

# BLUE HAWK NEWS

## AWARD WINNING TEACHER

Congratulations to Mrs. Kelly for being chosen by the University of Montana to receive the MaryFrances Shreeve Award for Teaching Excellence. Mrs. Kelly is currently a 5th-8th grade special education teacher, and had also been an elementary classroom teacher for many years, as well as an athletics coach. She works tirelessly for her students and is an amazing teammate to her colleagues. The Griz mascot, Monte, came to school to present Mrs. Kelly with her award this week in a surprise assembly in front of all K-8 students and staff. Congratulations to Mrs. Chris Kelly, and thank you for touching so many lives in such a positive manner. You are amazing!!!

## Seeking the Class of 2038

On **Tuesday, April 2nd** and **Wednesday, April 3rd** we will be enrolling the Class of 2038! Incoming Kindergarten students must turn 5 years of age on or before September 10, 2025. If you have a child, or know a child, who fits that criteria, please **call us at 406-827-3592 x 3 to schedule an appointment** for one of those days.

## Ticks Have Arrived

Those creepy, crawly, 8 legged critters are back! While they are a sign of Spring, ticks are not welcome guests and can carry diseases. They are most often found in grassy, brushy, or wooded areas or on animals. Wearing light colored clothing can help to spot them easier. Tucking shirts into pants, and pants into socks can keep the ticks on your clothes and act as a barrier. Checking for ticks as often as possible, and showering as soon as possible, after spending time outdoors, is also recommended.

## MCT THE PIED PIPER

What do you do when your town is overrun by ravenous rats? You call the Pied Piper! You are invited to take a trip to Hamelin Town on **Friday, March 21st** with the Missoula Children's Theatre and the 61 students who have been cast for the show. The show, will begin at **6:00PM** on Friday night, in the Thompson Falls Elementary / Junior High Gym. This year's week long residency is made possible through a very generous donation from the Jane S. Heman Foundation. Admission is **FREE** for everyone. Come and enjoy an evening of great entertainment. Special thanks to Nevicitas McGuire for coordinating this year's show.

## Pictures Available Now

Class picture were taken this week. QR codes were sent home with students. Those QR codes make it easy to view and order pictures, if you did not order in advance. Shipping is free for pictures ordered now through **March 27th**. They will be shipped to the school and sent home with your student. Orders placed after that date will be charged a shipping fee.

## BOX TOPS CHALLENGE

**\$146.30** **\$200.00**  
extra recess

Challenge ends March 31st. Haven't downloaded the Box Tops App yet? Here's the QR code.



## Important Happenings

3/20	REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
3/21	End of 3rd Quarter
3/21	FUN FRIDAY - Rock Your Socks!
3/21	MCT Production - The Pied Piper - 6:00PM
3/24	REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
3/26	REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
3/27	3rd Quarter Report Cards sent home w/ students
3/27	REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
3/28	Donuts with Dads - 7:30am - Lunchroom
3/28	Kinder Field Trip - Rimrock Lanes / Power Park
3/28	FUN FRIDAY - Fairy Tale Day
3/31	Running Start ends
3/31	Running Start Reading Logs due
3/31	5th Gr Tobacco Education—9:00AM
3/31	REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
4/1	6th Gr Tobacco Education—9:00AM
4/2	<b>Kindergarten Round Up - call for appointment</b>
4/2	4th Gr Tobacco Education—10:00AM
4/2	Kinder Tobacco Education—10:30AM
4/2	REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
4/3	<b>Kindergarten Round Up - call for appointment</b>
4/3	REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
4/4	Running Start Celebration—1:30PM
4/7	2nd Gr Tobacco Education—9:30AM
4/7	1st Gr Tobacco Education—10:20AM
4/7	3rd Gr Tobacco Education—2:20PM
4/7	REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
4/9	REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
4/9	PTO Meeting—5:00PM—Elementary
4/10	REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
4/11	Popcorn Friday—sponsored by Naegeli Ranch

## Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,  
Principal

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



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**Treating Underlying Causes of Misbehavior in Kids**

Learning how to handle misbehavior in our kids is a complex challenge, and many parents find themselves addressing symptoms without getting to underlying causes. Using an effective, logical consequence alone can often stop misbehavior.

However, if the child's underlying emotional and psychological needs are not met, misbehaviors tend to resurface later—either in original form or some other. Arguing might return as arguing—or as a quiet refusal to do what the parent asks.

Treating causes alone can also fall short of the mark. Although the child might start to feel much better because his or her emotional needs are being met, the misbehavior continues because it's become a habit that is not being addressed.

**Powerful and lasting solutions address underlying needs in addition to symptoms.**

**The Love and Logic Approach**

Love and Logic parents are most effective when they combine an understanding of universal human needs with their Love and Logic techniques, thereby addressing both underlying causes and symptoms. These universal needs, the underlying causes of most misbehaviors, include the following.

**The Need for Unconditional Love, Respect, and Comforting Limits**

Love and Logic parents meet this need by wrapping consequences in a strong blanket of empathy. For example, they can say, *"This is so sad. I know you must be really mad. I'll be happy to take you out for pizza when I know we won't have an argument."* The underlying message is, *"I will always value and love you, even when your behavior is inappropriate."*

**The Need for Healthy Control**

When children are angry, defiant or resentful, they are actually hurting inside. Giving them healthy control in the form of plenty of [choices](#) is medicine for their wounds. Here are some examples of choices:

"Do you want to have juice or milk with dinner?" "Are you going to set your alarm for 6:00 or 6:15?" "Would you like to have your hair long or short?"

**The Need to Be Noticed and to Feel Good About Oneself**

During tough times, kids need more than ever for us to see their strengths and point them out. Sadly, we often forget to do this when we are caught up in the problem. Love and Logic parents can take the time to notice positives about their kids by saying things like:

"I noticed your friends really look up to you." "I noticed you really take pride in your skateboarding." "I noticed you like to draw."

It's amazing what we will do to please the people who notice our strengths!

**Building Self-Esteem and Self-Concept**

By understanding and responding to a child's underlying needs, parents can significantly improve a child's self-esteem and their self-concept. For more ideas about how to help your kids improve their self-concept, listen to our audio, [\*Shaping Self-Concept: Encouraging Kids to Take Risks and Learn.\*](#)

***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.***