



February 2023 Cougar News

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

Feb 13th - 16th

- Book Fair

Feb 15 (Wed)

- Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30pm

Feb 16 (Thurs)

- No School

- Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30pm

Feb 17 (Fri)

- No School

Feb 20 (Mon)

- No School

Feb 22 (Wed)

- Family Movie Night 5-7pm

MARCH

March 1 (Wed)

- Parent Info Night - Fighting 5-6pm

March 20 - March 27

- NO SCHOOL Spring Break

Dear Thornton Middle School families,

Happy February! My name is Ms. Murphy and I am the 8th grade Assistant Principal at Thornton Middle School. It's been a great start for semester 2 for Thornton Middle School.

During the month of January students engaged in some fun activities! Half of the 8th graders earned a dance party reward where Officer Mansfield, teachers, campus supervisors and myself played music and danced together! Additionally, 8th graders had their big 8th grade dance filled with glow in the dark things and enjoyed delicious snacks!

Reminders for some amazing upcoming events in February are Spring Parent Teacher Conferences on February 15th and February 16th from 4:30-7:30pm each night, our Book Fair February 13th-February 16th and even a Family Movie Night on February 22nd from 5-7pm. Please join us for any of our events!

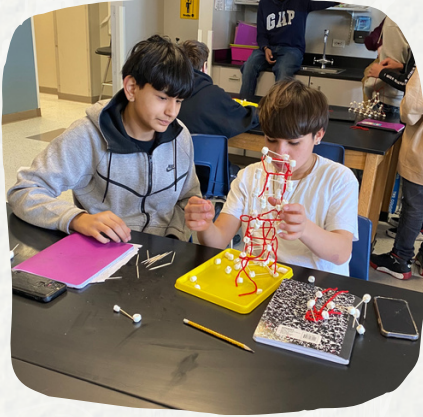
Additionally, all of our students will take our Student Survey where they get to have their voice heard about their experience at Thornton Middle School. This is exciting because it empowers students and allows our staff to gain insight on student needs and also areas to celebrate with them!

Hope to see you at some of our upcoming events!

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Thornton Middle School
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Thornton, CO 80229
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Check out what our students are doing!





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Fill The Teacher Lounge



[Sign Up Form Here](#)

February 15th & 16th we will be hosting our spring parent teacher conferences, this means our staff will be putting in some extra time in the building.

Let's fill the staff lounge with drinks and packaged treats/snacks for a little extra energy.

We appreciate you and our TMS community. Looking forward to seeing you all for Parent Teacher Conferences.

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday February 15th

4:30pm- 7:30pm

Thursday February 16th

4:30pm - 7:30pm

**More info will be shared about the format of conferences*



No School 2/16, 2/17 & 2/20



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Location: Thornton Middle School Library

February 13th 9:30-2:30

February 14th 9:30-2:30

February 15th 9:30-7:30

February 16th 4:30-7:30



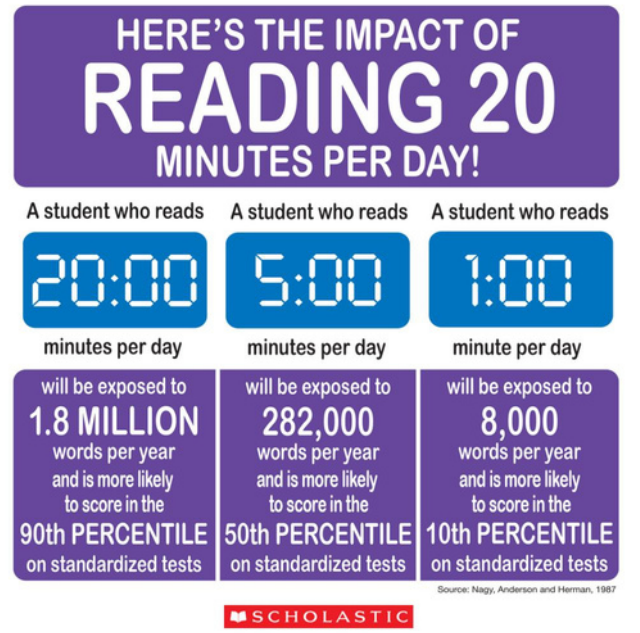
Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://tinyurl.com/THM-Book-Fair>



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Reading At Home Information Night



During Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday 2/15 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Wednesday 2/15 5:45pm - 6:15pm

Thursday 2/16 5:30pm - 6:00pm

Thursday 2/16 6:30pm - 7:00pm

**Stop by the library
for an informative
session about
reading at home
and get a FREE
book!**



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Boys Basketball Game Schedule

Take time to cheer on our boys basketball teams at their games. We would love to see our community supporting TMS!

