

INFINITE CAMPUS

As in the past, we will be using Infinite Campus as our student information system. Using the Parent Portal, parents can see grades, behavior notifications, and a ton of useful information. If you already have used the Portal in the past, you can continue to use that account. For those of you who have never used the Parent Portal, our goal is to get you information via mail next week for how to set up your account. We will mail that information to the mailing address we have on file. Infinite Campus is used as a great communication tool when we have a snow day, a student has an outstanding balance on an account, students are absent without parent notification, etc.

We will also be utilizing Infinite Campus as a communication tool for parents to be notified in the case of behavior issues. If a student is designated as an "offender" in an incident, you will get an automatic notification telling you to check the Portal for more information. If a student is designated as a "witness", "participant", or "victim" parents will be notified directly by staff or administration based on the severity of the incident and/or the student's involvement. You will not see other student's names, just the details about your student. It often takes a day or two to enter all the behavior information, so please be patient if we have to do a little investigating and talk to other students. The Portal notifications do not take the place of phone calls or emails we may make to parents. For matters of a more serious nature (fighting, stealing, repeated offenses, etc.) we will still do our best to communicate with parents one on one. For lesser infractions, you may not get a phone call or email.

EARLY DISMISSAL

School will dismiss at 2:05PM EVERY Friday again this year.

PTO NEEDS YOU!

Our wonderful PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) has scheduled their first meeting of the year for **Tuesday, September 9th beginning at 5:00PM in the Elementary Building.** This organization has a big impact on students and staff. Already this year they have purchased playground equipment and helped with maintenance of the fish tank. In past years their projects have included Popcorn Fridays, the Mega Bucks Campaign, Donuts with Dads, Muffins with Moms, Staff Appreciation, and supporting the Book Fair just to name a few. Getting involved with this group is a great way to meet other parents and explore ways you can be involved, making a positive impact on our school, students and staff.

Important Happenings

- 9/5 FUN FRIDAY - Beach Wear Day - school appropriate
- 9/5 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 9/8 School Board Meeting - 6:00PM
- 9/9 PTO Meeting - 5:00PM - Elementary
- 9/12 FUN FRIDAY—Black & White Day
- 9/12 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 9/15-9/20 Homecoming Week
- 9/16 Fun Run - Girls @ 1:45, Boys @ 2:15 - High School
- 9/19 Homecoming Parade - 1:00PM - Main Street
- 9/19 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 9/25 School Pictures by Legacy
- 9/26 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 10/2 Flu Shots given by SCHD with permission
- 10/3 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 10/9-10/10 Hearing Screenings
- 10/10 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 10/16-10/17 **No School - MEA Days**
- 10/24 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/24 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 10/28 JH/HS Fall Concert - 6:30PM - High School
- 10/31 **No School - PIR Day**
- 11/5 K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/12 K-8 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/7 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 11/14 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 11/21 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 11/26-11/28 **No School - Thanksgiving Break**
- 12/5 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 12/10 JH/HS Christmas Concert - 6:30PM - High School
- 12/12 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM

Thompson Falls Elementary

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



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Can Chores Really Help Kids Learn More?

Parents often find that instilling the love of learning in kids is a challenge. Love and Logic has found that chores can help solve this riddle. Chores are often seen as a means of keeping households running smoothly. Although clean bedrooms and empty trash cans are desirable, the real power of chores goes much deeper. At Love and Logic, we see chores as an essential tool for helping kids build responsibility, self-control, and confidence—character traits that can support a lifelong love of learning.

Building Responsibility and Belonging

When children are expected to contribute to their family, they experience the satisfaction of being needed. This helps foster self-control and perseverance while reinforcing the idea that they are an important part of the family unit. A sense of belonging through shared responsibility is foundational to motivation and learning.

Structure, Limits, and Self-Esteem

Chores provide kids with structure and enforceable limits. As they master their tasks, their self-esteem grows. This confidence easily carries over into other areas of life, from homework to sports, fueling their ability to embrace challenges with confidence and a positive attitude.

The Power of Modeling Chores

Anyone who knows kids knows that they want to be “big” like their parents. Great parents take advantage of this by making a big deal out of modeling the things they want their kids to do. When parents model something like chores, give their kids choices, and make a task fun, learning happens quickly.

Our book, ***From Bad Grades to a Great Life!*** offers real tools to help your child take ownership, build confidence, and feel proud of their progress, even when school feels hard.

Through chores, choices, and everyday challenges, it helps parents focus less on grades and more on what truly lasts: responsibility, resilience, and a love of learning.

When kids experience the satisfaction of a job well done, whether through chores or schoolwork, they begin to enjoy the process of learning. For more tips to help kids take ownership without the struggles, read our blog: ***No More Homework Battles***

Each week we share Love & Logic tips here. We also have many Love & Logic resources available for loan.

Contact our school counselor, Ms. Jessy Lewis, for more info.