

Cloudcroft Strong!

When you read this, we will have one month of the 2020-2021 school year under our belts. I am so proud of ALL of our staff for putting in the extra time and effort as well as their patience that Virtual Teaching has required. I am also equally proud of our students and parents for their time, effort and patience that Virtual Learning has required. It has been a challenge, but I know that Cloudcroft Municipal School's Students, Parents and Staff have risen to this challenge, kept positive attitudes and moved learning forward. We had some hiccups the first few weeks with our Learning Management System, Canvas, but worked through them and things are now on a smoother path.

We are excited that students will be returning to our classrooms over the next couple of months as long as our COVID numbers continue to stay safe in Otero County. Please visit our "Distance Learning" tab for the latest information and Re-Entry Plans.

Also, I would like to remind everyone that there are numerous "Hotspots" available to access the internet all over the mountain, THANKS to our community partners – TBTC, PVT and The Office of Emergency Services. You can locate these by going to our website, cmsbears.org, and look under "Latest News". As of now, we are still slated to open our Schools back up this month according to the Governor. Please visit our website, cmsbears.org, check your emails and phone messages for the latest information on how and exactly when this will occur. As soon as we know, we will start "broadcasting" the details. I would like to stress the importance of good communication during this time of Virtual Learning. If any student or parent has questions or concerns, please reach out to your teacher or principal. We want this experience to be the BEST it can be for everyone.

On another note, I would like to introduce a few more new staff members: K-5 Educational Assistants – Marion Connor-Parker, Brittney Virden and Pilar Rubio. Welcome to the BEAR Family – we are happy to have you all.

Another happy note – the NMAA is allowing "off-season" practice during this Virtual Learning time. That means that coaches can meet with their student athletes for 7.5 hours a week on school days. Many stipulations still apply to keep everyone safe. For all the latest information on when sports are expected to begin and the mandatory rules and regulations, please visit our website cmsbears.org and look under "Latest News" for the NMAA tab.

I would like to Thank the Shady Pines Chamber Players and coordinator, Suzannah Cox, for their generous donation to our Cloudcroft Municipal Schools Music Program. They donated \$1200 and have been big supporters of our program for years. We appreciate their support and their music!. If you have never listened to them, you are missing out – go to their Facebook page or YouTube Channel, "Shady Pines Chamber Players". (I already sent you a picture and short article)

Another big supporter of Cloudcroft Schools, CLOC, held their blood drive in our High School Gym on August 14. All their appointment times were booked! We had lots of community members as well as Cloudcroft School Staff take part in this worthwhile event. We are happy we were able to help it be successful -but we are not surprised – OUR Community is Amazing!! Thank you to all that came out and donated blood. (use attached picture)

I would also like to Congratulate our own six-foot nine-inch Hunter Alvord for being recruited by Finlandia University in Hancock Michigan to play basketball. Hunter started off with us in Kindergarten and started playing basketball about that same time and it paid off! We want to wish Hunter the very BEST at Finlandia! Go LIONS!! (I already sent you pictures and a more in-depth article)

Finally, I would like to Thank OUR parents for working with us during this challenging time and letting us educate your students. Their success in learning is our Number One priority. Stay Safe and Go Bears!