

# No school MONDAY

There will be NO SCHOOL Monday, May 27th. Enjoy your Memorial Day weekend.

## Send in the Clowns

This afternoon, students and staff were entertained by clowns, brought to town by the Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce, to help advertise the upcoming circus. The Culpepper Merriweather Circus will arrive in town on **Saturday, June 22nd**. The TF Woman's Club has purchased 10 tickets, which they are giving away. Students were challenged to draw a picture and submit it to the Elementary Office by Friday, May 31st for a chance to be drawn for a free ticket. Artwork should be clearly labeled with the students name and contact information. Winning students must be accompanied to the circus by an adult.

## VARIETY SHOW

Our annual Variety Show will be held on **Wednesday, May 29th** beginning at **1:00PM** in the Elementary Gym. Parents and community members are welcome to join us, for what looks to be an amazing afternoon of entertainment. The show, under the direction of Mrs. Lisa Mickelson, features 22 different acts. The greatly anticipate list of acts was posted yesterday afternoon. Featured acts include: Lacey Scharfe, the Junior High Band Ensemble, Cayden Lentz, Emmalyn Roofener, Kyleigh Ruen, Elliya McGuire, Nolan Wilkes, Ollie Scharfe, Kalsin McGuire, Ellie Nichols, Quinn Nichols, Aspen Leaf, Anna Czerwinski, Mason Mickelson, Conrad Susic, Daniel Berger, Ida Berger, Sage Blakney, Reese Friede, Allan McGann, Ariella Contreras, Neala Block, Jack Hamilton, Maiko Pavlik, Daniel Griffin, Christopher Toyias, the Kindergarten Class, and Mrs. Amber Yates. The show will be hosted by 7th grader, Toby Susic.

## Community Eligibility Provision

Thompson Falls School District was notified this past week, that all students in grades K through 12 will have access to free meals, both breakfast and lunch, for the entire 2024-25 School Year. As part of the "Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act", the new Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) allows high-need schools to serve free school meals to ALL students. Community Eligibility ensures that kids have the food and nutrition needed to succeed in the classroom and eliminates paperwork for parents. This benefit will begin on August 26, 2024.

## Popcorn Friday

Tomorrow is PTO Popcorn Friday. Thanks to the generosity of the Blakney Family, popcorn will be free to all students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

## Important Happenings

- 5/23 All Library Books need returned to the Library
- 5/24 3rd Gr Virtual Field Trip - Butterfly Museum
- 5/24 PTO Popcorn Friday - sponsored by Blakney Family
- 5/24 FUN FRIDAY—Compliments Day
- 5/24 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 5/25 Meet the DNRC BBQ - Plains - 12:00-4:00PM
- 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
- 5/31 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 - 8:30-11:40 - HS Track
- 6/4 4-6 Track & Field Day - 11:20-2:50 - 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
- 6/17-6/20 6th-8th Gr Basketball Camp—9:00-11:00AM
- 6/17-6/20 3rd-5th Gr Basketball Camp—12:00-2:00PM
- 6/17-6/20 K-2nd Gr Basketball Camp - 2:30-3:30PM
- 7/1 Last date for Early Bird Soccer Registration
- 7/8-7/11 Pre-Kinder Readiness Summer School
- 7/8-7/18 2nd Session of Summer School
- 8/12-8/21 Registration of NEW students
- 8/22 K-12 Open House
- 8/26 First day of 2024-25 School Year
- 8/30-9/2 **NO SCHOOL—Labor Day Weekend**
- 9/6 *Early out - 2:05PM*

## Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,  
Principal

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



ThompsonFallsSchools



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.

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### **The Fence**

Love and Logic has helped millions of people raise wonderful, respectful, responsible kids. Along the way, we learned that the principles of Love and Logic can also be helpful with adult relationships. We believe that some Love and Logic techniques can improve adult relationships. Here is an example of what I have in mind.

Eric was furious. “Look out the window, Sara. Our neighbor is building a fence. I’d swear that it’s on our property. I’m going out there to stop that nonsense right now. He has no right to do that!”

Sara paused briefly, then said, “Hold on Eric, let’s think about this. I’m concerned too, but what did we learn last night in the Love and Logic class? Didn’t our facilitator teach us to delay consequences?”

“Well, I’m not going over there to consequence him. That’s what you do to kids.”

“Consequences or reactions? Both are things that you might be sorry about later. Our facilitator said the reason for delaying is to calm down and think it through before we act.”

“Yeah, she also said to preface the consequence with empathy, and I can tell you I don’t feel empathetic right now. So, okay, I’ll wait until I calm down. But I don’t like it!”

The next day a calmer Eric went to his neighbor. Instead of leading with empathy, he chose to begin with a positive relationship message. “Dan, I was pretty upset when I saw the fence. But then I got to thinking that I value your friendship too much to ruin it over a fence. I realized that you have every right to build it. I just hope you got a survey so it’s on your property, not mine.”

“Eric, I didn’t want a fence either, but my mother just passed away and I promised to take care of her dog. I really didn’t want the dog and I didn’t want it to become a problem for you. I’m glad you understand. Do you really think the fence is in the wrong place?”

“I’m very sorry to hear about your mother, Dan. I’ll help you figure out the property line, and if you need help installing the fence, I can help with that as well.”

Eric went back home thinking, “Man alive, I’m sure glad I didn’t deal with this last night. And as much as I hate it, Sara was right. Calm down first, then begin with empathy or a positive relationship message. I can’t imagine what a mess this could have been if I hadn’t delayed my reaction.”

Love and Logic recognizes that we are all subject to natural human reactions in the heat of an exchange. Using a technique like the one described above not only avoids unpleasant outcomes, but it helps build better relationships. With Love and Logic, Robert Frost’s famous line, “Good fences make good neighbors,” could be turned around to read, “Good neighbors make good fences.”

One of our time-tested audios, [\*Oh Great! What Do I Do Now? Parenting Remedies for When Kids Cook Up the Unexpected\*](#), focuses on ways to respond to unexpected situations, which might be helpful with other adults—as well as with your kids!

***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.***