

Hiawatha College Prep Kingfield

May 18-22



A Message from the Principal

Scholars continue to inspire me with their work ethic and drive to learn! This week I have highlights of our student survey!

- 77% of students report the work is getting easier
- 97% know what they are supposed to work on
- 93% are learning new things
- 75% feel supported and like they are getting enough help to complete assignments.

Thank you for always supporting your student in distance learning to ensure they are having a positive experience!

We have just 3 weeks left in the school year. In the coming weeks students will show what they've learned through summative projects and we will make sure all students and families know their in-progress grades. We also plan to have virtual conferences with all families in the last week of school, June 1-5th. Look for more communication from your student's coach to find a time that works for you. In these conferences we look forward to sharing the incredible progress your student has made and talk about plans for summer learning.

Stronger Together,

Mr. Toppin

5th Grade Updates

Science: In 5th grade science we just finished exploring how light reflects off objects so we can see. Next week will start learning about vision differences between animals that are mostly awake during the day and those that are awake during the night.

6th Grade Updates

Reading: In 6th grade we are two weeks away from finishing our novel quizzing on it to get our words read final words goals. Keep reading at home and quizzing when you finish. Also, the week of 5/28 will be our FINAL Assessment! Stay hydrated! The work is about to increase. Good work you guys.

Math: Remind your students to complete their Khan Academy work.

Science: We are having a great week in science. Our class is reading about the chemistry that occurs inside the body when we eat. Students have also learned that atoms are not created nor destroyed, but rearranged.

7th Grade Updates

Social Studies: Scholars continue learning about the Vietnam War.

ELA: This week in 7th grade ELA we started our end of the year project. Students are using the information they are learning about how technology impacts us by choosing to complete one of three different types of projects. Students chose from creating a personal technology use plan, a letter to the editor or opinion article about a topic relating to technology, or an action plan to achieve some sort of goal related to technology use. So far, topics have ranged from creating a plan to get teachers to use video games in their lessons, to limiting phone usage because looking at a phone too much has caused headaches!

Science: In 7th grade science students will be studying timelines of evolutionary change to get an idea of how long it can take for changes in species to build up. We will then compare the similarities and differences of species that come from a common ancestor to determine how closely related they actually are.

8th Grade Updates

Social Studies: This week in 8th grade SS kids looked at which countries are most responsible for creating the conditions for climate change.

ELA: Students are beginning to write their personal narratives and create their high school action plans. They've been reading examples of personal narratives and reflecting on the lessons that they've learned so far in their life. Jessica Loya Lopez and Eric Palomino Sanchez have read over 3,000,000 words this year. The following 8th graders have read over 1,000,000 words so far this year:

Loya Lopez, Jessica
Palomino Sanchez, Eric
Chico Mayorga, Michael
Forrest, Lauren
Rocha Orozco, Arleth
Luciano Santamaria, Marlenne
Chalco-Tarqui, Adam
Aviles, Ashley
Tello, Alexis
Once-Alvarado, Andrea
Quintana, Eiby
Cortez, Gabriel
Urgiles, Jason
Flores Medrano, Elena
Gregory, Musa
Hernandez Vargas, Justin
Llapa Juncal, Angel

Enrichment Courses

English Language Development: The ELD class is strengthening their understanding of the future "going to" and "will", and the students are also discussing the impact the coronavirus pandemic is having on high school proms and graduations.

Physical Education: In PE students are expected to continue working out daily. Middle school students should be getting 3-4 hours of exercise per week. Try working out as a family.

Go Lions 🦁

Art: Photography Project

Our artists are telling a story using pictures of the 10 inch person created last Monday. Students must think of the struggle of being a 10 inch person. Would it be funny or dangerous? We are telling a story with pictures, so make sure you can tell what's going on in the picture.

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!

College Virtual Tours

This week's college tour is in New York. After visiting the college please complete the survey. The survey should take 5 minutes. You will get one entry per survey completed. This week's giveaway is college swag. We will mail it to you if you win. All submissions must be completed by Friday at 5 pm.

Congratulations to following students on being selected in last week's College Tour: Cruz Benitez (8th Grade)
Allizon Nunez Ramirez (5th Grade) Jair Linares Analco (8th Grade)

Chat and Chill: Every Wednesday, the Culture team will host time for students to hangout.

Lower School: 12:30 pm - 12:55 pm

Upper School: 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Trivia Tuesdays/Thursdays

Congrats to our Trivia Prize Winners!

1. Arleth V.R.O
2. Jennifer P.
3. Alexis G.

Message from our Social Workers:

If you are in need of resources at this time, please take a look at [Hiawatha's list](#) for ideas on food, legal, financial, safety, and other supports.

Free Virtual Tax Assistance: Expanding Free Tax Preparation



To reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect Minnesotans' health, volunteer tax preparers will be offering free virtual income tax and property tax refund assistance.

How does virtual tax assistance work?

A volunteer certified by the Internal Revenue Service will prepare your tax return remotely. They will assist you in filing your taxes while avoiding in-person interaction.

What will I need?

You will need internet access on a smartphone, tablet, or computer.

When will this service be available?

We anticipate opening at the end of May.

For more information, visit our website at <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us> and type Free Tax Preparation Help into the Search box.

