

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

# No school TOMORROW

There will be NO SCHOOL tomorrow, May 17th. Enjoy your 3 day weekend.

## Kid's Fishing Day

Fish Wildlife and Parks will hold their annual Kid's Fishing Day at Triangle Pond, near Noxon, this **Saturday, May 18th**. Registration begins at 8:30AM. Fishing is from 9AM to Noon for children 5-16 years old. Children under 9 must have a parent or guardian present. Bring your fishing gear, appropriate outdoor clothing, hats, water, sunglasses and sun screen! Enjoy a day fishing with your kiddos while they have a chance to win fun prizes.

## PENNY WARS

PTO will be sponsoring Penny Wars **Monday, May 20th –Thursday, May 24th**. Penny Wars is a competition between class to see which class can bring in the most pennies. There is a catch though. Only pennies will raise the class total. Any silver coins put in the jars will subtract from the class total. As an example, if the class jar has 100 pennies in it, and someone puts in a dime, the class total would then be brought down to 90 cents. Pennies add to the total, all other coins subtract the amount of their value from the total. The class with the highest total when the jars are collected at the end of the day on Thursday, May 24th will win an ice cream party. All proceeds will go to improve our fish tank. Bring in those pennies! Let the wars begin!

## THANK YOU PTO!!!

Thank you to our amazing, supportive PTO for making Educator's Week so special. We were spoiled with many treats and even a new coffee bar in the elementary staff lounge. It means a great deal to staff to know that we are supported by parents, especially toward the end of a school year when our energy starts to drain. Being recognized helps give us a shot of adrenaline to make it through spring. Come join PTO!

## EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Cabinet Mountain Cooperative is offering a **FREE** screening for all children, ages birth through 5 years old, here at the school. Do you have questions or concerns about your child's growth and development, speech, language, hearing, vision, or height and weight? They will conduct our annual Early Childhood Screening on **Wednesday, May 22nd**. You must have an appointment to be seen. Call the Coop at 406.827.3007 to schedule.

## Meet the DNRC

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation will host a family event on **Saturday, May 25th** at Fred Young Park in Plains. Families are invited to join them for a free barbeque lunch. The event will run from Noon to 4:00PM and is a chance to learn about Wildfire Awareness. Other activities include a dunk tank, with members of the DNRC being the dunkees, and the opportunity to operate a Wildlands Fire Engine. They will also be offering free Wildfire Home Risk Assessments.

## Important Happenings

- 5/17 **NO SCHOOL**
- 5/18 FWP Kids Fishing Day - Triangle Pond - Noxon-8:30AM
- 5/20-5/24 Penny Wars - 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 - T Falls State Park
- 5/21 JH/HS Pops Concert—6:30PM—Rex Theater
- 5/22-5/24 Early Childhood Screening - by appointment
- 5/22 6th Gr Tdaps given
- 5/23 Circus Clown Presentation - 2:30-3:00PM - Gym
- 5/23 All Library Books need returned to the Library
- 5/24 3rd Gr Virtual Field Trip - Butterfly House
- 5/24 PTO Popcorn Friday - sponsored by Blakney Family
- 5/24 FUN FRIDAY—Compliment Day
- 5/24 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 5/25 Meet the DNRC - Plains - 12:00PM
- 5/27 **NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day**
- 5/28 5th Gr Field Trip—Conrad Mansion
- 5/29 Senior Graduation Walk - 10:30AM - El Hallway
- 5/29 K-8 Variety Show - 1:00PM - EL Gym
- 5/30-5/31 7th Gr Camping Trip
- 5/29 K-8 Variety Show - 1:00PM - EL Gym
- 5/31 FUN FRIDAY - Blue Hawks Day
- 5/31 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 6/1 High School Graduation
- 6/3 8th Gr Promotion Parade - 1:00PM-Haley Street
- 6/4 K-3 Track & Field Day - 8:30-11:30 - HS Track
- 6/4 4-6 Track & Field Day - 11:15-3:00 - HS Track
- 6/5 **Last Day of School—11:00AM dismissal**
- 6/10-6/20 1st Session of Summer School
- 6/12 Final Report Cards mailed home
- 7/8-7/11 Pre-Kinder Summer School

## Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,  
Principal

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### **Teenagers and Spring Fever**

Spring fever can be life threatening. In general, teenagers face more and more serious, potentially life-threatening decisions than a generation or two ago. These decisions, combined with the vacations and parties that come during springtime, can challenge the most sensible teenagers.

Fortunately, there are some simple, time-tested ways that parents can help their teens make cool decisions as the weather gets warmer. Here are four suggestions based on Love and Logic that can help you.

#### **Don't fall into the trap of thinking teens no longer need their parents.**

Because their adolescents are becoming more independent, many parents believe that it's okay to leave them without supervision for hours on end. Nothing could be further from the truth. Wise parents understand this, and they recognize teens still need a watchful, yet friendly eye.

#### **Set enforceable limits.**

Teens need and want limits. However, instead of telling your teens what they should do, experiment with telling them what you will do or what you will allow. For example, instead of commanding your teen to be home on time, try saying, "I share the car keys with those who come home on time."

#### **Hold them accountable with empathy and logical consequences.**

Providing consequences with anger, lectures, and threats will result in defensiveness, creating teens who think, "When I make poor decisions, it makes others really mad. I better not get caught." If anger is replaced with a genuine dose of empathy or sadness, teens will realize that, "When I make poor decisions it makes my life really sad. For my sake, I'd better make wise ones!"

#### **When you are too angry or worried to think—delay the consequence.**

We are human and there are times when teens can throw us completely off balance. When this happens, buy some time by saying, "I'm going to have to do something about this. But not now, later. Try not to worry." Take some time to calm down, think rationally, and get some ideas from friends.

Thousands of parents have used these principles, which are based on Love and Logic, and found that their parenting has become much easier and more effective. Our new audio series, [\*\*7 Ways To Create A Respectful, Responsible, and Resilient Family: How to Create a Healthy Family Environment\*\*](#), contains many best practices that can help parents raise teenagers who make responsible decisions. It also includes a special section on *Dealing with Difficult Teenagers*.

***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.***