

NO SCHOOL

There will be **NO SCHOOL TOMORROW**, Friday, August 30th or **Monday, September 2nd**. Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend!

STUDENT DROP-OFF and PICK-UP

As always, we are asking parents to please use Haley Avenue(below the school) or 3rd Avenue(above the school) to drop off and pick up students. **NO VEHICLES SHOULD ENTER CAMPUS ON COLUMBIA DIRECTLY BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL.** Students use the areas in front of the gym and on Columbia to transition on foot, and we need to eliminate those near collisions with cars and students. **STAFF ONLY** should be using the gym parking lot before or at the end of school. Visitors are welcome to use that parking area once students are in the buildings. However, students do transition in that area periodically throughout the day, so please be on the lookout. Thank you for keeping our students safe!

BE IN THE KNOW

There are several ways you can stay informed when it comes to upcoming events and things happening at school. Here are just a few:

Blue Hawk News - usually goes home on Thursdays. If your child doesn't bring it home to you, you can find it on the Elementary website at <https://tfes.thompsonfalls.net/news-announcements>

Phone - 406-827-3592 extension 1 has a listing of any special events of the week, any non school days and what time school dismisses each day. 406-827-3592 extension 2 has a listing of what's for lunch and breakfast. Monthly menus can be found on our website at <https://www.thompsonfalls.net/food-services>

Calendar - The Elementary has a calendar of it's own with just events happening K-8 shown. It can be found at <https://tfes.thompsonfalls.net/elementary-calendar> Did you know you can import the Calendar with all of our events into the calendar on your smart device? The District Calendar can be found at <https://www.thompsonfalls.net/calendar> and includes all events happening in our schools. When you visit any of the calendars, you will be greeted with a pop-up which has instruction for importing the calendars to the calendar on your device. You will then have early dismissals, non school days and upcoming events right at your fingertips. This can be a real help when making plans.

Facebook / Instagram - We can also be found on Facebook and Instagram under ThompsonFallsSchools.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal - Watch for instructions and account information for logging in to see your student's grades, assignments and teachers, arriving in the mail in the next couple of weeks. If you already have an account but have simply forgotten your access information, reach out. We are happy to help!

Important Happenings

- 8/30-9/2 **NO SCHOOL**—Labor Day Weekend
- 9/3 5th/6th Gr Band Rental—3:30PM—Band Rm
- 9/6 *Early out - 2:05PM*
- 9/9 School Board Meeting - 6:00PM - Board Room
- 9/13 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 9/16-9/21 Homecoming Week
- 9/17 Elementary Fun Run—HS Track Field
- 9/20 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 9/27 **NO SCHOOL**—Teacher Development Day
- 10/1 5th Gr Water Festival - TFalls State Park
- 10/4 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 10/10 Fall Picture Day by Legacy Photography
- 10/11 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 10/17-10/18 **NO SCHOOL**—Teacher PIR—MEA
- 10/25 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 10/25 End of 1st Quarter
- 11/1 **NO SCHOOL**—Teacher Development Day
- 11/5 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/7 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/8 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 11/15 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 11/22 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 11/27-11/29 **NO SCHOOL**—Thanksgiving Break
- 12/6 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 12/13 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 12/16 K-8 Christmas Concert—6:30PM—Elem Gym
- 12/20 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 12/23-1/3 **NO SCHOOL**—Christmas Break
- 1/10 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 1/16 End of 2nd Quarter
- 1/17 **NO SCHOOL**—PIR Day
- 1/24 *Early out—2:05PM*

Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,
Principal

School web site:
<https://tfes.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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Love and Logic's Five Core Principles of Discipline

Love and Logic is a principles-based approach designed to help parents teach their children how to make good decisions. Our principles are based on the two foundational Rules of Love and Logic:

The First Rule of Love and Logic:

Adults take good care of themselves by setting limits without anger, lectures, threats, or repeated warnings.

The Second Rule of Love and Logic:

When a child causes a problem, the adult hands it back in loving ways.

Love and Logic has developed five core principles to help parents apply these rules. These principles have been used by thousands of parents to raise responsible and resilient children who know how to make good decisions throughout their lives.

Principle #1: Model the Behavior You Desire

Children learn in many ways, including by making their own mistakes and observing how we handle ours. By acting responsibly when we make mistakes, dealing with the consequences, and learning from them, we set an excellent example for our children on how to behave when things go wrong.

Principle #2: Allow Affordable Mistakes When Kids Are Young

When children make mistakes at a young age and experience the consequences, the "cost" is small, but the experience is invaluable. They learn the relationship between their actions and the outcomes, ultimately understanding that making good decisions and behaving appropriately is a better approach to life's challenges.

Principle #3: Demonstrate Empathy—Not Anger, Lectures, Threats, or Sarcasm

It is crucial for parents to avoid anger, lectures, threats, or sarcasm when delivering consequences. Instead, they should remain calm and empathize with their child. Without empathy, the correct words might be spoken, but the message will be lost.

Principle #4: Let Your Child Have an Opportunity to Solve the Problem

Children learn best by directly engaging in problem-solving. When they face challenges and are involved in overcoming them, they develop resilience, boost their self-esteem, and cultivate a healthy sense of independence.

Principle #5: Choose Logical Consequences Connected to the Misbehavior

When consequences are necessary, they should have a logical connection to the child's misbehavior. For example, having a child pay for something they broke or losing a toy left out. It is important not to use the first consequence that comes to mind in the heat of the moment. If necessary, delay the consequences to allow time to calm down and choose a logical one.

Conclusion

Every mistake a child makes when they are young is an opportunity for them to learn and develop skills that will help them avoid larger mistakes later in life. You can learn more about using the principles of Love and Logic in our new book, **Raising Mentally Strong Kids: How to Combine the Power of Neuroscience with Love and Logic to Grow Confident, Kind, Responsible, and Resilient Children and Young Adults.**

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.