

## **Highland Families,**

### **Supply Chain**

The national supply chain crisis is having some impact on our district. The most visible area is food services. Our team works to create a monthly menu. However, what we order and what we receive are two different things, so we are creating and changing the menu on short notice and serving what we are provided. While infrequent, it has been necessary for our team to go to town for additional food items. The meals are still very good and our students have been understanding.

### **Covid 19....**

Since there is a push to vaccinate children ages 5-11 and some schools are hosting clinics, we have been getting some questions. The decision to vaccinate your child belongs to you. We will not be hosting clinics and we are not requiring you to provide any information regarding your child's covid vaccination status. We monitor weekly covid data provided by the Weld County Health Department. Of the 11 districts who are monitored, we had the third lowest rates for the last 14-day period.

### **Substitute Teaching???**

An area that we are struggling with is finding enough substitute teachers. If you or someone you know is interested, please visit the district website([weldre9.org](http://weldre9.org)) and click Employment Opportunities → Substitute for Weld Re-9. You can also contact the district office (970-834-1345) for more information. To qualify, you must have at least a high school diploma and pass a background check. We pay \$120 per day.

### **Security**

We regularly practice different security scenarios. Recently we secured the Ault campus for a police matter that was taking place near the school. Since no one was harmed, it worked out to be a good opportunity for us to review our procedures in a real situation. We identified practices we can improve. We also need your help to keep our school phone lines open during these emergencies. If our outgoing lines are tied up, it could disrupt communications with other agencies. Once we understand the facts, we will use Infinite Campus messenger and/or our website to communicate with families.

### **Thanksgiving Break**

It sure does seem like time goes by fast. We are at Thanksgiving break and once we return, there are only three weeks of school until Christmas vacation which is also the end of the first semester. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I want to wish you a happy Thanksgiving.