

Happy November! We at Cloudcroft Municipal Schools are THANKFUL for:

- Our Hardworking Students
- Having Kindergarten – 5th grade back on campus
- Our Supportive Parents
- Our Supportive Community
- Our Bear Family of Teachers and Staff
- Our Clean and Safe Schools
- Great Cafeteria Food
- Being able to work in such a Beautiful Place and incredible School District!

The list could go on and on but, these are just a few things that stand out to me that make Cloudcroft Municipal Schools a GREAT place to be.

I want to mention something else great. Our volleyball program received a \$2,500 grant from the Otero County Electric Cooperative Operation Round UP. With this grant, they purchased an ACUSPIKE Team Trainer that helps the hitters/spikers perfect their skills. Thank you Operation Round UP for supporting our volleyball program.

We are also excited to mention that we will be doing some upgrades on the Cross-Country Community Trail out at the football field. We want this to be a nice trail for the community to utilize as well as our students. We will be graveling parts of it and putting up directional signs and mile markers. We also plan to have a few benches along the way to take a rest and enjoy our beautiful mountain scenery!

I want to give a SHOUT OUT to our hard working Lunch Ladies. They are preparing and sending out approximately 2,630 meals a week to our students and community children. That is incredible! What else is incredible is that the US Senate passed funding to extend child nutrition waivers through September 2021. This means we can continue to provide meals to all children (up to 18) in our community at no charge to their families!

Talking about food for our community - The Cloudcroft Elementary is hosting a canned food drive November 1 – 19. If you have any cans or non-perishable food you would like to donate, you can drop it by the elementary school. All the donated canned food and non-perishable items are dispersed to families in OUR community. Great job elementary – I am proud of all of you!

Also, stay tuned to our Facebook page and website (cmsbears.org) to see how our schools will be celebrating our Veterans on November 11.

So, all fall sports have been postponed until the spring. The new schedule is on our website. We have faith that We Will Play Again!

We are still waiting to hear when our Middle and High School students will be allowed to return to campus. The petition we sent to Secretary of Education, Ryan Stewart, and the Public Education Department went unanswered. Ryan Stewart recently sent out a memorandum stating, "In addition to placing an untenable burden on our healthcare systems and facilities, the rapid spread of COVID-19 across New Mexico limits our ability to open more schools...". We will keep everyone posted as soon as we hear anything new.

In closing, I want to let the faculty and staff know how much I appreciate all of their hard work to always strive to serve our students. I want to continue to Thank ALL the parents and students for their hard work as well. It has not been easy, and we continue to face challenges. I thank you for being part of the solution. We survive because we work together. That's who we are!

Go BEARS!

(Please post pictures of the elementary students and their projects)