6th Grade Game Schedule

Game 1: Thursday February 23rd Thornton Middle School vs. Hulstrom K-8 @ Hulstrom K-8 (AWAY)
6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 2: Thursday March 9th Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Lab @ Thornton Middle School (HOME)
6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 3: Thursday March 16th Thornton Middle School vs. Thunder Vista @ Thornton Middle School (HOME)
6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 4: Thursday March 30th Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Launch @ STEM Launch (AWAY)
6:00pm/7:00pm

7th Grade Game Schedule

Game 1: Tuesday February 28th Thornton Middle School vs. Hulstrom K-8 @ Thornton Middle School (HOME) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 2: Tuesday March 14th Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Lab @ STEM Lab (AWAY) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 3: Tuesday March 28th Thornton Middle School vs. Thunder Vista @ Thunder Vista (AWAY)
6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 4: Monday April 3rd Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Launch @ Thornton Middle School (HOME)
6:00pm/7:00pm

8th Grade Game Schedule

Game 1: Thursday February 23rd Thornton Middle School vs. Hulstrom K-8 @ Thornton Middle School (HOME)
6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 2: Thursday March 9th Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Lab @ STEM Lab (AWAY) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 3: Thursday March 16th Thornton Middle School vs. Thunder Vista @ Thunder Vista (AWAY) 6:00pm/7:00pm

Game 4: Thursday March 30th Thornton Middle School vs. STEM Launch @ Thornton Middle School (HOME)
6:00pm/7:00pm

Contact Angelina Jaimes with Questions 720-972-5161



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Upcoming Informational Night



Wednesday March 1st 5-6pm
Thornton Middle School
Let's Stop The Fighting

Family Movie Night!

Wednesday February 22nd 5-7pm

\$1.00 per family
Snacks will be sold (cash only)
**Students MUST be
accompanied by an ADULT**





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CMAS
Testing will
be two weeks
after spring
break!

**Students should bring their
chromebook to school everyday.**

**Let's work together to make
sure all of our chromebooks and
chargers are working now!**



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Thornton Middle School Spirit Wear!

THORNTON SPIRIT WEAR STORE



TEES, HOODIES & MORE!



1stplace.sale/15653



Show Your Cougar Pride!

Excited to share this opportunity with our TMS students and families.

Please visit the link to check out all of the great TMS Spirit Wear available to our community.

Order online and have your order shipped directly to your home.

Store Link: <https://1stplace.sale/15653>



Check out what our Thornton Middle School Clubs!

Late bus available, contact main office for details.

Learn more about these clubs by visiting the TMS Website

esports club

Day: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 4:45-5:30
Place: M193
Sponsor: Ms. Burkel

SPIRIT CLUB

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L152
Sponsor: Ms. Kellog

Math Counts

TMS MATH TEAM

Day: Monday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: U107
Sponsor: Ms. Minik

FITNESS CLUB

Day: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: Gym
Sponsor: Mr. Gutierrez

pride Club!

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L152
Sponsor: Ms. Burkel & Ms. Pulzone

ART CLUB

Day: Tuesday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L152
Sponsor: Ms. Kellog

POP/ROCK CLUB

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:30-5:15
Place: L138
Sponsor: Mrs. Starbuck

YEARBOOK CLUB

Place: M104
Time: 8:00am-9:00am
Day: Tuesday
Sponsors: Mrs. Bair & Ms. Brisch

ACT, SING, DANCE Performing Arts Club

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: M155
Sponsor: Mrs. McKercher & Mrs. Rotman

Orchestra Club

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L142
Sponsor: Ms. Gooch
7th & 8th grade ONLY



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The Voices of the Comadres Parent Group

Parents and Guardians, we want your input and help. Join the Comadres Parent Group.

- Plan upcoming events
- Help improve our school
- Engage with the TMS community

**Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month
9am-10am @ Thornton Middle School**

For more information contact Ms. Laura.
720-972-5176 laura.bowman@adams12.org



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Community Closet



Our Closet is available for you and your family needs!

