

NO SCHOOL Nov. 26 - Nov. 28

THANKFULNESS

Thanksgiving is a time for reflecting on all we have to be thankful for. Just a few of the things we have to be grateful for are:

- Our Staff that make up the Thompson Falls School Family, and the care and extra effort they put forth daily for our students.
 - Our Families that support our student's learning in so many ways.
 - Our Volunteers who freely give of their time, talents and energy to make a difference.
- May we all take time this Thanksgiving to realize all we have to be grateful for.

BOOK FAIR SUCCESS

The book fair is over for the year and once again, our community made it a smashing success by buying \$6300 dollars worth of books! The library gets to keep half of that money to buy books and other library supplies. The goal of the book fair was to get a new book into the hands of as many students as we could. Thanks to some generous donors, every elementary student in grades K - 4 was able to get a new book this year!

There were many people who helped with the book fair. Thank you to the "Share the Fair" donors who enabled so many students to be able to buy a book. And thank you to Pam Peters, Peggy Hoffer, Kathy Conlin, Lisa Ruen and our amazing helpers from the PTO: Britney Whittenburg, Morgan Leaf, Hiddi Helvey, and Miranda Preston. Additional thanks to the older students who were book buddies to the kindergarten through second graders.

Picture Retakes

Legacy Photography will be here on **Wednesday, December 3rd** to photograph all students who missed our original picture day on September 25th, as well as any students needing picture retakes. If you pre-purchased your student's photos and were not satisfied with them, simply return the entire package to the photographer, on Picture Day, for an exchange with the retaken photo. Photos taken on December 3rd will be available for viewing and purchase, at LegacyPhotography.com by the evening of December 4th. Shipping will be free for any packages purchased by December 11th.

PTO NEWS & NOTES

At this month's PTO meeting, plans were finalized for the K-8 Mega Bucks Campaign, Blue Hawk Blanket sales, concessions at the upcoming Junior High Girls Basketball Tournament, and a new Box Tops Challenge was issued. The new goal is to raise \$320 through the Box Tops App by March 1st. If that goal is reached the winning class will be awarded root beer floats. The next PTO meeting has been set for Thursday, December 11th.

TOMORROW'S FUN FRIDAY HAS CHANGED!

In honor of Saturday's Cat vs. Griz game, the theme will be GRIZ vs. CATS. Which team are you cheering for?

Important Happenings

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| 11/20 | Lion's Club Vision Screening |
| 11/20 | REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM |
| 11/21 | FUN FRIDAY - Griz vs Cats Day—who's your team? |
| 11/21 | PTO Popcorn Friday - sponsored by Leufkens Family, LLC |
| 11/21 | Early Dismissal - 2:05PM |
| 11/24 | REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM |
| 11/26-11/28 | No School - Thanksgiving Break |
| 11/30 | Youth Bowling Meeting - 4PM - Rimrock Lanes |
| 12/1 | Mega Bucks Campaign begins |
| 12/1 | REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM |
| 12/2 | Mid 2nd Quarter |
| 12/3 | Picture Retakes by Legacy Photography |
| 12/3 | REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM |
| 12/4 | REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM |
| 12/5 | Early Dismissal - 2:05PM |
| 12/8 | REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM |
| 12/10 | REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM |
| 12/10 | JH/HS Christmas Concert - 6:30PM - High School |
| 12/11 | REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM |
| 12/11 | PTO Meeting - 5:00PM - Elementary |
| 12/12 | Early Dismissal - 2:05PM |
| 12/15 | NO REACH |
| 12/15 | K-6 Christmas Concert - 6:30PM - High School |
| 12/17 | REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM |
| 12/18 | REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM |
| 12/19 | PTO Mega Bucks Drawing |
| 12/19 | Classroom Christmas Parties |
| 12/19 | Early Dismissal - 2:05PM |
| 12/22-1/2 | No School - Christmas Break |
| 1/5 | REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM |
| 1/7 | REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM |
| 1/8 | REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM |

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Manners Matter

In all parts of their lives, children with great manners have a powerful advantage over those who do not. They make friends easier, get along better with their teachers, and eventually make much better employees and spouses. Here are four techniques that will give your child this life-long gift:

Tip No. 1: Make a list

Sit down with your kids and make a list of the specific behaviors polite people display. Have fun with this activity. Your written list might look something like:

- Say "please" and "thank you"
- Eat with their mouths closed
- Burp in the privacy of their own rooms
- Say "excuse me"
- Hold doors open for people

Tip No. 2: Model these manners

Children learn much more from our actions than from our words

Tip No. 3: Provide kids what they want only when they use manners

When parents use Love and Logic, they don't waste their breath lecturing about good manners. Instead, they very politely refuse to provide what their kids want unless they hear a sweet "please" or "thank you" and see the other behaviors on their "manner list."

For this to work, parents must respond to requests with polite sadness instead of anger or sarcasm. For example, a parent might say in a sad tone of voice, "This is such a bummer. We can't go to the movies today because you need more practice with manners first."

A parent who sets this limit, avoids anger or sarcasm, and holds firm by staying home will see a very upset child in the short-term and a much happier, more responsible one in the long-term.

Tip No. 4: Expect them to repay you for embarrassment they cause

If your child continues to be rude, he or she may need to repay you for the embarrassment or inconvenience created. With genuine empathy and sadness, a parent might say, "How sad! Your rudeness at Aunt Mary's house really drained the energy out of me. I've been too tired to clean the bathrooms. When you get them done, I'm sure I'll feel a whole lot better."

If the child refuses or forgets to do the chore, wise parents don't lecture or threaten. Instead, they quietly allow their child to "pay" for their bad manners with one of their favorite toys.

Thousands of parents have transformed manner monsters into polite kids who are a pleasure to be around. At one Love and Logic seminar, a parent commented, "When I used these tips, my boys almost immediately started to shape up. They even warned one of their rather rude friends who was visiting: 'Better stop burping...Our mom's gonna make you do chores.' Give these Love and Logic tips a try, and see how much fun parenting can be! People who are really successful implementing this skill purchased [Love and Logic Magic When Kids Drain Your Energy](#)

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.