

Christmas Concert

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas! Kindergarten through 6th grade students are putting the final touches on their songs for our annual Christmas Concert, which will be held in the **HIGH SCHOOL GYM** on **Monday, December 15th** beginning at 6:30PM. All students should arrive at the High School **no later than 6:15PM**. A letter from Mrs. Mickelson, our music director, with more concert details was sent home last week and can be found by clicking on the K-6 Christmas Concert event on our District Calendar at www.thompsonfalls.net/calendar

NO R.E.A.C.H. will be held on Monday, to allow students and families time to prepare for the concert.

FOOD DRIVE

Tomorrow is the final day to contribute to our annual FOOD DRIVE. Our student council has been collecting and weighing food items that have already been brought in by students, and as this news article goes to press, we are still many pounds short of our goal of collecting 700 pounds. The Food Drive provides an opportunity for us to exhibit two of our core values, compassion and unity. The need in our community is greater than ever this year! Can we reach our goal of 700 pounds and be awarded an extra recess?

PTO Goal Reached

PTO set a goal to raise \$320 through the Box Tops App by the end of February. Just 9 days into this campaign they blew the top off of that goal. Fourth grade once again topped the leaderboard and will be treated to root beer floats. They were followed closely by 6th grade. **PTO's December Meeting will be held tonight at 5:00PM in the Elementary.** Plan to join them!

SAVE THE DATE

What: **Family Literacy Night**
When: **Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - 5:30PM-7:30PM**
Who: **Pre-K through 6th grade students and their families**
Where: **Thompson Falls Elementary**

Please join us for Family Literacy Night. There will be fun literacy activities, a book walk, guest readers, prizes, information on literacy resources, and more!

HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

K-8 Student Council has announced the themes for next week's Holiday Spirit Week.

- Monday - Dress Like a Present Day - *ribbons, bows, all the trimmings*
- Tuesday - Christmas On Your Head Day - *wear those Santa hats, elf hats and ears, reindeer antlers, etc*
- Wednesday - Grinch vs. Santa - *Which side will you take?*
- Thursday - Holiday Pajama Day - *Wear those festive pajamas.*
- Friday - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day - *There will be a contest for both students and staff.*
Watch for contest details in next week's newsletter.

Important Happenings

- 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
- 12/15 HSW - Dress like a Present Day
- 12/15 NO REACH
- 12/15 K-6 Christmas Concert - 6:30PM - High School
- 12/16 HSW - Christmas on Your Head Day
- 12/17 HSW - Grinch vs. Santa Day
- 12/17 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 12/18 HSW - Holiday Pajamas Day
- 12/18 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 12/19 HSW - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
- 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
- 2/6 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 2/13 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM

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What AI is Changing About Parenting (and what isn't)

We are at the beginning of another revolution in the world of technology. AI (Artificial Intelligence) has arrived and is already having tremendous effects in many areas of our lives. One area of concern is the effect of AI on the mental health of young people. It is raising issues associated with deepfakes and bullying, misinformation, and academic plagiarism. Love and Logic has always been concerned about the effects of social media on the mental health of kids and how parents can address this challenge.

What Can Parents Do?

Many parents today assume they're pretty tech-aware because most grew up with the Internet and social media themselves. Yet even the savviest adults miss how quickly AI can affect a child's identity and emotional world. Given the potential negative consequences, it's probably wise to assume that most of us have a "blind spot" when it comes to technology, AI, and our kids. Love and Logic believes that focusing on solid, proven, parenting techniques is the best approach for addressing the dangers of technology.

Helicopter and Drill Sergeant Parenting

Some parenting styles can enhance the negative effects of technology. For example, chronic helicopter parenting creates insecure kids who doubt their ability to make good decisions and succeed in the real world—so does clinging to the drill sergeant model. Kids who aren't given chances to think, choose, and fail safely may turn to social media or online communities to tell them who they are. In a world buzzing with AI-generated content and artificial personalities, that dependence can be risky.

Consultant Parenting Is the Solution

We believe that Love and Logic's style of consultant parenting is the best approach for helping kids navigate the world of technology. Instead of rescuing or barking orders at their kids, consultant parents guide them with empathy and allow them to experience natural consequences. When kids feel capable and supported, they're far less likely to rely on online influences for identity, approval, or direction. They grow up resilient, confident, and prepared for a world where technology is always evolving.

For more help navigating technology with your kids, listen to our audio, [**Healthy Kids and Families in a Technology-Filled World**](#). It's a supportive guide that offers practical ways to strengthen emotional bonds and set loving, enforceable boundaries to help your kids meet the challenges of technology.

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.