

# BLUE HAWK NEWS

# School will dismiss at 2:05PM TOMORROW

One of the changes to this year's school calendar is that **EVERY Friday** will be a **2:05PM** dismissal.

## NEW PHONE SYSTEM

Our new phone system was installed the week before school started. It has several useful features and adds to campus safety. We greatly appreciate your patience as we work out the last of the kinks. When calling us at **406-827-3592**, you will be given the following choices.

- Pressing 1 will allow you to hear the events of the week. This includes dismissal times as well as activities, their starting times and locations. This information is available 24/7 and can answer some frequently ask questions. Pressing 9 while listening to the events of the week, will take you back to the main menu.
- Pressing 2 will allow you to hear what's for lunch and breakfast. Pressing 9 while listening to the menus will take you back to the main menu.
- Pressing 3 will connect you with the Elementary Office.
- Pressing 4 will allow you access to our school nurse, Rebecca Beckman.
- Pressing 5 will connect you with the Junior High Office.
- Pressing 6 will put you through to the High School Office.
- Pressing 7 will allow you to reach the District Office.
- Pressing 8 allows you to review these options.

## PARKING / PICK UP / DROP OFF

We ask parents to drop-off and pick-up students on Haley Avenue or 3rd Avenue. Please drop off or pick-up with the flow of traffic so that students do not need to cross traffic. For the safety of our students, **ONLY STAFF** should drive onto campus (Columbia Street) and into the gym parking lot. All available parking places are needed for staff. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

## Important Happenings

9/8	Early out - 2:05PM
9/15	Early out - 2:05PM
9/18-9/22	Homecoming Week
9/22	Homecoming Parade
9/22	Early out - 2:05PM
9/29	K-6 Picture Day - by Legacy Photograph
9/29	Early out - 2:05PM
10/3	5th Gr Water Festival - TF State Park
10/5-10/6	Hearing Screenings
10/6	Early out - 2:05PM
10/13	Early out - 2:05PM
10/19-10/20	<b>NO SCHOOL - MEA</b>
10/27	Early out - 2:05PM
10/31	End of 1st Quarter
11/3	Early out - 2:05PM
11/7	Parent / Teacher Conferences - 5-8PM - Elem
11/10	Early out - 2:05PM
11/14	Parent / Teacher Conferences - 5-8PM - Elem
11/17	Early out - 2:05PM
11/22-11/24	<b>NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break</b>
12/1	Early out - 2:05PM
12/5	JH/HS Christmas Concert - 6:30PM - HS Gym
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
12/21-1/1	<b>NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break</b>
1/2	School resumes - 8:10AM
1/5	Early out - 2:05PM
1/12	Early out - 2:05PM

## Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,  
Principal

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



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**End the Homework Battle**

Does homework have to be a battle? Absolutely not! In fact, the more we battle with our kids over their homework, the less enthusiastic they'll be about learning.

Listed below are some practical and powerful tips to help keep things positive and productive.

**Set a time and place for your child(ren) to learn.**

To avoid power struggles, explain to them that, "This is your time to learn. You can learn by either completing your homework or thinking really hard about it. If it were my learning time, I'd probably use it to complete my homework so that I don't have a hassle with my teacher."

**Help them only when it's clear that they are tuning out their teachers.**

It is very important for kids to know that they should listen carefully to their teachers.

Ask your child, "How did your teacher describe this?" If your child appears to be ignoring their teacher, say, "I help when I see that you've been trying hard to pay attention at school."

**Help them only as long as they are working far harder than you are.**

Too many children become far too dependent on their parents to complete their homework. It's far better that they don't complete it than have you do most of it for them

**If they don't complete their homework, allow it to be their problem—not yours.**

Although it's a tough pill to swallow, we must admit that we cannot learn and achieve for our kids. What we can do is allow them to explain their lack of effort to their teachers, and support their teachers when they assign commensurate grades.

We can also match their level of effort with the number of privileges we provide.

***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.***