

MEGA BUCKS

Excitement is mounting at the Elementary! It's MEGA BUCKS time! This PTO sponsored event is designed to encourage students to maintain control during the exciting, and often difficult days before Christmas. Here's how it works:

1. Students continue to earn Blue Hawk Bucks for exhibiting our core values of Integrity, Respect, Compassion, Unity and Excellence.
2. Blue Hawk Bucks earned during December are a special color. Only bucks earned in December can be exchanged for Mega Bucks.
3. Students may exchange five (5) December Blue Hawk Bucks for one MEGA BUCK.
4. After writing their name and teacher on their MEGA BUCK, the BUCK is then deposited in the big drawing jar by the office.
5. On Wednesday, December 20th, eighty lucky winners will be drawn from the jar. Those winners will then choose from the prizes on display in the Elementary Hallway!

We would like to send a huge THANK YOU to our wonderful PTO for all of their time, effort and support of this awesome campaign!

FOOD DRIVE

Our Student Council will be conducting a Food Drive next week. The Drive will run Monday, December 4th through Friday, December 8th. We are accepting donations of non-expired, non-perishable food items. For safety reasons, we ask that no glass containers be sent in. The drive will conclude at the end of the school day next Friday, December 8th. Items are to be brought to the classroom, where they will be counted and weighed. The grade level bringing in the most food will be treated to a root beer float party compliments of the Student Council. At the end of the drive, collected items will be delivered to the Thompson Falls Community Harvest Food Bank. The Food Bank shared that currently cereals, flour, sugar and juices are much needed items. The drive is one way Blue Hawks can model our core values of compassion and unity.

A Month of Movies

We recently learned that Thompson River Lumber Company (TRL) will be sponsoring 4 weeks of Christmas Movies at the Rex Theater. All attendees at each movie will also get one free medium popcorn and drink. Movies will play at 5:00PM. The movies are:

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| December 9 - How The Grinch Stole Christmas | December 16 - Jingle All The Way |
| December 23 - Home Alone | December 30 - The Santa Clause |

PTO Holiday Shoppe

PTO will offer The Kids' Choice Gift Shop, where students can purchase gifts for their family members, this year. The shop will be open **Monday, December 11th through Friday, December 15th**. Shop items will be available in the 25 cent to \$10 range, with most being \$1 - \$5 dollars. Watch for flyers, showing dates and times the shop will be open, and more information, coming home next week.

PTO will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, December 6th** at 4:30PM in the Elementary. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Important Happenings

- 11/30 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 12/1 FUN FRIDAY—Student Teacher Reversal Day
- 12/1 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 12/4-12/8 Elementary Food Drive
- 12/4 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 12/5 JH/HS Christmas Concert - 6:30PM - HS Gym
- 12/6 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 12/6 PTO Meeting - 4:30PM
- 12/7 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 12/8 FUN FRIDAY - Rainbow Day
- 12/8 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 12/11-12/15 PTO - The Kids' Choice Gift Shop
- 12/11 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 12/13 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 12/14 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 12/15 Popcorn Friday - sponsored by Be Like Bill Foundation
- 12/15 FUN FRIDAY - Twins Day
- 12/15 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 12/18 6th Gr Play - The Grinch
- 12/18 NO REACH
- 12/18 K-6 Christmas Concert - 6:30PM-Elem Gym
- 12/19 6th Gr Play - The Grinch
- 12/20 Wear Your Ugly Sweater Day
- 12/20 Mega Bucks Drawing
- 12/20 Classroom Christmas Parties
- 12/20 NO REACH
- 12/21-1/1 **NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break**
- 1/2 School resumes - 8:10AM
- 1/3 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 1/4 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 1/5 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 1/8 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM

Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,
Principal

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



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Thankfulness

On my tenth birthday, my great grandfather handed me a new fishing rod and reel. Without thinking, I ran out of the house and onto the lawn, then started catching an imaginary five-pound rainbow trout out of my mother's flower garden. When limits are set over digital media.

In my state of euphoria, I'd forgotten to thank him. Like a lightning bolt, my mother shot out of the house, screen door smacking behind her. "What did you forget to say?" she asked with loving authority.

I was lucky enough to grow up in a home where three words were modeled and always expected. Two of them were "Thank you" and the third was "Please." We heard them use these words a lot. They used them with each other, with other adults, and with us.

Are your kids developing this habit? If not, it's never too early to start. We believe that the best way for kids to learn life's most important lessons is via the **Three Es** of Love and Logic.

Example

Do we show our kids how thankful we are for what we have, or do they see us grumbling and complaining?

Kids need to witness us being sincerely thankful for the air we breathe, our health, making it home from work without having a car accident, the food we have, the water we drink, our family, and all the other good things in our lives.

Experience

There are many people around the world today suffering from hunger and starvation because of food shortages caused by many different forces beyond their control, such as famine and war. People who experience hunger and starvation are very grateful when they get a decent meal and do not have to worry about their next meal.

Although we certainly don't advocate that children must experience this sort of suffering before they can learn to be thankful for what they have, will they ever experience true thankfulness if they are given everything they want without having to wait or work for it?

Empathy

Parents who use anger, lectures, threats, or punishment to coerce their children into being thankful, will find that they only create resentment and rebellion instead.

Parents who demonstrate their genuine empathy and love, as they allow their children to learn sometimes uncomfortable lessons about humility and thankfulness, are far more likely to raise kids with an attitude of gratitude. Be thankful and enjoy your kids this Thanksgiving!

Join us on **December 7**, for our next FREE online event, [Sibling Rivalry](https://courses.loveandlogic.com/registration-sibling-rivalry-12-7-23) (<https://courses.loveandlogic.com/registration-sibling-rivalry-12-7-23>) Dr. Daniel G. Amen and I will show you how to handle sibling rivalry and turn it into a learning opportunity that builds important life skills.

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.