

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 I U E H a W K N e W S

Got Talent?

Do you have a special talent? The K-8 Variety Show will be held on **Wednesday, May 29th**. Auditions for that show will be held **May 14th through May 16th**. It's time to gather any costumes, props and accompaniment you might need and to PRACTICE. We will be scheduling auditions soon, so if you would like to be part of the show, now is the time to 'get your act together'.

Spring Concerts

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the upcoming Spring Concerts. **5th through 12th grade BAND** students will perform in the High School Gym on **Wednesday, May 1st** beginning at 6:30PM.

Kindergarten through 6th grade MUSIC classes will showcase their musical progress on Thursday, May 9th at 6:30PM in the Elementary Gym.

Etiquette Lunches

This week the Junior High students have had the special opportunity to be part of an Etiquette Lunch organized by our Counselor Taylour Freed. The students have been spending a bit of time learning about dining etiquette, conversation etiquette and how to dress for success. The lunches have given them the chance to practice these skills in real world application. We would like to thank our wonderful kitchen staff for all the extra time and effort put into the events. We couldn't do this without you! Thanks to the entire Junior High staff for putting energy and dedication into teaching etiquette and helping to make the event run smoothly. Thank you to the Community Members and High School Honor Society students who served the multiple course meals and shared with the Junior High students what etiquette means to them, in their various positions, and why it's important. Elementary students enjoyed eating their lunches in their classrooms and outdoors and we appreciate the flexibility of staff making that possible!

R.E.A.C.H. Ends

REACH, our after school program for 3rd through 8th grade students, is coming to an end. **Monday, April 29th** will be the final day for this year. REACH, which has been open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from October through April. has been coordinated by Penny Hopkins. Participants have enjoyed everything from aerodynamics to cooking and gardening. The program provides hands on enrichment opportunities and a safe place for students to enjoy a snack while they finish their school work. Thank you "Miss Penny" for your dedication!

RUNNING START

The Running Start Reading Challenge is wrapping up. Students have been challenged to read 21 books or 21 chapters during the month of April. Each time they have accomplished this, they've turned in a completed reading log. All reading logs are due on **Friday, May 3rd**. Each completed log will be entered into a drawing for prizes. Prizes will be awarded at the Running Start Celebration to be held on Wednesday, May 8th beginning at 2:30PM. Parents and community members are invited to attend. We would like to thank the Thompson Falls Woman's Club, First Security Bank, Valley Bank, the Masons, and our guest readers for supporting Running Start.

Important Happenings

- 4/25 8th Gr Etiquette Lunch
- 4/25 REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
- 4/26 FUN FRIDAY - Camo Day
- 4/26 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 4/29 FINAL REACH of the year - 3:30-5PM
- 5/1 5th-12th Gr Spring Band Concert—6:30—HS
- 5/3 FUN FRIDAY - Star Wars Day
- 5/3 Running Start Reading logs are due
- 5/3 School Lunch Heroes Day
- 5/3 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 5/6-510 Teacher / Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/8 School Nurse Day
- 5/8 Running Start Celebration - 2:30 PM
- 5/9 K-6 Spring Music Concert - 6:30PM - EL Gym
- 5/10 FUN FRIDAY - Hat Day
- 5/10 5th-6th Gr Egg Cart Races
- 5/10 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 5/14 3rd Gr Field Trip - T Falls Dam
- 5/14 Variety Show Auditions
- 5/15 4th Gr Field Trip - Cabinet Gorge Hatchery
- 5/15 PTO Meeting—4:30PM—Rm 1 in Elementary
- 5/15 Variety Show Auditions
- 5/16 6th Gr Field Trip - Fort Missoula
- 5/16 2nd Gr Field Trip—Three Chiefs Center
- 5/16 Variety Show Auditions
- 5/17 **NO SCHOOL**
- 5/18 FWP Kids Fishing Day - Triangle Pond - Noxon-8:30AM
- 5/20-5/24 Penny War - PTO Fish Tank Fundraiser
- 5/21 3rd Gr Field Trip - Noxon Dam
- 5/21 1st Gr Field Trip - T Falls Airport
- 5/21 Kinder Field Trip - Naegeli Ranch
- 5/21 JH/HS Pops Concert—6:30PM—Rex Theater

Thompson Falls Elementary

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Creating Life-Long Learners

One of my passions is helping kids become life-long learners. Love and Logic believes that a genuine motivation to learn stems from internal curiosity, not from external coercion in the form of lectures or threats. If we focus on character and the love of learning, academic success will come naturally. The following suggestions are dedicated to creating happier homes, where children are free to fall in love with learning and parents no longer dread homework hassles.

Each evening, set aside a time for family learning.

This is a time for your children to do their homework while you model the value of learning by enjoying a book. The best way to create a love of learning in your kids is to show them how much you enjoy it.

Avoid battles by offering choices.

Research shows that children are more likely to do their homework if they are given many small choices. For example:

"Would you rather do your homework right after school or wait until four o'clock?"
"Are you going to do your homework in your room or at the kitchen table?"

Help only when your child really wants it.

There is nothing that creates more homework battles than parents who "help" when help is not wanted. Your child's desire to do it alone is a very healthy sign of independence and responsibility. Try asking:

"Would you like some ideas about that, or would you like me to leave you alone?"

Spend most of your time noticing what they do well.

Successful parents spend 99% of their energy noticing what their kids do well. They say things like:

"Show me the very best letter you made today. You really worked hard on that!"
"Look at that math problem. You got it right!"

It is very important to avoid focusing on what your child does wrong! Allow your child to get help in those areas from their teachers.

Help only if it's enjoyable for both of you.

Too frequently, homework help turns into a homework battle. Smart parents back out of the helper role as soon as they sense conflict brewing. Try hugging your child and saying:

"I love you too much to help if it means we are going to argue. I know this is hard. Good luck."

Help only if your child is doing most of the work.

There is nothing more destructive than stealing the struggle of learning by doing too much for your child. Say the following to yourself over and over again:

"This is my child's homework. Not mine!"

Each time they achieve something difficult on their own, their self-esteem soars and they are better prepared for the real world.

This topic is so important to me that I devoted an entire Love and Logic book to helping parents instill the love and learning in their kids. For more background and ideas about how to use Love and Logic to help your kids with learning, see my book, [*From Bad Grades to a Great Life! Unlocking the Mystery of Achievement for Your Child.*](#)

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.