

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.

B L U E H A W K B O O K F A I R S

NO SCHOOL

There will be **NO SCHOOL** tomorrow, **November 1st**. Our staff will be in trainings and planning sessions.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Be sure to check backpacks for your parent / teacher conference schedules. As always, we try our best to meet the needs of those families that responded with days and times that work best. Conferences will be held in the evenings of **Tuesday, November 5th** and **Thursday, November 7th**. If you need to reschedule for some reason, please contact us. Our goal is 100% participation.

PUMPKIN DECORATING

Congratulations to Sage Preston, Elora Moore and Ryker Whittenburg, the winners of the Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Sage's panda pumpkin won in the K-1 category. It was modeled after the character from the book, "Please, Mr. Panda". The winged dragon from "Wings of Fire" was the model used by Elora to craft the winner in the 2-4 category. Ryker's Mario Brothers game controller was chosen as the overall K-4 winner and was modeled after the book "MarioKart Off To The Races". Thank you to all families that participated! There were so many fun, creative entries. We hope you made great family memories while creating your entries!

Turn Your Clocks Back!

Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday, **November 3rd**. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour! Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held next week. Both online and in person shopping will be available. Independent student-shoppers will be able to shop during their Library time. Parents/Guardians may join them for shopping from right after school until 4:00PM, Monday through Thursday. The fair will also be open for family shopping on November 5th and 7th from right after school until 8:00PM, during Parent Teacher Conferences. The fair will be closed on Friday. Online shopping is available through Friday, November 8th at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/thompson> Do you prefer not to send cash with your student? Scholastic has an ewallet which can be setup following that same link.

Important Happenings

- 10/31 Classroom Harvest Parties in afternoon
- 10/31 NO REACH
- 11/1 **NO SCHOOL—Teacher Development Day**
- 11/3 Daylight Savings Time ends - fall back 1 hour
- 11/4-11/8 Scholastic Book Fair
- 11/4 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 11/4 School Board Meeting - 6:00PM - Board Room
- 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
- 11/6 Parent Teacher Conferences by appointment
- 11/7 No REACH
- 11/8 Popcorn Friday - sponsor needed
- 11/8 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 11/10 Elk's District Hoop Shoot
- 11/11 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 11/14 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 11/20 Picture Retakes by Legacy
- 11/20 November PTO Meeting - 4:30PM - Elementary
- 11/15 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 11/22 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 11/27-11/29 **NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break**
- 12/2 Mega Bucks Campaign begins
- 12/3 JH/HS Christmas Concert - 6:30PM - HS Gym
- 12/6 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 12/9-12/13 PTO's Santa Shop
- 12/13 Popcorn Friday - sponsor needed
- 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 Popcorn Friday - sponsor needed

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Trick-or-Treat Tips: Stop the Halloween Whining Before It Starts

Halloween is here, and many kids are very excited about the prospects of trick-or-treating. "Why can't I trick-or-treat without you?" "Why can't I have my candy now?" Many parents will be hearing these sorts of questions from their little ghouls and goblins. And many parents will hear it over and over as kids repeat "but why?" in a whining tone.

Kids use this whining-question technique to get a reaction from their parents, hoping that by continuously pestering their parents they will get what they want. Here are some tips for parents to keep in mind when kids whine and ask, "but why?"

Is this genuine curiosity or whining? If your child keeps asking why and really wants to learn about something, answering the question can start a fun and fruitful conversation. But if the child is whining and complaining, parents don't need to provide a lengthy explanation for setting a limit or imposing a consequence.

Make your child think. Many times, parents try to reason and offer an explanation when they set limits for kids, such as, "I have to go trick-or-treating with you because I don't want you to get hurt." We suggest parents respond to "but why?" by saying, in a non-sarcastic way, "Why do you think?"

But no matter how many explanations parents give, many kids continue to ask, "but why?" Instead of the adult thinking of an answer, it is the child who should be doing the thinking. A child's brain development is enhanced if he or she must spend time thinking about the answer, rather than immediately receiving it from the parent.

Offer empathy. Provide a healthy dose of sadness and understanding rather than anger and frustration. For example, "Feel free to have a piece of your Halloween candy after you've eaten your dinner."

Whether it is Halloween, or any other day, things go best when we set good limits in loving ways and stick to the limits that we set.

Equip yourself with effective strategies to set loving, firm limits this Halloween and beyond. Listen to our audio, [*Oh Great! What Do I Do Now?*](#) for expert advice, and enjoy 20% off all resources during our [Halloween Sale!](#)

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.