- Jeans/Pants/Leggings/Socks/Shoes/Belts
- Shirts/sweatshirts
- Winter hats & gloves/Jackets
- Canned goods/dry goods/snacks
- Hygiene items/cleaning supplies

**Closet is open every
Wednesday 3-4pm.**

For more information or for an appointment contact Ms. Laura.
720-972-5176 laura.bowman@adams12.org



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ATTENDANCE



Contact Information:

Attendance Line - 720-972-5198

Nancy Bender - Attendance Secretary
720-972-5169 -
Nancy.L.Bender@adams12.org

If your student arrives more than five minutes late for school, please have them stop at the Attendance Office to get a late pass. They should do this as soon as they walk in the school building. The reason this is an important step is to make sure that your student's attendance is updated and corrected.

Checking Your Student Out Early



We understand that there will be times you will need to check out your student from school early. When doing this you **MUST** come inside to the main office window to sign them out. You will need a **picture ID** and you must be on the authorized pick-up list for the student you are checking out in the Infinite Campus system.



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Office Hours

As a reminder the office hours at Thornton Middle School are as follows:

8:30am - 4:45pm Monday - Friday



Student Drop-Off



**Thank you for your
help on this request!**

Please do not drop your student off before 8:30am in the mornings.

Students will not be supervised and cannot be in the building prior to 8:30am.

Breakfast is available starting at 8:30am every day for every student.

If students are involved in a morning club, they must have a pass from a teacher to enter the building before 8:30am.



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Buy A Yearbook

Purchase your 2022-2023 Yearbook today!

Starting at \$25.00. [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE!](#)

Chromebook Policies

If a Chromebook is turned in by a custodian:

- 1st time-Warning
- 2nd time-Lunch Detention
- 3rd time-Call home and after school tutorials/ detention

If a Chromebook is lost:

Students should report it to the media tech in the library to have the device disabled/ locked.
Student will then be notified to come retrieve their device when found.

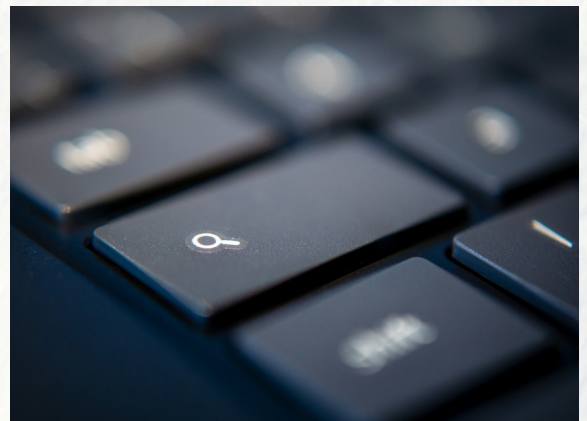
If damages are assessed they will be determined as intentional or non-intentional:

Fines escalate by incident. The first incident will be documented and fined for \$5 until the damage intent is determined.

Fines will be removed if determined to be non-intentional.
Non-intentional damage includes software issues and normal usage wear and tear.

Any physical damage outside of normal wear and tear will be classified as intentional.

- 1st Incident -\$5
- 2nd Incident -\$50
- 3rd Incident -\$75
- 4th Incident or lost -\$150





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Adams12
Five Star Schools



BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Understanding & Protecting CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL ABUSE

February 21, 2023
5:30-7:30 p.m.

In-person at the Educational Support Center
1500 E 128th Ave Thornton, CO

Adams 12 Five Star Schools, in partnership with Ralston House, is hosting a FREE course as part of our Building Healthy Communities series on understanding and protecting children from sexual abuse. We believe that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know.

Come and learn about how to identify predatory behaviors and how to protect your child.

This presentation is designed for adults, and the material is *not* suitable for children.

TOPICS THAT WILL BE COVERED:

- An overview of sexual abuse
- Perpetrator characteristics
- Grooming
- Preventing abuse
- How to talk to your children about sexual abuse

Childcare will be provided for children that are potty trained and are 3 years old or older.

Spanish interpretation offered.

Reserve your spot today: www.adams12.org/BHC



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Free Tax Preparation

IRS Certified Volunteers

Thornton Community Connections, 9471 Dorothy Blvd.

January 31 - April 13, 2023

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

First-come, first-served. No appointment needed. Income limit \$58,000.

