

# Hiawatha College Prep Kingfield

April 20- 24



## A Message from the Principal

I hope this message finds your family healthy and safe. That is what we, as a school and community, care most about. Challenges abound but I know we will get through this together.

As you probably heard from news outlets, we will not be returning to campus this school year. We are sad we won't get to see all of you in person, but we will continue making sure your students make academic and character growth through our distance learning program.

During distance learning, attendance is being taken and monitored daily, please remind your students that they need to log in daily and connect with their teachers once a week. If you have any questions in regards to attendance please do not hesitate in reaching out to our office at 612-353-4324. We understand distance learning may bring some challenges and we are here to support you and our students.

You may have seen these resources already, but make sure to come to the high school each Monday for food distribution and if you need financial support

for housing please click [here](#). Applications are due April 27.

Lastly, we want your feedback, please complete our [family survey](#). Your opinion matters and we want to make sure our learning program meets your families' needs in this challenging time. If you have questions or would like to connect, please reach out to me directly at [mtoppin@hiawathaacademies.org](mailto:mtoppin@hiawathaacademies.org) or at 612.802,5521

Sincerely, Mr. Toppin

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## 5th Grade Updates

**Math:** 5th grade math is using two platforms called Google Classroom and Classkick. We are continuing to learn new things while reviewing topics that we have already learned. We were finding the volume and area of figures of all different sizes. Right now, we are learning about geometric shapes- like trapezoids, parallelograms, and rhombuses. Ask your student about the differences between each of them!

**Reading:** This week, students will use the natural disaster research they've compiled to make a PSA about a natural disaster of their choice! We can't wait to see them use what they've learned to make their PowerPoints! Students should still be reading 20+ minutes every day. Ask your scholar what they're reading, and how to stay safe in a natural disaster!

**Science:** In science distance learning, fifth graders are learning about soil and how earthworms, mushrooms and other decomposers can put nutrients in the soil from eating dead things. We are using these ideas to figure out why the trees aren't growing in a project area, a rainforest in Costa Rica that was cut down for cattle to live there and is now being returned to the forest.

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## 6th Grade Updates

**Reading:** We are continuing to read the audiobook *Wonder* together and work on using evidence from the book to answer questions. Here is some advice from current 6<sup>th</sup> graders on what to do if you are lonely:  
"Talk or text your closest friends or people you trust about how you're feeling."  
"Just don't forget that your family still loves you."  
"If you feel lonely try to talk more with your fam."  
"Don't worry, this will end."

"Communicate with your friends or go outside and enjoy yourself."

**Science:** Students are beginning the chemical reaction unit, where we will learn about atoms, and how they rearrange during chemical reactions

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### 7th Grade Updates

**Social Studies:** Scholars are working hard at learning new vocabulary, practicing geography skills, and considering the decisions countries make during conflict. We just wrapped up our unit on World War II and have started learning about the Cold War. Ask your scholar how they did on their Unit 5 Quiz.

**Science:** Students in 7th grade science are wrapping up our unit on Natural Selection. Next week, students will study the ways that mutations can lead to different traits in a species. They will then choose if they want to write a paper or be part of an online discussion as their final unit project.

**ELA:** 7th grade ELA is continuing to learn about how digital technology affects our brains. We just finished reading a scientific article by the American Association of Pediatrics which outlined their suggestions on how young people should use digital media like the internet, streamed television, video games, and social media.

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### 8th Grade Updates

**Math:** This week 8th graders have been working on scatter plots in math. We are looking at data trends and will start creating lines of best fit next week.

**Social Studies:** This week in 8th grade SS we're learning about how our global economy affects people in the developing world

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### Enrichment Courses

**ELD:** This week in ELD the kids are putting all of their skills together to carry out creative writing. They are also practicing their speaking skills by discussing who is their favorite [superhero/superheroine](#)

**Physical Education:** In PE students still have the opportunity to continue working out. Each week students will have 2-3 workout videos they can do at home. I am challenging students to stay fit during distant learning. Go Lions #StayFit

**Art:** Earth day Comic Strip

This week students are drawing comics and are also being challenged to create another comic strip that is talking about our earth. As always students are encouraged to push themselves into trying new things. Visit the art gallery: [Art Enrichment Gallery](#)

### All School

**Lion's Den:** In this google classroom students have the opportunity to participate in trivia Tuesday/Thursday and go on virtual college visits!

This week we are traveling to Louisiana. Students select a college of their choice from the list, and complete the virtual tour. Once the tour is complete remind your students to fill out the survey to be entered in the weekly drawing. The survey should take 3 to 5 minutes. All submissions must be completed by Friday at 5 pm.

Congratulations to following students on being selected in last week's College Tour:

Maria Guadalupe Cortez Cantor (5th Grade)  
Nathan Jimenez (7th Grade)  
Juan Garcia Ruiz (6th Grade)  
Jair Linares Analco (8th Grade)

Your prizes will be in the mail soon!!!!

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