

BLUE HAWK NEWS

WELCOME BACK

We were so happy to see our students walk back into school this week! We hope all of our families had wonderful holiday breaks. There are only two weeks until the end of the 2nd quarter and 1st semester on January 18th. Please keep in mind our staff has a PIR day on Friday, January 19th, so there is no school for students. We will all be in training that day.

'Tis the Season

Even though the holidays are over, 'tis the season for sickness. We have already seen plenty of students with coughs, fever, etc. Although we want to see our kiddos every day, **when students are ill, we ask that you please keep them home until they have been fever free for at least 24 hours and have not vomited for at least 24 hours.** More information on our illness policies can be found on page 36 of the Elementary Student/Parent Handbook, which is available online at www.thompsonfalls.net/elementary

THANK YOU PTO

Another big THANK YOU to our PTO for sponsoring our Mega Bucks giveaway before Christmas. We were able to award nearly 100 prizes to students for exhibiting our Core Values of Excellence, Integrity, Compassion, Unity, and Respect. Please consider being active in our PTO. There are upcoming opportunities to be involved. The **next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th beginning at 4:30PM** in the Elementary.

READ 2 RIDE

Once again this year, kinder through 6th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in Silverwood's Read 2 Ride Program. Students can earn a FREE ticket to Silverwood Theme Park in Athol, Idaho, by logging 10 hours of recreational reading. Reading for homework or school assignments does not count, but reading to themselves, reading to someone else, or having someone else read to them does! The program, which kicks off today, will run through March 28th, with reading logs due by 3:30PM that afternoon. Reading logs are being sent home today and include a few more details. The log can also be found on our website at <https://www.thompsonfalls.net/Page/1303>. Thanks for reading with your students!

3rd-6th Grade Basketball?

A basketball program for 3rd through 6th grade boys and girls is a **POSSIBILITY** during January and February. All that's needed are a few **ADULT VOLUNTEERS!** More information is being sent home with 3rd through 6th grade students today! Go Blue Hawks!

Important Happenings

- 1/4 Read 2 Ride Reading begins
- 1/4 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 1/5 FUN FRIDAY - Blue Hawk Day
- 1/5 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 1/8 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 1/8 January School Board Meeting - 6:00PM
- 1/10 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 1/11 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 1/12 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 1/15 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 1/17 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 1/17 PTO Meeting - 4:30PM - Elementary
- 1/18 *End of 1st Semester*
- 1/18 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 1/19 **NO SCHOOL - PIR**
- 1/22 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 1/24 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 1/25 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 1/26 4th-8th Gr. 1st Ski Trip
- 1/26 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 1/29 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 1/31 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/1 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/2 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 2/5 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/7 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/8 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/9 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 2/12 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 2/16 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 2/21 4th-8th Gr. 2nd Ski Trip
- 2/22-2/23 **NO SCHOOL**

Thompson Falls Elementary

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<http://thompsonfalls.net>



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Positive Relationships Are Essential

What is the most important ingredient for motivating children to develop personal responsibility and the skills/characteristics to reach their full potential?

Every year, as kids return to school, people ask this question. Some believe the answer lies in developing improved teaching methods and more advanced curricula. Others contend that the solution involves improving the types of tests administered to students.

At Love and Logic, we believe that the single most important factor affecting children involves the quality of relationships they experience with important adults in their lives. We believe that there will never be enough rewards, consequences, or techniques to get kids to behave and learn responsibility if we are not first developing positive relationships. In fact, rules, consequences, and rewards can backfire without healthy relationships.

* Rules provided without relationship result in rebellion. * Consequences given without relationship lead to resentment. * Rewards without relationship feel like bribes.

When most of us recall the adults from our youth who had the biggest positive impact on us, we think of those who:

- had high expectations and communicated them to us through loving limits,
- focused mostly on our strengths, not our weaknesses,
- spent a lot of time with us,
- listened to us,
- guided us rather than told us what to do,
- empathized when things went wrong,
- modeled healthy, assertive behavior, and
- held us accountable, yet loved us, even when our behavior wasn't lovable.

As this list shows, adults who enjoy positive, healthy relationships with children will be viewed as powerful and loving at the very same time. During this school year, let's make it a goal to be this type of adult for the wonderful children we know and love.

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.