

Highland Families,

Helo

Our Highland Extended Learning Opportunities (Helo) program at the elementary has been a long running success. We will be offering classes again this year. However, we are having trouble finding enough instructors/subjects so **I'm asking for your ideas**. We offer classes such as crafts, woodworking, outdoor survival, acting, baking, small engines, etc. We pay for supplies and a salary. If you know of someone who is interested in teaching a section of Helo please contact Mrs. Heil (Mheil@weldre9.org) or Mrs. Moylett (mmoylett@weldre9.org) before January 1st for details.

Covid-19

Since my last update, the Covid-19 virus has increased at the elementary and decreased on the Ault campus. While, both our elementary and high school have had a significant number of positive tests and quarantines, at the moment we have less than 10 students out with Covid related issues. We have modified our quarantine period to reflect the recommendations of the CDC which should decrease the amount of time students need to miss school moving forward. I'm happy to report that the number of students or staff hospitalized for covid is still zero (0).

Athletics & Activities

As you know, our extra-curricular programs have been impacted by the Covid-19 crisis. Recently, CHSAA announced further delays to our winter sports seasons that would normally be underway. However, we are moving forward with high school athletics in a club format. CHSAA does not sanction middle school athletics. We plan to start up contest in middle school as soon as we can find teams to compete against. As for activities, we have had a few Christmas programs and we have concerts scheduled for this week as well. We are offering family and distance seating at our concerts and will have limited spectators at our athletic contest.

Merry Christmas

It has been a difficult school year and it feels like a break for our staff and students to recharge is appropriate. As we move into break, I again want to thank you for your support. Our families have been understanding when we have needed to quarantine students, change schedules and modify procedures. You have been encouraging when we have received negative publicity. We have a community, something that is becoming a rare find these days. Have a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you at school in the new year!