

# DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

This Sunday, **November 5th**, marks the end of Daylight Savings Time. Turn your clocks back 1 hour.

## CONFERENCE TIME

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held the evenings of Tuesday, November 7th and Tuesday, November 14th. **Please check your student's backpack today for your scheduled appointment time.** We have done our best to accommodate approximately 310 conferences. If the time does not work for you, please call the office right away, and we will do our best to reschedule you. We are hoping for 100% attendance.

## SCHOOL PICTURES

Legacy Photography did picture retakes on Monday, October 30th. Those pictures are now available for purchase online. Free shipping to the school is available for 1 week. This free shipping offer covers all pictures purchased within the week, even those pictures that might have been taken on the original picture day. If you need your student's photo id number, please call the office. The pictures can be found at [LegacySchoolPhotos.com](http://LegacySchoolPhotos.com)

## BOOK FAIR

Our Annual Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for next week. It will be open Tuesday, November 7th through Thursday, November 9th in our new Library in the gym. The fair will be open to students during the day and for Family Shopping on Tuesday, November 7th from 4:00-8:00PM. Online shopping is also available from November 3rd - November 16th at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/thompson>. You can also set up an ewallet for your student, using this link, which saves you from sending cash to school. All proceeds from the fair are used to purchase books for the Elementary Library.

## Toys / Trading Cards

As a reminder, our handbook states: *Toys of any kind, to include personal electronic devices, should not be brought to school unless a teacher has given special permission through a note or letter sent home. Trading cards of any kind are not permitted at school for any reason.*

## VETERAN'S DAY LUNCH NOV. 10th 11:00-12:00 in the LUNCHROOM

Please share with any veterans you know! They can RSVP to (406)827-3592 x 3

## Important Happenings

- 11/2 NO REACH
- 11/3 FUN FRIDAY - Crazy Hair Day
- 11/3 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 11/5 *Daylight Savings Tim ends - fall back 1 hour*
- 11/6 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 11/6 School Board Meeting - 6:00PM - Board Room
- 11/7-11/9 Scholastic Book Fair
- 11/7 Scholastic Book Fair 4:00-8:00PM
- 11/7 Parent / Teacher Conferences - 5-8PM - Elem
- 11/8 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 11/9 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 11/10 Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon - 11AM-12PM
- 11/10 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 11/13 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 11/14 Parent / Teacher Conferences - 5-8PM - Elem
- 11/15 PTO Meeting—4:30PM—Elementary
- 11/15 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 11/16 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 11/17 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 11/20 NO REACH
- 11/22-11/24 **NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break**
- 11/27 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 11/29 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 11/30 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 12/1 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 12/5 JH/HS Christmas Concert - 6:30PM - HS Gym
- 12/6 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 12/8 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 12/15 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 12/18 K-6 Christmas Concert - 6:30PM-Elem Gym
- 12/20 MEGA Buck Drawings
- 12/20 Classroom Christmas Parties

## Thompson Falls Elementary

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<http://thompsonfalls.net>



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### **What Do I Do When My Kids Are Defiant ?**

Parents and teachers sometimes call us out of desperation just after their kids have responded with defiance to well-intentioned Love and Logic techniques. Nothing seems to be working and the kids seem to have mastered the art of defiance.

What can you do when you encounter defiance? For example, have you ever heard this from your child at home or a student in your class?

*“I’m not doing that! You can’t make me!”*

Success in this situation rests entirely on resisting the urge to rely on power and coercion to force kids to do what we want. Listed below are some tips that can help you handle defiance:

- Sidestep the power-struggle by delaying the consequence. It’s okay to let children think they’ve gotten away with something in the short-term—especially if handling it later will buy you time so that you can do a more effective job.
- Calmly say, “No problem. I love you (or respect you) too much to argue with you about this. I’ll take care of it.” This is perhaps the most challenging part—saying this in a truly calm and empathetic voice even though you feel the urge to raise your voice and issue ultimatums instead!
- Put together a workable plan. Get some help from other adults if you need their ideas or support. Allow empathy and logical consequences to do the teaching.

One mother described to us how she handled her teenager’s refusal to do chores:

*“My teenager refused to do the simple household chores I had asked her to do. Instead of arguing with her, I simply told her that I loved her too much to argue and that I would take care of them. I hired a professional housekeeping service to do it for her. Then I taped the bill to her bedroom door. She refused to pay the bill, so I had another chance to say, ‘I love you too much to argue with you about this. I’ll take care of it.’ Later that week when she wanted to go shopping for the new outfit that she had requested a while ago, I calmly said to her, ‘This is so sad. I had to use that money to pay the housekeeping service.’”*

This mother understood that sometimes we must allow kids to be upset in the short-term so that they can learn to lead happy and responsible lives in the long-term. She also understood how to deliver the message—calmly and with a healthy dose of empathy.

In my webinar, [Success with Strong-willed, Stubborn, or Downright Defiant Kids](#), I share plenty of additional skills for helping parents and educators stay out of unwinnable power-struggles.

***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.***