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4TH GRADE SYMPHONY

Our 4th grade students have been invited to attend the Missoula Symphony production of the musical adventure, "How to Train Your Dragon Orchestra", which will be performed at the University of Montana on **Friday, January 30th**. This magical, musical experience will have students returning to the Elementary Campus after buses have run for that day, so parents of bus riders should make plans for alternative transportation home that day.

Ski Trip Reminders

Our first ski trip of the year for 4th through 8th grade students will be tomorrow. We 2 full buses headed to Look Out Ski Resort! We very much appreciate those parents who have offered to transport their own students. *We would ask that you check in with the school before taking off for the slopes so that all students are accounted for.* As stated in the paperwork, students must be in attendance the day before a ski trip to participate. After a full day of skiing, buses will return to the Bus Loading Zone at approximately 6:30PM. We greatly appreciate parents being on hand for our arrival back at the school. You can receive a text message notification when the bus comes through Plains, if you download the Remind App from the Google Play or App Store, open the app and text the message **@7c84ab6** to **81010** Reminder: Students must be in attendance the day before a ski trip to participate.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Last weekend two 5th grade Blue Hawks competed in the Elk's District Hoop Shoot in Polson. Cooper Lilly and Franklin Agting brought home 1st and 2nd place. Cooper will now move on to the Regional competition in Livingston, MT in February.

SPELLING BEE

Each classroom in grades 4 through 8 will be holding a spelling bee within the next couple of weeks. At 2:15PM on **February 18th** those winners will compete in the School Spelling Bee. The top for finishers of that Bee will then move on to compete in the County Spelling Bee to be held in the Sanders County Courthouse on February 27th. They will compete against other spellers from around the county.

Muffins with Moms

Mark your calendars! Our PTO has set the date for Muffins with Moms, an opportunity for Moms of kindergarten through 8th grade students, *and all those who fill that role*, to enjoy a muffin and a few extra moments with their students on **Friday, February 20th**. Muffins and coffee will be available beginning at 7:30AM in the Elementary Cafeteria. PTO is currently seeking a few Dads, will to serve Muffins to the 'Moms' that morning! If you are willing to help out, you can contact them at ThompsonFallsPTO@gmail.com

Tomorrow's FUN FRIDAY Class Colors are: Kinder-Yellow, 1st-Blue, 2nd-Purple, 3rd-Red, 4th-Green, 5th-Orange, 6th-Pink, JH-Black

Important Happenings

- 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 FUN FRIDAY - Class Colors Day
- 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 FUN FRIDAY - Backwards Day
- 1/30 4th Gr to see Missoula Symphony at U of M
- 1/30 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 2/2 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 2/2 School Board Meeting - 6:00PM
- 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 FUN FRIDAY - 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
- 2/13 FUN FRIDAY - Neon Day
- 2/13 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 2/16-2/20 Random Acts of Kindness Week - sponsored by PTO
- 2/16 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 2/18 School Spelling Bee - 2:15 - Band Room
- 2/20 FUN FRIDAY - Stripes Day
- 2/20 K-8 Muffins with Moms - sponsored by PTO
- 2/20 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 2/26 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM

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When Capable Kids Underachieve, Fear is Often the Reason

Schools are back in session, and many parents might be concerned about how their kids have done so far in the school year. It might be apparent that their kids are very capable, but they are just not applying themselves in school. In fact, some take the path of least resistance by completing only the work that they find simple and easy. Others simply shut down altogether.

The common denominator with many underachieving kids is deep-seated perfectionism. Many kids do poorly in school because of their desire to do perfectly in school. Sadly, many of these perfect underachievers are misdiagnosed as lazy or uncaring. In fact, it is fear, rather than apathy, that drives their poor performance.

Below are some suggestions to help you inspire the love of learning in your kids:

Model Learning From Making Mistakes.

Kids need to see us trying new things, making mistakes, learning from these mistakes, and trying again.

Love Your Children for Who They Are.

When humans feel loved and accepted for who they are, they're more likely to take healthy risks that are necessary for them to become all they can be.

Respond to Their Mistakes With Empathy, Rather Than Anger.

Obviously, it's best to avoid flying off the handle when they blow it. Remember: Empathy opens the heart and the mind to learning.

Focus on Effort Rather Than IQ.

Parents who constantly praise their kids by saying, "You are so smart," often raise kids who avoid trying anything that they can't complete perfectly.

Many underachieving kids are not lazy or unmotivated. They are often afraid of failing. Sparking the love of learning in kids takes patience and insight. In ***From Bad Grades to a Great Life!***, you'll find practical strategies to help kids overcome perfectionism, build confidence, and rediscover the courage to learn—without daily battles over grades or homework.

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.