



COTOPAXI CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Hello Cotopaxi Families and Community,

Weekly Message: We have concluded the 2019-2020 school year in a very unconventional manner, as with the rest of the nation however, it did create opportunities for a unique and creative experiences. We are proud of all our staff, students and families for all of these moments. As we enter summer, please be sure to take some time, relax and enjoy the break and beautiful weather and hopefully some outdoor activities.

Graduation: The Class of 2020 Graduation was one for the record books and we are excited to report that it was a tremendous success. Our students and families received their well-deserved recognition, our community was able to join in the celebration, the weather held out and our graduates can now transition into their next phase of life. Thank you to everyone that made this event possible and everyone that attended on the football field or listened remotely on the radio. If you have not had the opportunity, please check out the "senior slideshow" that is posted on our website. We appreciate the overwhelming support and words of encouragement we received prior to and afterwards. Congratulations Class of 2020!!

Summer Meal Information: Great news! We received the information from Loaves & Fishes along with My Neighbors Pantry and the Fremont Canon City School Summer Food program and they will provide food to all families (not just students) that would like it. The Canon City Summer Food program is available to all our Cotopaxi students on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the food deliveries listed below are open and available to everyone!! 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.

- My Neighbors Pantry: Time - 10 am to 12 noon
June 13, 2020
- Loaves & Fishes: Times are from 11 am to 12 noon
June 6, 2020
June 20, 2020
July 11, 2020
July 25, 2020

Return to School: The Colorado Department of Education in collaboration with the CDC, the Governor's Office, CDPHE and other organizations have provided an **'initial'** guidance document for consideration by school districts as planning begins on reopening our schools in the Fall. **PLEASE NOTE** this is an initial guidance document and it **will change** as updates and data is received and reviewed over the summer. If you are interested in viewing the document please click on this [toolkit link](#). As well, Commissioner Anthes is inviting communities to provide feedback if you are interested, please go to [feedback planning framework](#) and share your thoughts. As more information and plans are developed, we will be sharing progress and steps with everyone.

Resources: Our website and Facebook page will continue to be updated over the summer so please visit it often. We do know that as information is released 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. Over the summer months, email either by phone or through email at dvanesselstine@cotopaxire3.org or keckelberry@cotopaxire3.org.

As Colorado begins the phase of reopening, I encourage everyone to keep their friends and neighbors in mind and continue your check ins and support. As a community, these times show our strength and unity. Everyone has been amazing! All that you do has made a tremendous positive impact for which we are eternally grateful.

Please reach out if you have any questions or comments. Thank you!

Danielle Van Esselstine, Superintendent