

# B L U E H A W K N E W S

## Dorm Drop Offs

Student drop offs in the mornings have become a safety issue near the Dorm Building / Bus Drop Off Lane. Please **DO NOT** drive into the Dorm parking lot or bus lane at any time before or directly after school. The parking lot to the east of the Dorm (District Office Building) is not a safe student drop off area. We are seeing too many close calls between vehicles and students with parents wanting to drive through and drop off or pick up students. We simply do not have enough staff to cover all of the potential drop off areas around campus, so we count on parents to drive safely around our students and **not drive in areas where students walk**.

## PICTURE DAY

Once again this year, our school pictures will be taken by Legacy Photography. Kindergarten through 8th grade pictures are scheduled for **Thursday, October 10th**. Picture flyers with pricing information are coming home today. The flyer is also available on our website and can be found by clicking on the October 10th picture event listed on our calendars or on our forms page at [fes.thompsonfalls.net/el-forms](https://fes.thompsonfalls.net/el-forms). On Picture Day, students will bring home a small strip of paper which contains their unique QR code. Clicking on the QR code will take you directly to their photo. Photos will be available to view on Legacy's website by October 12th. Pictures may also be purchased in advance. Pictures purchased by October 18th can be shipped to the school for distribution with no additional charge for shipping.

## Elk's Hoop Shoot

The annual School Hoop Shoot has been set for **Sunday, October 13th**. It will be held in the Junior High Gym beginning at 2:00PM. This basketball free throw competition is open to all boys and girls who will be ages 8 through 13 by April 1, 2025. Information was sent home with students last week and can be found on our website, by clicking on the Hoop Shoot event shown on the calendars on our website.

## Campus Evacuation / Reunification Drill

All K-8 students and staff will be performing our annual campus evacuation and parent reunification drill on **Friday, October 11th**. We will be sending home all the information parents will need to know, along with a map, next Thursday. Please be on the lookout for that important information. As always, we will evacuate / walk to the mule pasture, 1.5 blocks north of school. Buses and parent pickups will be completed there. Walkers and bike riders will then be walked back to campus to be dismissed. Again, all pertinent information will be sent home next **Thursday, October 10th**.

## Important Happenings

- 10/3 Hearing Screenings
- 10/3 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/4 Final day to sign up for Flu Vaccine
- 10/4 Early out—2:05PM
- 10/7 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/9 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/10 K-8 Fall Picture Day by Legacy Photography
- 10/10 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/11 Campus Evacuation / Reunification Drill
- 10/11 Early out—2:05PM
- 10/13 Elk's School Hoop Shoot—2:00PM Elem Gym
- 10/14 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/15 Flu Vaccines available from County Health
- 10/16 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/17-10/18 **NO SCHOOL—Teacher PIR—MEA**
- 10/21 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/23 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/24 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/25 Early out—2:05PM
- 10/25 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/28 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/30 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 10/31 NO REACH
- 11/1 **NO SCHOOL—Teacher Development Day**
- 11/4 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 11/5 Parent Teacher Conferences by appointment
- 11/6 NHS Blood Drive
- 11/6 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 11/7 Parent Teacher Conferences by appointment
- 11/7 No REACH
- 11/8 Early out—2:05PM
- 11/10 Elk's District Hoop Shoot

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**Teach Your Kids to Solve Problems on Their Own—Here's How**

Have you ever thought about what a blessing it is to be a good thinker? Now I'm not necessarily talking about being a genius or intellectually gifted. I'm mostly referring to being able to use good problem-solving skills and good old-fashioned common sense.

As this world becomes ever more complex and temptation-laden, it becomes more and more important that we teach our kids how to build their mental muscles. Listed below are some quick tips.

- When your kids ask you for help, encourage them to try a bit longer before you jump in to help them. The only way to really learn good thinking skills is by having to figure out some things on your own.
- Ask them as many questions as possible. Examples include, "What else might you try?" What have you seen other people do to solve this problem? What would happen if you tried \_\_\_\_\_? Where might you learn how to do that? Is that something you could learn about in a book, by asking someone, or by looking on the internet?"
- Allow them to mess up. Too frequently, we step in and tell kids exactly what to do when we worry that they might make a mistake. When the consequences are small, allow them to blow it and learn.

For kids to grow into successful adults, they must learn to be responsible for their own behavior. This requires that they experience the positive and the negative results of their behavior and their decisions. Only by parents allowing them to experience the consequences of their behaviors will kids learn to make good decisions.

Listen to my audio, Teaching Kids to Think and Solve Problems, and discover practical ways to guide your children to take charge of their challenges and find their own solutions.

***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.***