

NO SCHOOL December 22 - January 2

Merry Christmas

On behalf of our entire staff, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, or whatever holidays you're celebrating. Stay safe, stay warm, and enjoy your families during this time. The best news I can give you all is that as a school community we were able to collect over 900lbs of food during our recent food drive! We were unable to deliver it on Wednesday as planned, but arrangements have been made for a delivery very soon. Thanks to all who donated! Happy Holidays!

Thank You PTO

Our PTO sponsored December Mega Bucks. Students earn Blue Hawk Bucks by exhibiting our core values of integrity, compassion, unity, respect, and excellence. During the month of December they may exchange 5 of those bucks for a Mega Buck, which they then enter into a drawing for prizes. This morning 65 prizes were awarded to students in kindergarten through eighth grade. There were a lot of smiles. Thank you PTO for making this happen again this year.

POWER OUTAGE

We had quite an eventful day on Wednesday! Our staff and students handled things very well. Teachers still taught and kept students busy all day, and our lunch crew was able to feed everyone. We kept students in their own buildings all day considering the damage the wind was doing. A big THANK YOU to staff who reacted quickly to get students inside as the winds picked up right before our bells rang. We had some scared, upset students, but they were comforted by an awesome, caring staff. Yes, part of the elementary roof did blow off. It has been patched up nicely by a very professional roofing crew. We were always dry and safe, as the metal roof is actually a "false roof" that covers the original flat roof. Staff did a great job of keeping kids away from windows and shades down to keep wandering eyes from seeing the damage caused outside. Thank you to our parents for also remaining calm and trusting us to take care of our kiddos. We appreciate those that came to check their kids out of school for the day. There is no one, perfect way to handle a situation like we had, but families and staff did well to work together.

Blue Hawk Blankets

Our PTO is currently selling snuggly soft blankets with the Blue Hawk logo on them. There are 2 designs. The blankets are just \$25 each and would make a great last minute gift. If you are interested, they can be reached, and arrangements can be made by contacting them at thompsonfallsppto@gmail.com.

Bird Calendars

Students will be coming home with a 2026 calendar today. The calendars, featuring photos of various birds, are compliments of Ameriprise. Thank you Ryne Sorenson and Ameriprise Financial Services for the fun surprise.

Important Happenings

- 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
- 1/5 School Board Meeting - 6:00PM - Board Rm
- 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
- 1/12 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 1/13 K-8 Family Literacy Night - 5:30-7:30PM
- 1/14 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 1/14 PTO Meeting - 5:00PM
- 1/15 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 1/16 End of 2nd Quarter
- 1/16 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 1/19 **No School - Teacher Development Day**
- 1/21 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 1/22 2nd Quarter Report Cards sent home
- 1/22 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 1/23 First 4th-8th Gr Ski Trip - Look Out Ski Area
- 1/23 PTO Popcorn Friday - sponsored by Jenny's Travel
- 1/23 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 1/26 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 1/28 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 1/29 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 1/30 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 2/2 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 2/4 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 2/5 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 2/6 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM

Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,
Principal

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The Gift of a Quiet Holiday

As we approach the holiday season, things are starting to get busy. The constant stream of text messages, emails, advertising, and events beyond our control is quickly turning into a torrent that can be overwhelming. Holidays are supposed to be a time to recharge, refresh, and reconnect. We hope that the following insights will help you truly enjoy this holiday season.

The Power of Quiet Times

Neurological studies have shown that peace and quiet, and even silence, can help restore our nervous systems as well as relax and recharge our energy. In fact, quiet might even stimulate development of new nerves cells. However, quiet time is a precious commodity these days, even more so during the holiday season. We suggest that ensuring some quiet time for yourself should be a high priority during the next few weeks.

The Key to A Calm Holiday: Limits

One way to ensure we have enough quiet time is by setting and maintaining appropriate limits. The greatest holiday gift we can give our kids is the gift of limits—mostly limits on ourselves and the other adults in our lives. The limits we set with ourselves mostly involve curbing the natural inclination to do something impossible, making the holidays a perfect experience for everyone. We all know what happens when we attempt to make everyone happy.

The True Meaning of the Holidays: Family Connections

The true meaning of the holidays lies in the connections we make with our families and with others in our communities throughout the season. These relationships are an invaluable part of all our lives. Cherish your relationships and create truly joyful memories this holiday season.

One of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves and our kids during the holidays is the gift of clear, loving limits. In our audio, [The Gift of Limits](#), you'll learn how setting boundaries with empathy and consistency helps children feel safer, more secure, and more connected—while allowing adults to protect their own time and 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.