

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

Thanks to our Literacy Grant, we are once again able to hold a Family Literacy Night on **Tuesday, January 13th from 5:30-7:30PM** at the elementary school. We encourage all families to come participate with one another. There will be a variety of activities available, as well as a bake sale sponsored by the Elementary Student Council. Flyers have gone home to students with all information and can also be found on our website!

PTO News and Notes

Our PTO will be on hand at Family Literacy Night and will have hot chocolate and gloves available for everyone free of charge. They will also have their blankets available for purchase. Their next scheduled meeting will take place on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM** at the **Elementary School**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! They are also still looking for volunteers to fill the **Secretary** and **Treasurer** positions - please consider joining the team!

UPCOMING SKI TRIP

The snow has finally started to fall, and we are excited for ski trip #1. Our first ski trip of the year for grades 4-8 to Lookout Pass will be Friday, January 23rd. Keep your eyes open for information / permission packets coming home soon. Packets can also be found on our website. Please be sure to read and sign ALL permissions that are needed and provide payment as required. Let it snow!!!!

Food Drive Results

Wow! K-8 students and staff were able to collect 845 pounds of food for our annual food drive! We far surpassed the 700 lbs goal set by the student council, and all K-8 students have earned an extra 15 minutes of recess to celebrate the generosity and caring of our school family. Thank you to all who participated!

WINTER WEATHER

As winter weather continues, please help ensure students come to school dressed for the cold and snowy conditions. We've noticed that some students could use a little extra warmth on chilly days. It's also helpful to include an extra set of clothing in backpacks, as slips and falls can sometimes lead to wet or muddy clothes. Please let Nurse Becky or the Office know if your students is in need of a coat, hat or gloves. Thank you for helping keep our students comfortable and ready to learn!

Important Happenings

- 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
- 2/2 School Board Meeting - 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
- 2/6 100 Day Celebration
- 2/6 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 2/9 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 2/11 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 2/11 PTO Meeting - 5:00PM
- 2/12 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 2/13 Mid 3rd Quarter

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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Limits Build Respect

Many parents and educators struggle with feeling disrespected by their kids or students. Does this resonate with you? Do you ever find yourself thinking, “Why does this kid think it’s okay to treat me like this?” or, “I go out of my way to treat these kids well. Why do they act like I’m stupid?” Let’s kick off the New Year by learning how to gain respect through limits.

Disrespectful Behavior

Disrespectful behavior (such as eye-rolling, arguing, defiance, lying, etc.) is often a way to test our limits. This is a young person’s way of asking this important question: “Do you love me enough to provide the caring boundaries required to keep me safe from myself?” When limits over respect are inconsistent or weak, disrespectful behavior increases. The child’s self-concept also suffers when they lack a role model for learning how to set limits with their peers.

How to Set Effective Limits

Those familiar with Love and Logic know that limits are most effectively provided when we describe what we are willing to do or allow, rather than trying to tell others how they should behave. Describing our own actions provides an enforceable limit. Dictating the actions of another does not. The imperative, “Treat me with respect!” is unenforceable.

Respect and Enforceable Limits

Is it okay for a parent or educator to calmly and consistently provide perks only when they feel respected? Absolutely! In fact, it’s essential. An example of an enforceable limit around respect could be, “I’m happy to do the extra things I do for you when I feel respected.” Although our children certainly won’t thank us in the short term, we can be assured that doing so will provide the type of limits and security they will need later in life.

Calm, enforceable limits help kids feel secure and are essential for building respect and strengthening relationships with the adults in their lives. Our audio, *The Gift of Limits*, shows parents and educators how to put this approach into practice.

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.