WHAT TO BRING

- Photo identification for you and your spouse (if filing joint return)
- Social security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) documents for everyone listed on your return
- All W2's for wages from each employer
- 1098 for Education Loan Interest or Tuition Credits
- 1099 for Interest, Pensions, Social Security, Unemployment, Misc. Income
- Letter 6419 documenting any advance Child Tax Credit payments received
- Letter 6475 2021 Recovery Rebate Credit payment amounts
- For direct deposit of refund or automatic withdrawal if you owe, bring proof of account (Check)
- Birth dates for you, spouse, and dependents
- Information for all deductions/credits
- Total paid to day care provider and their tax ID number

WILL NOT PREPARE

- Schedule C with loss, depreciation or business use of home
- Rental Income
- Farm Income
- Complicated Schedule D (capital gains and losses)
- If you engaged in any transaction involving virtual currency

Please see a professional tax preparer for assistance with complicated returns.



City of Thornton
Community Connections



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Stay Connected

Thornton Middle School



TMS Website

TMS Facebook

TMS Instagram



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District Weather Policy

Process for School Closures and 1-hour Delayed Starts:

In the event of inclement weather, Adams 12 Five Star Schools uses a variety of resources to determine if conditions exist that warrant a 1-hour delayed start or closure of schools.

If conditions pose a concern for student and staff safety, the district will make every effort to announce a decision by 5:30 a.m. to close or delay opening schools. A 1-hour delayed start or closure will be communicated in several different ways, including:

- District website
- School websites
- Local media outlets
- Email and text message to parents
 - Ensure your information is up-to-date in Infinite Campus
 - In order to receive text messages, opt-in today by texting “YES” to 67587
- District’s hotline (720) 972-4000
- Social media (Facebook - Twitter)
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Keep in mind, you will only receive alerts if schools are closed or operating on a 1-hour delay. If schools are open and operating on a normal schedule you will not receive an alert.

If schools are open but a parent feels, based on personal circumstances, that conditions pose a safety concern for their child getting to or from school they can call the school for an excused absence.



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Infinite Campus - Parent Portal



Did you know that Parent Engagement has a direct correlation to student success?

Students with engaged parents are more likely to have higher self-esteem, lower absenteeism and earn high grades or test scores. So what are you waiting for? Log into Campus Parent and get engaged today!

PARENT FAVORITES:

- Accessing student grades
- Give that praise and encouragement for that A or B they studied hard for!
- Review attendance and absences
- Get real-time notifications if your student is absent
- Seeing assignments due or upcoming exams

Connect Today

Campus Parent can be accessed on the web (login information is received from your district), using the Campus Parent mobile app.

- [Link #1 Adams 12 Parent Portal Signup to create Infinite Account](#)
- [Link #2 Access Infinite Campus and change Password](#)
- [Link #3 Infinite Campus Video how to access IC for Parents, Grades, Attendance, etc](#)



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Free Counseling Sessions for Youth



The Office of Behavioral Health has launched **IMatter**, a program to provide up to three free counseling sessions for Colorado youth, as a part of House Bill 21-1258 (more information below). Parents can sign up and get resources and therapy sessions for their child. Youth, ages 12-18, can sign up for mental health sessions. Check out this article from [Chalkbeat for more information](#). You can order I Matter materials free of charge through this [form](#).

The Colorado Office of Behavioral Health and its partners have launched IMatter, a program that provides up to three free counseling sessions for Colorado youth.

Get Connected

Youth and their parents can visit the I Matter platform to take a confidential online survey about their mental health and schedule sessions with a licensed behavioral health clinician, primarily online over telehealth. All Colorado youth ages 18 or younger—or 21 and younger if receiving special education services—are eligible to receive free services.

Contact Information

- For general inquiries about the program, contact elizabeth.owens@state.co.us.
- To inquire about being a provider within the program, contact providers@imattercolorado.org.
- To receive help with the website or support in scheduling a session, email support@imattercolorado.org.

Free/Reduced Benefits

Apply now for meal benefits for the 2022-23 school year. We are asking all families to apply to support potential funding or benefits that go beyond meals. Remember all families must reapply every year.

Apply today at www.adams12.org/myschoolapps. Please be sure to submit an application. Your household's free and reduced-price lunch program (school meals) application can help your family access discounted internet and phone costs and secure additional funds for your school. If your household qualifies for school meals, you might also qualify for P-EBT.