

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair wraps up today. There will be one last opportunity to shop the fair in person, as it will be open from right after school until **8:00PM tonight**. Online shopping will be available through Friday at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/thompson> Proceeds from the Book Fair are used to add new books to our library for all to enjoy. A big thank you to Mrs. Miller, our librarian, and all her volunteers for making the Book Fair possible.

ABOUT BULLYING

Sometimes we get asked what we do about bullying behavior in our schools. We take each report of bullying very seriously. Most times we find in our investigations that a conflict between students is a one time event and not what we consider bullying. The following is an excerpt from our Elementary Student Handbook. **“Bullying” happens when someone with more power unfairly hurts someone with less power over and over again. Power may be physical strength, social skill, verbal ability, or another resource.** While a student may exhibit bullying behavior toward another individual, that does not mean that student will be labeled a “bully”. While it is unfortunate, sometimes students are simply mean to one another or have a conflict over a soccer game, friendships, etc. We do our best to encourage and empower students to solve their own problems but also to tell adults at school and at home if problems persist and adult intervention is needed. Oftentimes issues between students start outside of school or on social media. We find that social media conflicts are happening as early as 5th grade and only get worse as students get older. This is just one of the reasons we do not allow electronic devices while at school. Unfortunately, we cannot control what students or parents do on social media. Our teachers, counselors, support staff, and administration constantly talk to students, hold class meetings, and present lessons about our core values of Excellence, Integrity, Compassion, Unity, and Respect. We teach our younger students to use Kelso’s Choices, which empower students to decide if a problem is big or small and to make positive conflict resolution choices like walking away, joining another group in play, or going to an adult. Our OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Program has been implemented in all grades K-8 and focuses on developing a safe and positive school climate. Monthly character trait lessons help to reinforce the traits. If a student or parent truly believes a bullying situation is taking place at school, we encourage them to fill out a bullying report, which immediately is received by our school counselor. Then the complaint is investigated and consequences are given if necessary. If anyone wishes to file a bullying report, it can be done through our school website at www.thompsonfalls.net/bullying

Calling All Veterans

Thompson Falls School District will once again this year be hosting a Veteran’s Day Lunch for all Veterans and their spouses. The meal will be served in the new multi-purpose building on the High School campus beginning at **11:30AM on Monday, November 11th**. The High School music program will be performing. Elementary students have been creating cards and decorations. Please RSVP to the High School Main Office at 406.827.3561 no later than tomorrow!

Important Happenings

- 11/7 Parent Teacher Conferences by appointment
- 11/7 No REACH
- 11/8 Fun Friday - 90’s Day - dress like the 90’s
- 11/8 Popcorn Friday - Anonymous Donor
- 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
- 11/15 Fun Friday—Student Teacher Reversal Day
- 11/15 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 11/20 Picture Retakes by Legacy
- 11/20 November PTO Meeting - 4:30PM - Elementary
- 11/22 Fun Friday - Twins Day
- 11/22 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 11/25 No REACH
- 11/27-11/29 **NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break**
- 12/2 Mega Bucks Campaign begins
- 12/2 School Board Meeting - 6:00PM - Board Room
- 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
- 1/10 *Early out—2:05PM*
- 1/16 End of 2nd Quarter
- 1/17 **NO SCHOOL—PIR Day**
- 1/24 1st Ski Trip—4th-8th Grade
- 1/24 *Early out—2:05PM*

Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,
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School web site:
<https://tfes.thompsonfalls.net>



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Turning Disappointing Grades Into a Learning Opportunity

When kids bring home disappointing grades, parents are often upset and respond with frustration, lectures, and even anger.

The first thing to remember is that the responsibility for a child's grades belongs to the child, not to us. Although it's easy to blame ourselves when kids perform poorly, it's very important for our mental health, and for the mental health of our kids, to remember the following points.

- We can't do the learning for our children.
- Many highly accomplished individuals faced academic challenges in their youth.
- Always respond with genuine empathy and understanding.

Here are two examples that contrast typical parental responses, one delivered with anger and frustration and the other delivered with empathy.

This...

"Look at these grades! These are unacceptable!"

Or this...

"Oh man! I bet these grades are really disappointing for you. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help. The good news is that this doesn't change the way I feel about you."

This...

"How many times have I told you to get your homework done, and you ignored me! I am sick and tired of reminding you! You're grounded!"

Or this...

"Oh man. I can understand getting too busy to remember to do your chores and your homework. What do you think you can do to help you remember your homework? Let me know if you want some ideas."

Instead of battling over grades, consider exploring my book, [*From Bad Grades to a Great Life!*](#) If it doesn't completely change your life, I'll buy it back!

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.