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October 2019

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# Otero Elementary

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## Notes from Otero Leadership Team:

As we fall into routines and dynamic learning experiences the season and leaves begin to change colors. Otero has had a colorful kick off to the 2019-2020 school year. One major highlight included our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Color Run. We had a HUGE family and community turn out and were honored to have generosity from our students and families for sponsoring other members of the Otero community. In addition to whole group reading instruction all students have received color levels to indicate their independent reading based on their individualized skills. To ensure your child reaches their highest potential in reading, Otero provides targeted reading instruction to all students. Please know your students color level and read with them 30 minutes each night. Report cards have been sent home to provide families with information on how their students are academically progressing. We have completed our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter conferences on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We discussed how to continue building partnerships with families and plan for student success. We look forward to completing 100% participation. Thank you to our parents who joined our Parent Volunteer Meetings to share ideas, complete tasks, and support Harrison School District 2 and Otero. We look forward to seeing you on November 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30 @ On The Border. Don't forget to RSVP 719-579-3521. We look forward to continuing our partnerships and working collectively to provide quality instruction to all students through retaining effective teachers in every classroom.

At your service,  
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## Upcoming Events

### October 31

Halloween Parade @ 2:15

### November 7

Family Night 5-6:30

### November 11

Veteran's Day Assembly @  
2:30

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## Community Highlight



Thank you Full Armour Swimming

## Attendance

Otero's goal for student attendance is a rate of 95%.

August	95.47%
September	95.91%

## Reminders

**RAPTOR** – Make sure that your ID has been captured in office to allow for easy check in during our upcoming events!

- Visiting Otero
  - Bring a picture ID or Driver's License
  - Please check into the front office and get a visitor tag
  - Check out through the front office

**JOIN OUR TENACIOUS TACO TUESDAY CLUB AKA VIP'S**  
**Next Meeting Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**RSVP - 719-579-3521**

We are looking for additional families to participate, give feedback, sign up to help Otero, and help with projects for the school! If you are unable to make it, please visit Facebook (Otero Elementary School) to review our agenda for upcoming events and community happenings.

**GET MOVING WITH THE TENACIOUS CLUB**  
**Join us on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 8:00 @**  
**Springs Trampoline**

**Run the Ninja Course with our VIP Coordinator!!**



## Otero Parents and Community ROCK

### TENACIOUS TACO TUESDAY CLUB

Otero has worked hard to build community and parent relationships this school year. We have had 2 meetings this school year thus far and it has been amazing. We thank our families for all their dedication and help during our meetings.



Working together to make Otero the Best School in the Nation!!

## NOTES FROM THE TEACHERS

Kinder had a blast at Venetucci's Pumpkin Farm. Thank you, Catamount Institute, for hosting such amazing events!



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade had a blast at Catamount institute and learning about



## District Corner – October 2019

We hope you are enjoying the 2019-2020 school year in Harrison School District Two. This District Corner News brings you important news from the District Office.

- FREE COLLEGE for our D2 graduates is set to start in fall 2020. Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC) will provide free college tuition and academic support coaches to every qualifying high school graduate in the school district.

The Dakota Promise Scholarship aims to double the number of students attending college within one year of high school graduation and get 80 percent of those students to complete a certificate or degree or transfer to a four-year college or university. PPCC will play a pivotal role in the success of this program by providing participating students with intensive support from professional student success coaches which includes financial, personal, food, transportation, and academic support.

To be eligible for the program, students must complete high school with 2.5 or better GPA for their combined junior and senior years, enroll at PPCC within 12 months of graduation, enroll and complete a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year and apply for financial aid. Tell your friends there is another reason to choose HSD2!

## Esquina del Distrito—Octubre 2019

Esperamos que estén disfrutando el comienzo del año escolar 2019-2020 en el Distrito Escolar de Harrison Dos. Esta Esquina de Noticias del Distrito le trada importante noticias de la Oficina del Distrito.

La UNIVERSIDAD GRATUITA para nuestros graduados de D2 está programada para comenzar en el otoño de 2020. Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC) proporcionará matrícula universitaria gratuita y entrenadores de apoyo académico a cada graduado de secundaria que califique en el distrito escolar.

La Beca Dakota Promise tiene como objetivo duplicar el número de estudiantes que asisten a la universidad dentro de un año de la graduación de la escuela secundaria y lograr que el 80 por ciento de esos estudiantes complete un certificado o título o se transfiera a una universidad o universidad de cuatro años. PPCC desempeñará un papel fundamental en el éxito de este programa al proporcionar a los estudiantes participantes un apoyo intensivo de entrenadores profesionales de éxito estudiantil que incluye apoyo financiero, personal, de alimentos, transporte y académico.

# IMPORTANT DATES



Halloween Parade

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> @ 2:15 pm

## November FUN!!

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – Family Fun Night @ Otero 5-6:30

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – Springs Trampoline Night 5-8

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day Assembly 2:30 pm

Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Chipotle Night 4-8

Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – Picture Retakes

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> - Tenacious Taco Tuesday Club 5-6:30

Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Turkey Trot and Family Thanksgiving Lunch

Thankful