

GRADES 3-8 TESTING

Students in grades 3-8 are just finishing their first round of MAST (state testing) in Math and English Language Arts. With that, results from last year were just released. Please check your student's backpack TODAY for a copy of those scores from last year. A copy is also put into each student's file at school.

Winter Weather

It sure feels like winter all of a sudden. Please make sure students are dressed appropriately for the weather before leaving for school in the mornings. As per our Student Handbooks, we will have recess as normal unless the outdoor temperature is zero degrees windchill or lower. If your child is in need of a jacket, gloves, etc., we do have a supply. They can see Nurse Becky or come to one of the offices, and we will do our best to find items that fit.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Once again, we will be collecting food items for the Community Harvest Food Bank. Our collection dates will be **December 8th - December 12th**. Our Student Council has set a goal of collecting **700 pounds** of food from grades K-8. We will accept all non-perishable, canned, boxed, and bagged foods. Please do not send food that is expired! If 700 pounds of food or more is collected, we will give everyone an extra recess.

MEGA BUCKS CAMPAIGN

Our PTO is once again sponsoring "Mega Bucks" for the holidays. Students have the opportunity to turn in 5 Blue Hawk Bucks, in exchange for 1 Mega Buck. As always, Blue Hawk Bucks are earned for exhibiting our Core Values of Excellence, Unity, Integrity, Compassion, and Respect. Each Mega Buck is entered into a drawing. The drawing will be held on December 19th. Over 50 prizes will be awarded to K-8 students as we get the holidays off to a great start for students.

LEGACY PHOTOS

Yesterday, Legacy Photography was here to photograph all students who missed our original picture day on September 25th, as well as any students requesting picture retakes. Those photographs can be viewed and are available for purchase TODAY. The students photographed yesterday should have come home with a QR code, unique to them, which allows you to see their photos. Access information is also available by contacting the office. Photo packages **ordered by December 11th** will be shipped to the school, free of charge. We will send them home as soon as they arrive.

PTO's Box Tops Challenge is to raise \$320 through the App by February 28th. The current total stands at \$237.50. Fourth grade is at the top of the Leaderboard. The winning grade level will be treated to rootbeer floats.

Important Happenings

- 12/3 Picture Retakes by Legacy Photography
- 12/4 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 12/5 FUN FRIDAY - Rainbow Day-wear all the colors
- 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 FUN FRIDAY - Mismatch Day-stripes & polka dots?
- 12/12 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 12/15-12/18 Holiday Spirit Week (watch for themes next week)
- 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
- 1/9 FUN FRIDAY—Twins Day
- 1/9 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 1/13 K-8 Family Literacy Night - 5:30-7:30PM
- 1/16 End of 2nd Quarter
- 1/16 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 1/19 **No School - Teacher Development Day**
- 1/23 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 1/30 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM

Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,
Principal

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



Thompson Falls School District #2 shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, previous arrest or incarceration or non-program-related physical, sensory or mental handicaps as stated in board policy and MCA 49-2-307, 49-3-205.

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Start Planting the Seeds of Empathy and Generosity at Home

Many kids today are focused on their own desires and entertainment rather than selfless consideration of others around them. Helping kids learn selflessness is a process involving a great deal of modeling by parents, as well as guidance in several ways. Here is a sampling of techniques that Love and Logic recommends that can help parents teach selflessness to their kids.

Teach them to serve you and their family

Kids should be expected to do their fair share of work around the house so that they don't believe their parents are there to serve them. Make sure that your kids are working as hard as you are to get the work done. Narcissism can spring from the soil of permissiveness and overindulgence.

Allow boredom

Too many of us feel that we must constantly entertain our kids anytime they experience a bit of dullness. Always providing entertainment can create kids who have no impulse control skills. It can be good for kids to be bored occasionally while you have a conversation with someone, while you wait in line, or while you spend a quiet weekend at home.

Limit exposure to popular media

Much of what is available on electronic media is focused on narcissistic behaviors. Are relationships portrayed in most entertainment media the kind we want our kids to emulate? A steady diet of this unrealistic material is certain to make raising kids much more challenging.

A strong sense of selflessness and community awareness is best nurtured in a healthy family environment. Our audio set, **7 Ways To Create A Respectful, Responsible, and Resilient Family**, gives you practical tools to build that kind of home—one filled with connection, responsibility, and calm.

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.