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SCHOOL will dismiss at 11:00AM tomorrow























School's Out For Summer!

Thank you families for supporting your student(s) and our school this year! The school years fly faster and faster for those of us who have been around for a while. As we close out this year, we are already planning for next year. We are excited to announce that our district was awarded a \$1.145M Literacy Grant from the state of MT. This grant covers all grades Pre-K - 12 and lasts for 4 years. We will be using summer to plan how to use that money to increase reading proficiency in our schools. In addition, it will help us in developing a Pre-K program that we aim to launch by the 2026-27 school or earlier. Thank you for sharing your student(s) with us. We will miss them tremendously and cannot wait to see them walk through our doors next fall. Have a safe and fun summer!

Kids Eat FREE

WHEN?

June 16 - June 19 — Breakfast (8:00AM-9:00AM) & Lunch (11:30AM-12:30PM) June 23 - June 26 — Breakfast (8:00AM-9:00AM) & Lunch (11:30AM-12:30PM) July 14 - July 17 — Breakfast (8:00AM-9:00AM) & Lunch (11:30AM-12:30PM)

July 21 - July 24 — Breakfast (8:00AM-9:00AM) & Lunch (11:30AM-12:30PM)

WHERE? Thompson Falls Elementary Lunchroom

Anyone 18 years of age and younger eats for FREE. Bring your WHO? siblings, neighbors, family and friends, even visitors from out of town. The only requirement to enjoy the FREE meals... you must be 18 years of age or younger.

Bike Safety

Looking for some summer fun? Mark your calendar for June 14th. A Bike Safety Rodeo will be held at Ainsworth Park from 10AM - 2:00PM that day. All ages are welcome! There will be a fun skills course, that will challenge bike riding skills, while teaching safety lessons. Volunteers will be checking bikes and helmets to make sure they are functioning and fitting properly. All kids that participate will have their names entered to win prizes, which include bikes, helmets and fun bike accessories. Everyone will be given a bottle of water, a snack, and a little goodie bag. Sponsors include: Harvest Foods, Clark Fork Valley Hospital, MT West Dentist, RiverTown Dental, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Kaniksu Land Trust, Sanders County Public Health, and Friends of Scotchman Peaks.

Important Happenings

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6/6	End of 4th Quarter
6/6	11:00AM Dismissal
6/9	Elementary Office open - 8:00AM -4:30PM
6/10	Elementary Office open - 8:00AM –3:00PM
6/11	Elementary Office open - 8:00AM -4:30PM
6/11	Final Report Cards mailed home
6/12	Elementary Office open - 8:00AM -4:30PM
6/14	Bike Safety Rodeo - Ainsworth Park - 10AM-2PM
6/16-6/19	Summer Food - Breakfast-8-9AM Lunch 11:30-12:30PM
6/16-6/26	1st Session Summer School
6/16	Elementary Office open - 8:00AM -4:30PM
6/17	Elementary Office open - 8:00AM -4:30PM
6/18	Elementary Office open - 8:00AM -4:30PM
6/19	Elementary Office open - 8:00AM -4:30PM
6/23-6/26	Summer Food - Breakfast-8-9AM Lunch 11:30-12:30PM
7/14-7/17	Summer Food - Breakfast-8-9AM Lunch 11:30-12:30PM
7/14-7/17	Kinder Readiness Summer Session
7/14-7/24 7/21-7/24	2nd Session Summer School
1/21-1/24	Summer Food - Breakfast-8-9AM Lunch 11:30-12:30PM
8/21	Open House
8/25	First Day of 2025-26 School Year
8/29-9/1	No School - Labor Day weekend
9/5	Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
9/12	Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
9/19	Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
9/26	Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
9/29	No School - PIR Day
10/3	Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
10/10	Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
10/16-10/17	No School - MEA Days

Thompson Falls Elementary

End of 1st Quarter

Mr. Len Dorscher, Principal

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By Dr. Charles Fay

A Simple Way To Manage Tech At Home - Without Battles

School is out and kids suddenly have more free time—and perhaps more time to spend on their phones, electronic games, and the Internet. Do you ever feel like your child's technology has taken over their lives and your home? These devices can be wonderful tools for communication, learning, and healthy enjoyment when used appropriately. But they can also become disruptive and harmful.

The Challenge of Technology for Our Kids

Although technology use introduces new challenges, our basic Love and Logic principles still apply. Many parents struggle to decide what limits to set, how to enforce them, and how to equip their kids with the decision-making skills they'll need when they're on their own. The goal remains the same: raise responsible, thoughtful kids who make wise choices—even in the digital world.

Setting Limits Around Technology

Children under five should spend most of their time in real-world play and interaction, not screens. Even so-called educational content should be kept to a bare minimum. For older children, a healthy limit might be 15–30 minutes per day of screen-based entertainment. Wise parents set limits like this: "In our home, phones, computer games, and Internet use are allowed only when they are not causing any problems."

Electronics Addiction

Do you have a child obsessed with playing video games? Do you feel that your family is suffering as a result? I'm often asked, "How can I tell if my child is addicted to technology use?" Perhaps the simplest test is to ask them to stop for a week. If they can't, it might be a sign they have a serious problem with technology use.

Don't Let Technology Rule Your Home!

Get the Tools to Feel Confident with These 2 Essential Resources:

<u>Healthy Kids and Families in a Technology-Filled World, Heart-Level Solutions, and Real Talk on Technology, Guilding Your Kids to Make Good Digital Decisions</u>

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.