

BLUE HAWK NEWS

SUMMER SCHOOL

We will once again be offering two summer school sessions. We will be taking a different approach this year however, as we will be offering math and reading interventions to those students who we identify as being at risk learners. We will do so by looking at state and local test scores, daily academic work, and referrals from classroom teachers. Those students will be invited individually to take part in our summer school sessions in June and July. Based on enrollment numbers, we may or may not be opening our summer school sessions up to all elementary students. If your child is identified as needing additional academic help, you will receive a letter in the mail very soon with an invitation. Both sessions will still provide students with opportunities for fun, enrichment activities, but a bigger emphasis will be put on designing programming to help those at risk learners make greater gains.

Upcoming Field Trips

Tis the season for field trips as we put the finishing touches on a great school year. Our field trips range from walking trips in town to overnight camping trips in the woods, depending on the grade level. Whatever the special event may be, please make sure your child is prepared with proper clothing, footwear, sunscreen, etc. If you wish to help chaperone a field trip, please consult with your child's teacher first. Sometimes extra help is needed, while other times, we have enough school personnel to help with supervision.

\$250

BOX TOPS CHALLENGE

\$220.70

PTO CANDY FUNDRAISER

Watch for sales flyers/order forms, from our PTO, for their Freeze Dried Candy Fundraiser, coming home today. The completed form along with all sales proceeds must be returned to the Elementary Office by **Thursday, May 8th**, in the attached envelope. PTO will then place the order with Jean and Jo Freeze Dried Candy. This is a *Friends and Family* Fundraiser. Students are not to go door to door or sell to people you do not know. Candy orders will arrive and be ready for pickup here at the Elementary on Friday, May 23rd between 3:30 and 5:00PM. The class that sells the most bags of candy, will be rewarded with an Ice Cream Party!

No Parking Zone

Mosher Transportation has requested our assistance. Please be reminded that the area just above the school, where the cement block retaining wall is set is a NO PARKING ZONE. The large cement blocks, at the end of Columbia Street, where it intersects with 3rd Avenue, were placed there by the city to form a safety barricade to prevent any potential runaway vehicles from crashing onto our playground. The barricade takes up all street side parking space. When vehicles park in this area, they are parked in the street thus narrowing the street to the point that school buses can not pass through. This is the designated route for buses traveling from the Bus Barn to our Bus Loading Zone.

Important Happenings

5/1	Mid 4th Quarter
5/1	2nd Gr Tree Planting Ceremony
5/1	PTO candy order forms sent home
5/2	Fun Friday - Star Wars Day
5/5-5/9	Staff Appreciation Week
5/8	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
5/9	PTO Reverse Blue Hawk Drawing
5/9	Kinder Mother's Day Tea Party
5/12	PTO Meeting - 5:00PM - Elementary
5/12	School Board Meeting - 6:00PM - Board Room
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
5/19	1st Gr Field Trip - Airport / Downtown Businesses
5/19-5/22	4th—8th Gr Girls Spring Volleyball
5/20	3rd Gr Field Trip - Noxon Dam
5/21	Baseball Summer Camp forms due
5/23	2nd Gr Field Trip - Harlow's Bison Ranch
5/23	PTO Candy Pickup - 3:30-5:00PM - Elementary
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
5/29	5th Gr Field Trip - Conrad Mansion
5/30	3rd Gr Virtual Field Trip - Butterfly House
5/31	PTO Box Tops Challenge ends - \$250 goal
5/31	High School Graduation - 3:00PM - Previs Field
6/2	2nd Gr Walking Field Trip - Old Jail Museum

Thompson Falls Elementary

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Teaching Kids Responsibility Through the Power of Natural Consequences**How Consequences Teach Children Accountability and Life Skills?**

Love and Logic parents hand the responsibility for a child's behavior and decisions to the child. With the Love and Logic approach, consequences do the teaching, not the parents.

This prevents hard feelings from arising between children and adults and allows children to experience how the real world works. They learn that poor decisions lead to unpleasant consequences, and good decisions lead to desirable outcomes.

To maximize the teaching power of consequences, Love and Logic emphasizes that empathy must precede consequences. There are many reasons for expressing genuine empathy before delivering consequences. These include:

The child is not distracted by anger displayed by the adult.

The child owns the outcomes instead of blaming the adult.

The relationship between the adult and child is maintained.

The child learns through modeling to use empathy with others.

The Myth of Immediate Consequences

Many people think that if consequences are not delivered immediately after kids have an outburst or misbehave, then they won't learn from their mistakes. This myth is based on the idea that the impact of the consequences might be lost if time passes after the incident. In contrast,

Love and Logic focuses on the advantages of delaying consequences. Delaying consequences is a powerful technique that does two important things for parents. At first, it gives the parent a chance to calm down so that they don't respond inappropriately and allows plenty of time for thinking of appropriate consequences. Later, when consequences are delivered, the parent is prepared and can deliver the consequences effectively, with the most important element - empathy.

Whenever a kid misbehaves, and you don't know what to do or you are too angry to think straight, delay the consequences by responding in an empathetic way with something like:

Oh no, this is sad. I'm going to have to do something about this. We'll talk later.

Later, you can develop a plan that fits the misbehavior and make sure that the consequence is appropriate.

At first, it might be difficult for parents to use these techniques effectively. This is especially true when kids deliver unexpected challenges that understandably cause frustration and even anger for parents. Our audio, [*Oh Great! What Do I Do Now?*](#), specifically focuses on this issue and provides tips on what to do when these situations arise.

Each week we 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.