, staff and community while providing the in-person structures that many of our student require.

“Conversation with the Superintendent” Town Hall/School-Community Connection: Please join me in our first “Conversation with the Superintendent” zoom meeting on Thursday, June 11th starting at 5:30pm and ending at 6:30pm. The meeting will be a town hall style meeting with an open forum for any questions you may have for me. We are seeking your input and feedback along with some positive discussions. I look forward to getting to know what is on your mind! To join the meeting, please click the Zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75484690624?pwd=RHV3UXpIVnBSNC93Y3Q3dDExeUg5Zz09>.

COTOPAXI 'S CONVERSTATION WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

AGENDA

June 11, 2020
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm



5:30 pm		Welcome & Updates
		Superintendent
5:40 pm		Principal
5:50 pm		Activities Director
6:00 pm		Question & Answer
Click Join Zoom Meeting below to be a part of the 1 st "Conversation with the Superintendent" https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75484690624?pwd=RHV3UXpIVnBSNC93Y3Q3dDExeUg5Zz09		
Meeting ID: 754 8469 0624 Password: 4Se20Y		
"Home of the Pirates!"		

Resources: Our website and Facebook page will continue to be updated over the summer so please visit it often. We will continue to push out and post important updates and information. If you have any questions however, please do not hesitate to contact us at dvanesselstine@cotopaxire3.org or keckelberry@cotopaxire3.org.

I look forward to visiting with you next week, if you can make it.
Thank you and have a wonderful week!

Danielle Van Esselstine, Superintendent