

Peter and Wendy

The Missoula Children's Theater production of "Peter and Wendy" looks to be great show! Sixty-four students in grades K-12 have been cast into roles that will bring the story to life. When Captain Hook sends his right-hand man, Smee, on a quest to capture Peter Pan, it's seemingly business as usual...at first. Little does Hook realize what fantastic adventures await him and his pirate posse in their search for the elusive Peter Pan. Mistaken identities, ever-morphing clouds, a classy crocodile, some very lost boys, and a fickle shadow all add to the mayhem. Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Darling embark on a quest of their own and find themselves trekking everywhere from Hawaii to the North Pole in search of their three missing children. With help from the earth-friendly Neverlanders, exotic Neverland creatures, and faithful Tinker Bell, the Darling children are found, disputes are ultimately resolved, and everyone, including Captain Hook, finds a place where they truly belong. Staff and students will enjoy a mid-day performance. You are invited to join us at **6:00PM on Friday, March 15th**, for what is sure to be an evening of fun! Admission is FREE and doors will open at 5:45! .

DOUGHNUTS with DADS

Dads, don't miss **tomorrow morning's** chance to spend some extra time with your kiddo, and snag a doughnut. Doors to the cafeteria open at **7:30AM** and doughnuts will be served until 8:10AM. THANK YOU PTO for hosting this fun event!

CLASS PICTURES

Legacy Photography will be here on **Thursday, March 21st** to take class photos. A payment envelope was sent home earlier this month. These 8x10 photos, of your student's entire class and teacher, are just \$10 and may be purchase by either returning the payment envelope with cash/check enclosed by March 21st, (checks should be made out to Legacy Photography) or by waiting until Picture Day and purchasing online at <http://LegacySchoolPhotos.com>. On Picture Day, each student will be given a QR Code and access instructions. Photos will be available on March 22nd to view online. Photos purchased via payment envelope or online by March 29th will be shipped to the school free of charge and sent home with your student. Pictures will be available online for a short time after the March 29th deadline, but shipping charges will apply. Class Pictures are a great memento of the school year!

KINDERGARTENER ?

Do you know a 5 years old? Will they be attending Kindergarten next year? Have you called for an appointment yet? We can be reached at 406.827.3592 x 3 to schedule registration appointments. We have times available on both Tuesday, **March 19th** and Wednesday, **March 20th**.

Important Happenings

- 3/14 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 3/15 Doughnuts with Dads—7:30AM – 8:00AM
- 3/15 FUN FRIDAY - Black and White Day
- 3/15 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 3/18 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 3/19-3/20 Kindergarten Roundup
- 3/20 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 3/21 Class Pictures by Legacy Photography
- 3/21 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 3/22 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/22 FUN FRIDAY - Backwards Day
- 3/22 PTO Popcorn Friday - sponsored by Wilkes Family
- 3/22 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 3/25 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 3/27 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 3/28 Read 2 Ride Reading Logs due
- 3/28 3rd Quarter Report Cards go home w/ students
- 3/28 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 3/29 FUN FRIDAY - Pajama and Stuff Day
- 3/29 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 4/1-4/5 **NO SCHOOL - Spring Break**
- 4/8 Running Start Reading Program begins
- 4/8 Solar Eclipse Viewing
- 4/8 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 4/10 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 4/11 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 4/12 PTO Popcorn Friday
- 4/12 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 4/15 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 4/17 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 4/17 PTO Meeting—4:30—Rm 1—Elementary
- 4/18 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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Peer Pressure

“The more we micromanage our children’s lives, the more susceptible our children will become to peer pressure.”

Peer pressure has always been a challenge for kids as they grow up. It still is, whether it be in the hallways of schools or on social media platforms. In many ways, the impact of social media on our kids amplifies the power of peer pressure on them. Social media will always be here, but parents can help their kids learn how to handle peer pressure, in whatever form it takes.

When parents “discipline” their kids with lectures, threats, and anger, they inadvertently train them to be receptive to peer pressure. Parents taking this approach teach their kids to listen to a voice outside their own heads. When this happens during the early years, as their brains are still developing, they get the message that they can’t think for themselves, and that they must rely on someone else to do their thinking for them.

Granted, there are times when we must take charge and tell kids exactly what to do and when to do it. However, if this becomes a pattern it gradually convinces children that the most important voice is the one that comes from others. Many parents lock in this belief by responding to bad decisions with, “See, you should have listened to me!”

Later, when their brain starts to develop abstract thinking, kids say, “I’m growing up. I can think for myself.” Sadly, if their brain has been trained to listen to an outside voice, then that voice will eventually come from their peers. So, when you hear a parent say that their kid has somehow changed now that he is a teen, you can think, “Maybe not. Maybe he is just listening to a different voice now.”

Love and Logic parents teach their kids how to make responsible decisions for themselves by allowing them to make mistakes early in their lives, when the price tag is small. These parents avoid lectures, threats, and anger. Instead, they hand the responsibility for decisions to their kids, with empathy, and allow consequences to teach them how to make responsible decisions. They grow up listening to their own voice to make their decisions, not the voices of their peers.

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.