

Thompson Falls School District #2 shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, previous arrest or incarceration or non-program-related physical, sensory or mental handicaps as stated in board policy and MCA 49-2-307, 49-3-205.

BLUE HAWK NEWS

EVACUATION / REUNIFICATION DRILL TOMORROW

We will conduct our annual Evacuation / Reunification Drill tomorrow, **Friday, October 27th**. All students and staff will participate in the drill. Students being transported home by bus or being picked up by parents, will be picked up in the Mule Pasture at 2:05PM. Students walking home will return to the Elementary to be dismissed. More details were sent home last week and are available on our website. <https://www.thompsonfalls.net/elementary>

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held by appointment on Tuesday, November 7th and Tuesday, November 14th in the evening. Scheduling forms are being sent home today. Please mark the evening that works best for you and return the form to school by **Tuesday, October 31st**. Then watch for your appointment time being sent home on Thursday, November 2nd. Parent-Teacher communication plays an integral part in student academic success.

Calling All Veterans

We would like to invite all veterans to be our guest at a Veteran's Luncheon being served from 11:00AM-12:00PM in the Elementary Cafeteria on Friday, November 10th. Our Food Service staff would appreciate an **RSVP by Monday, November 6th at 406.827.3592 x 3**, but more importantly, we appreciate the privilege to serve those who have served!

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures have arrived and are being sent home with students TODAY! Picture retakes will be taken on **Monday, October 30th**. If you are not pleased with your student's photo and wish to have them retaken, please return them to your student's teacher by Monday.

Anti-Bullying Assembly

On **Monday, October 30th**, John Parker, a motivational speaker, will share an anti-bullying message, with kindergarten through sixth grade students and staff, in an assembly. The assembly will be held in the Elementary Gym beginning at 2:15PM.

TOMORROW IS PTO POPCORN FRIDAY

PTO will be selling popcorn, right after lunch, tomorrow. It's just 25 cents a bag.

Important Happenings

- 10/23-10/29 Red Ribbon Week Celebrated
- 10/26 Proud to Be Drug Free - wear red
- 10/26 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 10/27 Team Up Against Drugs—wear team gear
- 10/27 PTO Popcorn Friday
- 10/27 Evacuation / Reunification Drill
- 10/27 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 10/30 Picture Retakes by Legacy Photography
- 10/30 John Parker Anti-Bullying Assembly - 2:15PM
- 10/30 NO REACH
- 10/31 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/31 Classroom Harvest Parties held
- 11/1 NO REACH
- 11/2 NO REACH
- 11/3 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 11/5 *Daylight Savings Tim ends - fall back 1 hour*
- 11/6-10 Scholastic Book Fair
- 11/6 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 11/6 School Board Meeting - 6:00PM - Board Room
- 11/8 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 11/9 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 11/7 Parent / Teacher Conferences - 5-8PM - Elem
- 11/10 Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon - 11AM-12PM
- 11/10 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 11/14 Parent / Teacher Conferences - 5-8PM - Elem
- 11/15 PTO Meeting—4:30PM—Elementary
- 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
- 12/1 *Early out - 2:05PM*

Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,
Principal

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



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Helping Unmotivated Kids

Helping unmotivated kids is one of the most complex challenges we face as parents and educators. Giving a quick and easy solution to this challenge is impossible and even downright irresponsible!

The solution to chronic underachievement requires more than just focusing on reading, writing, and arithmetic skills. In most cases, a child's lack of motivation results from far more than simple laziness or a conscious desire to act out. The roots of apathy go much deeper, into feelings of frustration, anger, hopelessness, lack of control, or loss. Most of these feelings originate at the subconscious level, where they wreak havoc on a child's ability to engage in higher-level thinking tasks, such as sustained attention to detail, problem solving, memory, perseverance, and self-control.

Not understanding these deeper feelings is why punishing children for getting bad grades usually backfires. Because they already feel bad about themselves, punishment will only make them feel worse and will not motivate them to succeed. Helping unmotivated kids requires focusing on lasting solutions by first ensuring that a child's basic needs are met.

At the most fundamental level is their physical health and safety. Do they have any physical or mental health issues that require medical attention? Are there any reasons that they don't feel safe? Their emotional well-being is also critical. This is based on unconditional love and trust between the adult and the child.

If kids believe they can't be successful, they probably won't be successful. The Love and Logic approach provides powerful tools for guiding kids to see that they can solve the problems that they encounter in life. For example, the Love and Logic approach to chores teaches kids that they are important and that they are needed and deeply appreciated members of the family or classroom. As they succeed with their chores, they will build self-confidence and develop a sense of responsibility.

Love and Logic teaches a variety of alternative strategies for getting to the roots of apathy that are far more effective than making it worse with anger, lectures, threats, and punishments. At the core of what we teach is the importance of loving kids for who they are—rather than who we want them to be.

In our next virtual event, Dr. Daniel G. Amen and I will explore the 4 Circles of Mental Strength, which address the fundamentals of a child's basic needs and are critical for understanding how to support kids who struggle with motivation. More details about this event, *When Nothing Seems to Be Working: Help for Brain Health Issues*, will be provided in future newsletters.

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.