

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.

B L U E H A W K N E W S

PICTURE DAY

You should find a flyer, in this week's folder, for next week's Picture Day. All students will be photographed as those photos are used for our data base. If you are wishing to purchase photos, please see the flyer and return money to school by **Friday, September 29th**. Our new photo company, Legacy Photography, also has possibilities for online purchases. If your students misses Picture Day, there will be another opportunity on November

FUN RUN

Our annual Fun Run will be held on **Thursday, September 28th**. Kindergarten through 6th grade students will be bused to the High School Football Field at approximately 1:00PM. The event will be set up like a cross country meet. Girls will run first this year with their race **beginning at 1:45PM**, followed by the boy's race at 2:15PM. Our Junior High and High School Cross Country Teams will be on hand, helping out. Parents and families are welcome to join us at the meet to cheer the runners on! At the conclusion of the races, students will be bused back to the Elementary in time for dismissal.

STAY INFORMED

There are several ways you can stay informed when it comes to upcoming events and things happening at school. Here are just a few:

Blue Hawk News - usually goes home on Thursdays. If your child doesn't bring it home to you, you can find it on the Elementary website at <http://thompsonfalls.net/elementary> under Parent Newsletters.

District Website - <http://thompsonfalls.net> has a wide variety of information including access to teacher's webpages.

Phone - 827-3592 extension 1 has a listing of any special events of the week, any non school days and what time school dismisses each day. 827-3592 extension 2 has a listing of what's for lunch and breakfast. Monthly menus can be found on our website under Food Service, located at the top when viewed on a PC or under Popular Links when viewed on a smartphone.

District Calendar - Did you know you can import the District Calendar with all of our events into the calendar on your smart device? The District Calendar is located at the top of our website when viewed on a PC or under Popular Links when viewed on a smartphone. Once there, simply click on the icon that looks like a chain. You will find import instructions for various smart devices.

Facebook - We can also be found on Facebook under ThompsonFallsSchools.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal - Watch for instructions for logging in to see your student's grades, assignments and teachers, arriving in the mail in the next couple of weeks.

Important Happenings

9/22	Blue Hawk Day—wear blue & gold
9/22	Homecoming Parade - 1PM - Main Street
9/22	Early out - 2:05PM
9/25	Hearing Screening Forms due
9/28	Elementary Fun Run - 1:45PM-HS Football Field
9/29	K-6 Picture Day - by Legacy Photograph
9/29	Early out - 2:05PM
10/2	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
10/2	October School Board Meeting - 6PM
10/3	5th Gr Water Festival - TF State Park
10/4	3rd Gr Ag Day - Plains Fairgrounds
10/4	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
10/5	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
10/5-10/6	Hearing Screenings
10/6	Early out - 2:05PM
10/9	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
10/10	JH/HS Fall Concert—6:30PM—HS Gym
10/11	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
10/12	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
10/13	Early out - 2:05PM
10/16	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
10/18	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
10/19-10/20	NO SCHOOL - MEA
10/23-10/29	Red Ribbon Week Celebrated
10/23	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
10/25	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
10/26	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
10/27	Early out - 2:05PM
10/30	NO REACH
10/31	End of 1st Quarter
11/1	NO REACH

Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,
Principal

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



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Power Struggles End Learning

There are few things more disheartening and perplexing than seeing our children not taking responsibility for their schoolwork and even failing to earn the sorts of grades they're capable of making. For many parents, the natural reaction is to jump into lecture, threat, and punishment mode and try to prompt them into action by saying things like: "What sort of college do you think you're going to get into with those grades?", "If you don't start applying yourself, you can forget about going out for soccer." "That's it! You're grounded until you bring up those grades!"

Sometimes this works, but only in the short term. If your child continues to neglect schoolwork, and these types of traditional techniques have not been successful, there's a good chance that you've got a power struggle on your hands.

For many children, their favorite way of gaining the sense of control, or the freedom they desire, is to resist learning and achievement. The more that adults in their lives try to force them into learning, the less they will make the effort to learn. One reason for this is that subconsciously kids think the only way they can gain control, and win the power struggle, is to fail.

No matter how badly we want to, we can't force kids to learn. We believe parents can overcome this power struggle by focusing on character, not homework and grades. Parents need to let go of what they can't control and focus on what they can control—building a healthy relationship with their kids and allowing them to make mistakes so that they can learn.

The first step in reaching underachieving kids involves ending the control battle. This starts by saying, "I can't make you learn...but I can help you learn. You're the one who needs to decide. I will love you regardless of how easy or how hard you make your own life."

In our audio, [**Nobody Wins A Power Struggle**](#), you can learn how to avoid power struggles with your kids and teach them to be responsible for themselves. Remember that it is a battle over control, and avoiding power struggles is possible only if the adults are willing to stop trying to control something they cannot control.

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.