

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

DONUTS with DAD

Calling all Dads, and those who fill that role! You are invited to join your student at Donuts with Dads **tomorrow morning, March 28th at 7:30AM** in the cafeteria. Thanks to our wonderful PTO for sponsoring another great event! Remember breakfast and lunch are free for all students, so please encourage your student to also enjoy breakfast while you spend a bit of extra time together.

Our Dress Code

Spring seems to have arrived. With the warmer temperatures we have seen a change in student attire. Our dress code, as shown in the Student-Parent Handbook states: *"Parents and students are responsible for student dress and appearance while attending school. Spandex-type shorts are not permitted unless other shorts are worn over them. **Students should wear shorts or skirts that come to their fingertips when standing straight, with hands at their side.** The administration and staff have the responsibility and right to judge individual cases as being in violation of these regulations. A student who violates the dress code will be asked to correct the situation with no penalty. Parents may be called to bring a change of clothing. The student may be asked to wear clothing provided by the school until parents arrive."*

RUNNING START CELEBRATION

We are wrapping up our Running Start Reading Program. Completed reading **logs are due on Monday, March 31st**. Each completed log is an entry into a drawing for prizes. Prizes will be awarded at the Running Start Celebration to be held on **Friday, April 4th at 1:30PM** in the lunchroom. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us. The Woman's Club arranged for some extra special visitors to our school the last past two weeks. Various community members have come to read with our kindergarten through second grade students. The Woman's Club has joined forces with First Security Bank, Valley Bank and the Masons this year to sponsor this program. We appreciate all the sponsors as well as our guest readers!!

Last Chance

Today is the final day to receive free shipping on any class picture orders. Class pictures are only \$12 each and can be purchased online at <https://www.legacyschoolphotos.com/>. You can access your student's pictures using the QR code they brought home last week. If you have misplaced your code, contact the office, we are happy to help you.

2025-26 Kindergarten

Do you know a child who will turn 5 years of age on or before September 10, 2025? We will be enrolling kindergarteners for the 2025-26 school year on **Wednesday, April 2nd** and **Thursday, April 3rd by appointment**. Please call us at 406-827-3592 x 3 to schedule.

THEY ARE SO CLOSE

\$167.90 \$200.00 extra recess

PTOs Box Tops Challenge ends Monday, March 31st. If \$200 can be raised through the Box Tops App by that date, students will receive a free recess! We are only \$32 short of our goal! Downloading the app and scanning your first receipt by Monday, will quickly raise that total! Haven't downloaded the Box Tops App yet? Downloading the app using this QR code will add extra \$\$.



Important Happenings

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| 3/27 | 3rd Quarter Report Cards sent home |
| 3/28 | Donuts with Dads - 7:30am - Lunchroom |
| 3/28 | Kinder Field Trip - Rimrock Lanes / Ainsworth 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 | Kindergarten Round Up - call for appointment |
| 4/2 | 4th Gr Tobacco Education - 10:00AM |
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| 4/2 | REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM |
| 4/3 | Kindergarten Round Up - call for appointment |
| 4/3 | REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM |
| 4/4 | FUN FRIDAY - Book Character Day |
| 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 | FUN FRIDAY - Back To The Future Day |
| 4/11 | Popcorn Friday - sponsored by Naegeli Ranch |
| 4/14 | REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM |
| 4/16 | REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM |
| 4/17 | REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM |
| 4/18 | FUN FRIDAY - Black and White Day |
| 4/21-4/25 | NO SCHOOL - Spring Break |

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How to Handle Sibling Rivalries? Practical Tips for a Peaceful Home

Parents want to see their kids grow up and be friends throughout their lives. However, when sibling rivalry strikes, children can turn into the worst of enemies instead of being the best of friends. This can be an incredibly difficult situation for many parents because they don't understand how to resolve these conflicts and attempts to stop them can feel impossible.

Why Does Sibling Rivalry Occur?

Sibling rivalry can arise for many reasons, like sharing a room, sharing similar interests, or being similar in age. It can also increase in intensity during times of change or stress. Some degree of sibling rivalry is normal, and it can help our children develop essential life-long relational skills like problem solving and conflict resolution. However, parents need to learn how to ensure that these conflicts don't grow chronic resentment, feelings of victimization, and perpetual family chaos. Here are four tips to help address sibling rivalry and maintain a healthy family atmosphere.

Four Tips to Address Sibling Rivalry***Tip #1: Nurture your children's unique strengths and gifts***

Favoritism by parents can lead to one sibling feeling superior and the other feeling jealous or underappreciated. **It is important to remember that each child is an individual with unique abilities, interests, and aptitudes.** When you care for your child's unique interests or skills with empathy and love, your child is more likely to demonstrate respect and compassion for their sibling.

Tip #2: Provide strong and loving leadership

Unfortunately, many instances of sibling rivalry stem from kids not respecting their parents. Love and Logic is all about helping parents become, and remain, loving and strong authority figures. Much of this is achieved by providing consistent and enforceable limits. When kids feel a lack of such leadership, they experience anxiety and subconsciously wonder, "Well, if our parents aren't running this home, I better." Chaos among siblings can ensue as they compete for this leadership position.

Tip #3: Take Care of Yourself

When siblings begin to come into conflict, stay out of the middle while helping them find solutions. Most of us are tempted to rescue our kids by placing ourselves in the middle of their conflicts. When we do this, it teaches your children that someone will come and save them if they start or join an argument with someone else. A much better way to handle the situation is to let the children solve their own problems. Discover how you can guide them in our blog: [Five Simple Steps to Help Kids Solve Their Own Problems](#).

Tip #4: Keep it their problem rather than yours.

"He started it!" "She started it!"

It doesn't matter who started the problem because *"everyone started it!"* When parents try to sort who started it, they will only become frustrated and drained. We've received story after story of how parents have informed their children that bickering and arguing drains their parental energy. When this happens with parents who use Love and Logic, kids are expected to replace this energy by doing things such as completing extra chores or staying home from an activity so that their parents can restore their energy instead of driving their kids around.

Avoiding Family Chaos

Although we can't ensure that our kids always love and appreciate each other, we can create a home where it's always in their best interest to work hard at doing so. If you are struggling to handle battles between your kids, you can find strength and practical tips by listening to our audio, [Sibling Rivalry: Strategies for Teaching Your Kids How to Get Along](#).

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.