



Mountaineer Times

August 2024



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Shared Vision: We strive to be a positive community who thinks creatively, problem solves, and loves learning.

Back to School Information: Aloha!!

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year at Thunder Mountain Elementary! We hope you had a wonderful summer filled with fun and relaxation. We are thrilled to have all our students, families, and staff back for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Hawaiian Luau Back to School Night! The Aloha Spirit promotes an atmosphere of respect, kindness, and community. Our goal is to embody the "Aloha Spirit" in daily interactions and classroom rules as well as integrate these elements to foster a positive, inclusive, and culturally rich environment for the new school year.

[Thunder Mountain CLIMB expectations & Big 5 Rules](#)

Colorado Department of Education Grade Level

Expectations: [Kindergarten](#), [1st](#), [2nd](#), [3rd](#), [4th](#) & [5th](#)

Attached are grade level expectations that CDE created in family friendly terms. The area labeled, "Expectations for (grade level)." Please refer to this section to know what your student will need to know by the end of the year. (inserted on 4/10/2024)

NEW Front Door Procedure:

In our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety of our students, we have implemented a new front door safety procedure. The vestibule has been set up at the entrance of the school to enhance security. When you arrive at the school, please follow these steps:

1. Ring the doorbell at the front entrance.
2. Once the hallways are clear of students, you will be buzzed in by our office staff.

We ask for your patience as we work through this new system. Our top priority is to get you into the building as quickly and safely as possible.

Please plan to arrive with extra time, especially if you have an appointment, to accommodate any delays that might occur as we refine this process. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we strive to make Thunder Mountain Elementary a safe environment for everyone.

K-5 Student Panorama Wellness Survey: Aug. 19

We wanted to send a reminder that starting August 19th, schools will administer the Panorama Wellness Survey to all students in grades 3-12. This survey helps us assess and support students' needs, covering topics like safety, well-being, emotions, coping skills, and access to resources. Responses are confidential and only shared with school counselors, administrators, and designated D51 Student Services staff. ***If you opted your child out of the survey during online registration, you do not need to fill out an opt-out form.***

- [3-5 Survey Questions](#) For more information on all student surveys, visit d51schools.org/surveys.

Free Breakfasts & Lunches for all students

By now you have probably heard that all students in Colorado can receive a free breakfast and a free lunch in their school cafeterias because of new state law. It is still VERY important for our school that you register for Free & Reduced Lunches. The following link has a QR code for you to register for this important information for our school. [HSMA banner art.pdf](#)

Mountaineer Spirit Wear

Show your Mountaineer spirit by wearing your TME t-shirt or blue and green on Thunder Mountain Friday Spirit Days! **Next TME Spirit Day: Friday, August 30th**
You can [Order Your TME Gear here!!!!](#)

[Thunder Mountain August Calendar](#)

Weekly Communication Folders: Thursday will be the day to expect weekly folders with school information.