

THANKSGIVING BREAK

There will be **NO SCHOOL** Wednesday, November 27th through Friday, November 29th.

We wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy your time with family and friends! We would like to take this opportunity to express our thankfulness to parents. We are especially grateful for those who read with their student, 30 minutes a night, those that ensure their student gets adequate rest, those who take time to listen to how their student's day has been and those that ensure that their student attends school regularly. You make a big difference in your student's learning and we greatly appreciate you and your efforts!

TOBACCO FREE ZONE

All Thompson Falls Schools are Tobacco Free Zones. District Policy 8225 reads: **Use of tobacco and marijuana products in a public school building or on public school property is prohibited.** Tobacco includes but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine and any other tobacco innovation. Second hand smoke is a serious health hazard. Did you know that secondhand smoke can stay in the air for hours and travel up to 20 feet. Particles from secondhand smoke can also settle on surfaces and in dust, remaining long after the smoke is gone. There's no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Spending one hour in a smoky room is equivalent to smoking one cigarette. For the safety and health of our students and staff, our board policy and Montana Code Annotated will be enforced. Fines range from \$25 to \$500 per offense.

Picture Retakes

Legacy Photography was here yesterday to take pictures for any students who were absent on original picture day or needed retakes. Those photos are already available on their website using the QR code that was sent home. If you need help with access, please don't hesitate to reach out. Shipping to the school will be free for all photos purchased by Friday, November 29th.

FINAL CALL

Tomorrow, Friday, November 22nd is the final day to submit orders for our student council school spirit shirts. Both t-shirts and hoodies are available. T-shirts are just \$16 each and hoodies are \$36. Order forms are available on our school website under Forms <https://tfes.thompsonfalls.net/el-forms> and payments may be made online at <https://thompsonfallsnet.finalsite.com/payments> with payments being directed to Elementary Student Council. Orders may also be dropped off at the Elementary Office.

Important Happenings

- 11/21 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 11/22 Fun Friday - Twins Day
- 11/22 Early out—2:05PM
- 11/22 Final Day to take Parent Survey
- 11/22 Final Day to order School Spirit Tshirts
- 11/25 5th Gr. Virtual Sand Box
- 11/25 No REACH
- 11/27-11/29 **NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break**
- 12/2 Mega Bucks Campaign begins
- 12/2 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 12/2 School Board Meeting - 6:00PM - Board Room
- 12/3 JH/HS Christmas Concert - 6:30PM - HS Gym
- 12/4 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 12/5 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 12/6 Early out—2:05PM
- 12/9-12/12 PTO's Santa Shop
- 12/9 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 12/11 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 12/11 PTO Meeting - 5:00PM - Elementary
- 12/12 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 12/13 Popcorn Friday - sponsored by Double H Dirt Works
- 12/13 Early out—2:05PM
- 12/16 No REACH
- 12/16 **K-6 Christmas Concert—6:30PM—HS Gym**
- 12/18 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 12/19 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 12/20 PTO MEGA Bucks Drawing
- 12/20 Early out—2:05PM
- 12/23-1/3 **NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break**
- 1/6 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 1/8 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
- 1/9 REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM

Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,
Principal

School web site:
<https://tfes.thompsonfalls.net>



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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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Learning from Mistakes: The Key to Building Character

Do your kids make enough mistakes? I'm afraid not.

Most kids need to make a lot more mistakes while they are young, when the consequences for those mistakes are small. We all know that the cost of making bad decisions grows with the age of kids.

One mother said it this way, "Far better that my child totals her tricycle when she's little. If I protect her from that, she'll be more likely to total the family car when she is a teenager."

One of the important core beliefs of Love and Logic is that every childhood mistake can be a learning experience provided there is no rescue from the consequences. When mistakes are handled with empathy and consequences, kids develop an internal voice that says, "I wonder how my next decision will affect me?" This is the gift of Love and Logic.

When parents do all the thinking, they rob kids of the opportunity to learn from their mistakes and send the message that the kids are not capable of figuring things out for themselves. Give your kids the can-do message: Let them do the thinking. When they learn from their mistakes they build character, strength, and confidence.

However, this is not absolute. This does not apply when it has to do with loss of life or limb. In these situations, parents must intervene.

There are other situations when I would be willing to rescue a child from a mistake. It really doesn't hurt to rescue a child who is usually quite respectful, appreciative, and responsible. It feels good to help this kind of person and it can actually help reinforce relationships.

On the other hand, rescuing a demanding, unappreciative, and irresponsible person never feels good. And it does nothing to develop relationships and only reinforces irresponsibility.

For more tips on helping kids learn from their mistakes so that they can grow into responsible adults, listen to our audio, [*Four Steps to Responsibility*](#).

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.