

BLUE HAWK NEWS

RUNNING START READING

Thank you to all the amazing community members who volunteered to come read to students during our Running Start Reading program. Another thank you to the Women's Club, First Security Bank, Valley Bank, and the Masonic Lodge for their continued support of our students. Winners of \$50 Amazon Gift Cards for their prolific reading were Colotn Legan(K), Theodore Scharfe(1st), Warren Shuttle(2nd), Matthew Faussett(3rd), Abram Cribbs(4th), Victoria Pavlik(5th), and Damon Traver (6th). A special shout out to Eleanor Traver for reading the most with 357 chapters.

School Attire

As the weather warms we continue to see students dressing for spring and summer. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we do have expectations for proper attire. More and more we see students of all ages coming to school with very short shorts and skirts, spaghetti strap tops, etc. When we see attire that is not school appropriate and does not meet the expectations spelled out in our student handbooks, we will give the student an opportunity to fix the issue. If your student happens to come home in borrowed clothing you do not recognize, it is likely something from our limited school clothing supply. If that is the case, we ask that those items be returned to school ASAP for further use. Thank you!

Morning Play

We are encouraging all K-4 students to join their friends on the playground before the bell rings to start school. We are unable to supervise them if they are not in an area where school staff can see them. Sometimes we see students gathering in front of the school entrance, the back playground, or other areas on campus. Please encourage your child to join the rest of the school on the main playground each morning. This gives students a chance to socialize with students outside of their regular classroom and helps us keep them safe and supervised. Students in grades 5-6 gather on the east side of the dorm building, while 7-8 students should gather and enter at the north JH entrance. As always, students are able to stay in the cafeteria after they eat breakfast, if they choose.

FINAL CALL

We recently learned that when some people have tried to purchase the 2024-25 Yearbook online, they got the message that the deadline to purchase was passed. That glitch has been fixed and you can once again order using the QR code or by visiting <https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/thompsonfallsk8>. Yearbooks may also be ordered using the envelope that went home and getting payment to the office. **The deadline for ordering is April 14th.** The 24 page soft cover book is just \$15.

PTO BOX TOPS CHALLENGE

PTO has issued a new Box Tops Challenge! If we can raise \$250 through the Box Tops App by **May 31st**, students will be rewarded with an extra recess! Proceeds of this fund raiser will be used to purchase minor playground equipment. It's easy to participate. Shop as usual, then simply scan your receipts in the Box Tops App.

Important Happenings

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	6th Gr Tdaps given
4/17	REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
4/18	FUN FRIDAY - Black and White Day
4/21	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
4/22	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
4/23	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
4/24	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
4/25	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
4/28	REACH (after school program for Gr 3-8) 3:30-5:00PM
4/30	Last day of REACH – 3:30-5:00PM
5/1	Mid 4th Quarter
5/1	2nd Gr Tree Planting Ceremony
5/5	Final day to submit PTO candy orders
5/8	5th-12th Gr Band Concert - 6:30PM - HS Gym
5/9	5th/6th Gr Solar Ovens completed
5/9	Popcorn Friday - sponsored by Happy Trails Pre-School
5/12	PTO Meeting - 5:00PM - Elementary
5/13	K-6 Choir Concert - 6:30PM - JH Gym
5/14	Early Childhood Screening (Birth-5) call for appt.
5/16	5th/6th Gr Egg Cart Races
5/16	3rd Gr Field Trip - TFalls Dam
5/20	3rd Gr Field Trip - Noxon Dam
5/23	2nd Gr Field Trip - Harlow's Bison Ranch
5/26	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
5/27	6th Gr Field Trip - Fort Missoula
5/28	Graduation Walk - 10:30AM - Elementary
5/29	4th Gr Field Trip - Clark Fork Fish Hatchery

Thompson Falls Elementary

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Tobacco Poetry

As reported last week, Karrin McKinzie with the Sanders County Health Department shared Tobacco Education presentations with students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Students were asked to create poems about what they learned and why they would stay tobacco free. We promised to share a few of those poems in this week's newsletter.

*I don't smoke, it could cause a stroke.
If I try I could die.
Making use of life is better than making use of a vape,
Enjoy it while it lasts,
If you vape it could be your last.*

Johnathan Toyias

*I'm gonna die, so give me a piece of pie
I only vape to feel better from the pain
I could be anxious, stressed, or depressed,
but I still do it, so no one would know.
You might hide your pain, but so am I,
and you should know there's someone for you, to stop with you.*

Anonymous

I wouldn't smoke, because it is not a good way to cope with anxiety, OCD, ADHD, depression, or any signs of mental disorder. No matter how bad things are, I will not consume these things, because it doesn't help. It messes with your mental and physical health.

*Don't risk heart disease
Put yourself at ease.
Prevent blindness,
Have more kindness.
Don't choke, on smoking,
or you might have a stroke.*

Peyton Ellul

*When I start to stress
I feel depressed
I pick up my vape,
in order to escape
But in the end I know,
it will take my soul.
There are other ways
that will give me more days.*

Anonymous

*Chew tastes like trash
Cigars turn to ash
You smoke cigarettes and your lungs will
You start with the least, can't end with the most,
You start doing this, your life will be toast.*

Toby Susic