

# Regarding Valentine Deliveries

Valentine's Day is right around the corner. We will celebrate the day with classroom parties and an exchange of valentines. Florist shops are gearing up for their biggest day of the year. Before you order that Valentine's Day surprise for your student we wanted to share that we will not be accepting Valentine deliveries at the school this year. This has been our policy for the last couple of years and frankly it has made for a much smoother, more pleasant day with our students. Flowers and balloons are difficult for students to maneuver, along with treats, at the end of the day. Students who do not receive deliveries often feel left out and saddened. If you would like your student to receive a special Valentine surprise we would encourage you to have it delivered to your home and share that special moment with them in person. We also respectfully request that if your child brings valentines for one student in class they bring valentines for all students in their class. Class lists are being sent home by teachers. Thank you for your understanding!

## Muffins with Moms

Calling all Moms, or those that fill that role! Our PTO will host Muffins with Moms tomorrow, **Friday, February 9th**. Plan to join us in the cafeteria from 7:30 to 8:00AM for a breakfast treat, while you share a bit of extra time with your student! What a great way to start your day! Donuts with Dads, or those who fill that role, has been scheduled for Friday, March 15th. Thanks to our awesome PTO for hosting this event!

## ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL

3rd - 6th grade girls and boys will have the opportunity to play at halftime of the high school basketball games Saturday, February 10th. Please see the schedule for this weekend below.  
**9:00AM** - Girls Practice **10:00AM** - Boys Practice Elem/JH Gym  
**3-6 Girls** - Halftime of Girls JV Game (12:00 PM start) - HS Gym  
**3-4 Boys** - Halftime of Boys JV Game (1:30 PM start) - HS Gym  
**3-6 Girls** - Halftime Girls Varsity Game (3:00 PM start) - HS Gym  
**5-6 Boys** - Halftime Boys Varsity Game (4:30 PM start) - HS Gym  
**PLAYERS** and **ONE ADULT** will receive free admission to the High School games. All players should sit with parents or as a team in the South East corner of the gym. *We ask that students not be allowed to roam free during games.*

## Valentine Grams

Mrs. Franklin's first grade students are learning about marketing and enterprise. They are selling Valentine Grams for just 50 cents each. Orders are **due by tomorrow, Friday, February 9th**. The grams will be delivered on Valentine's Day by Mrs. Franklin's first graders, within the Elementary Building, to the Kindergarten through 4th grade students or staff they were ordered for. The order form can be found on our website under Forms.

## Montana Mud Season

Mud season has arrived. With the warmer temps, melting snow and some rain we have a bit of mud on our playgrounds. Kiddos and mud seem to find each other. This is the time of year, when a change of clothes in the backpack can be most helpful. Although we do have some clothing available, should students and mud connect, students are often most comfortable wearing their own. If a quick change should be needed, this might save you a trip.

## Important Happenings

- 2/8 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/9 Muffins with Moms - 7:30-8:00AM
- 2/9 FUN FRIDAY - Team Day
- 2/9 Valentine Gram sale ends
- 2/9 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 2/10 3rd-6th Basketball - see schedule on left
- 2/12 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/14 *Classroom Valentine Parties*
- 2/14 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/15 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/16 4th Gr Field Trip - Winter Tracks - Mule Pasture
- 2/16 PTO Popcorn Friday - sponsored by Happy Trails Preschool
- 2/16 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 2/19 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/21 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/21 4th-8th Gr. 2nd Ski Trip
- 2/22-2/23 NO SCHOOL**
- 2/24 Project Ascent's Winter Carnival—HS Football Field
- 2/26 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/28 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/29 Leap Day
- 3/1 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 3/2 4H Communication Day
- 3/5 Family STEM Night—5:00-8:00PM
- 3/5 Student Council Bake Sale
- 3/8 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 3/13 PTO Meeting - 4:30PM
- 3/15 Donuts with Dads—7:30AM – 8:00AM
- 3/15 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 3/22 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/22 *Early out - 2:05PM*

## Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,  
Principal

School web site:  
<http://thompsonfalls.net>



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**When Kids Constantly Interrupt**

Have you ever tried to have a talk with another adult who constantly interrupted the conversation with completely unrelated, irrelevant details? Just the other day, I tried to visit with a friend. Every three to five seconds, he'd blurt, "Stop that!" or "Hold on" or "Just wait!" or "What did I say about that?" or "Doggone it!"

Of course, he wasn't saying these things to me. They were directed at his kids.

To be fair to my buddy, this bad habit is easy to fall into. Breaking it requires that we first make a pact that we won't say a single word to the kids when they begin to interrupt. Nope. Not a single word—or even glance their way.

Of course, their interrupting will get much worse in the short term! When this happens with small children, we can buckle them into the stroller or high chair or we can gently put them in their playpen or room. All of this is done with no words or excess attention given to the tots.

With older children, we often have to grit our teeth and manage to get through the conversation as best we can, despite all of the whining going on around us. When we're finally done, we can say to them, "This is so sad. You guys really drained our energy by how you behaved when your mom and I were talking. How are you planning to replace that energy?"

In our audio, [Love and Logic Magic: When Kids Drain Your Energy](#), we teach that kids can replace this energy by doing extra chores, paying for a babysitter so that you can have a peaceful dinner away from them, or staying home instead of being driven somewhere.

***Each week we will share Love & Logic tips here. We also have many Love & Logic resources available for loan.***

***Contact our school counselor, Ms. Taylour Freed, for more info.***