



COTOPAXI CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Good afternoon everyone!

Weekly Message: It has been an exciting couple of weeks as we worked hard to create small virtual celebrations for various classes, special events and awards programs for our well deserving students. If you have not taken the opportunity, please check out our website and Facebook page. You will not be disappointed. The pictures and videos highlighting our students and their achievements turned out very well. A huge 'Thanks!' to Ms. Amber Canterbury for all her time, effort and creative talents in getting these organized or pulled together for us.

Graduation: Our Class of 2020 invites you to celebrate with them on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 1:30 pm on the football field with a unique 'Social Distancing' Graduation Ceremony. The ceremony will be broadcast by FM radio in conjunction with our sound system for your listening pleasure. This year's unique graduation format is a "**Drive-in / Drive-thru**" celebration. Those in attendance **must remain in their vehicles** throughout the ceremony and we ask that all vehicles are turned off when the ceremony begins. Honking at appropriate spots is encouraged however please do not exit your vehicles for pictures. Ms. Amber is taking them and they will be available later. Graduation cards can be dropped off outside the high school gym either prior to the ceremony or afterwards. Those wishing to drop off cards afterwards will wait in vehicles traveling through an established congratulation line while those wishing to depart will exit on the country road. Graduates will stand behind their box and table once the ceremony is complete. Our heartfelt congratulations are extended to each member of the graduating Senior Class of 2020 and their families! We cannot express enough how proud we are of all their accomplishments, determination and leadership. On behalf of our Cotopaxi Family, we wish them the very best as they now move forward into the next phase of their journey. Stay strong, be proud and make each moment count!

Meal Delivery and Final Date of Delivery for the school year: Due to the Memorial Day holiday, our final delivery for our food program is schedule on **Tuesday, May 26, 2020 from 5 pm - 7 pm at all four locations.** Again, we will provide 4 days-worth of breakfast and lunch meals **to any child** 18 years of age or younger. Our locations include the Howard Volunteer Fire Department, the Coaldale Community Center, the Cotopaxi School and the 'Y' bus stop. As this is the final delivery, and if you were unable to collect or return your child(ren) items from the school, we will collect or return them on Tuesday.

Meals during the Summer Months: Throughout the summer months, various organizations are scheduling "whole family" food distribution for our families and community. Please watch for further details on important dates and information.

Resources: Our website and Facebook page will continue to be a valuable resource for you throughout the summer months. As information is received from the Colorado Department of Education, the CDC, CASB and CDPHE, we will share relevant updates and guidelines. If you have any questions however, please do not hesitate to contact us either by phone or through email at dvanesselstine@cotopaxire3.org or keckelberry@cotopaxire3.org.

Word of Thanks: Again, we cannot say it enough, we appreciate all your support and words of encouragement as we adapted and adjusted from our normal educational environment. Please know that we are committed to serving our students and families as we navigate our "return to school" guidelines. We are encouraged with the recent updates and probability of returning to school in the Fall, however, we know that it will not look the same. Additional guidelines and necessary changes will occur based upon information released throughout the summer and as COVID-19 data is evaluated. As soon as possible, this information will be shared with everyone.

Thank you for checking on your neighbors, shopping for a friend, dropping of necessary items on porches, making phone calls, sending uplifting YouTube videos, sharing your talents, and helping one another laugh. Each one of these things has made a positive difference in an otherwise challenging situation. Although some restrictions have lifted, please continue to support one another and let us know how we can help. Have a wonderful summer!

Danielle Van Esselstine, Superintendent