

B L U E H A W K N E W S

DONUTS with DADS

Calling all Dads, and those who fill that role! You are invited to come and enjoy a donut and a bit of extra time with your student **TOMORROW morning at 7:30AM** in the Cafeteria. We want to extend a huge thanks to our wonderful PTO for once again hosting this fun event!

FINAL OPPORTUNITY

The **2025-26 Yearbook** is available to purchase online or at the office through **next Friday, April 24th!** After that date, we can not promise there will be any available, as the few additional copies we request will be sold on a first come first serve basis until they are gone. There will only be one printing. This year's softcover book features the entire Kindergarten through 8th grade student body and staff. At just \$15, it is a wonderful memento of this school year. Forms were sent home at the end of March and are available on our website at <https://tfes.thompsonfalls.net/el-forms> Orders may be made online or returned to school. Payment must be made with order.

Running Start Celebration

Parents and siblings are invited to join us on **Friday, April 24th in the Elementary Cafeteria beginning at 1:30PM** to celebrate our readers at the Running Start Celebration. There will be a drawing for prizes at each grade level. Students have been accumulating entries for the drawing each time they read 21 books or 21 chapters and submitted a reading log. The Running Start Challenge ends tomorrow, and entries must be turned into the office by noon on Monday. Thompson Falls Woman's Club spearheads this challenge each year! We are grateful for all of their efforts, including ensuring that each student received a new book, enlisting sponsors, and rounding up volunteer readers. We would also like to thank First Security Bank, Valley Bank, and the Masonic Lodge for their sponsorships of this challenge!

TRANSPORTATION

We contract our busing services to Mosher Transportation. We want to remind parents and students that transportation to the High School is limited to students who are regular riders and/or are being transported as part of their school day. The only exception is for those students who are participating in school sponsored sports (like JH Track) where the practice is being held at the high school. This is a continuation of their school day and as such is covered by Mosher's insurance. Students who are hoping to catch rides to the high school to watch their siblings participate in sports or who are headed to baseball, softball, tball, etc. (all community sports) **MAY NOT** use the buses as a taxi service, as liability does not cover this. They have been dismissed from school and are under parents care and direction rather than the schools.

PTO News and Notes

Our PTO has set a new goal in their BoxTops Challenge! Can we reach \$700 by June 1st? We are currently at \$562.00. If we reach that goal, the grade level with the most earnings will be rewarded with a pizza party! Helping is as easy as shopping at your usual store and scanning your receipts into the app.

In other business, at the April PTO meeting, plans were finalized for Donuts with Dads, Staff Appreciation Celebration (May 4th-May 8th), Popcorn Fridays, Track and Field Day, and 8th Grade Graduation. There's still lots of reasons to become involved with our PTO. Their next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 13th** beginning at 5:00PM in the Elementary and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Important Happenings

- 4/16 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 4/16-4/18 Beautification Days
- 4/17 FUN FRIDAY—Rock Star / Band Day
- 4/17 PTO's Donuts with Dads - 7:30AM - Cafeteria
- 4/17 Running Start Challenge ends
- 4/17 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 4/20 Running Start Reading Logs due
- 4/20 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 4/22 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 4/23 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 4/24 FUN FRIDAY—Crazy Sock & Sandals Day
- 4/24 PTO's Popcorn Friday—sponsored by May's Stitch and Fix
- 4/24 3rd Elliott - Poetry Awards - 1:10PM - Cafeteria
- 4/24 Running Start Celebration - 1:30PM - Cafeteria
- 4/24 Final day to order Yearbooks
- 4/24 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 4/27 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 4/29 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 4/30 REACH (after school program for 3rd-8th) 3:15-5:00PM
- 5/1 FUN FRIDAY - Sweats and Hoodies Day
- 5/1 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 5/4-5/8 PTO's Staff Appreciation
- 5/7 2nd Gr Arbor Day Celebration - Ainsworth Park
- 5/8 FUN FRIDAY - 80s Day
- 5/8 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 5/13 6th Gr Tdap Boosters given - w/signed permission
- 5/13 4th Gr Field Trip - Fish Hatchery & Frog Pond
- 5/15 1st Gr Field Trip - TFalls Airport
- 5/15 FUN FRIDAY - Crazy Hats and Socks Day
- 5/15 Early Dismissal - 2:05PM
- 5/16 Child Safety Event - 10AM-3PM-Ainsworth Fld
- 5/20 3rd Gr Field Trip - Noxon Dam

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Help Kids Learn From Mistakes, Not Fear Them

Parents face many unexpected challenges: meltdowns, temper tantrums, and other difficult situations that can feel overwhelming. In those moments when kids create the unexpected, parents can easily shift from teaching with consequences to reacting with punishment.

Consequences or Punishment

Most of life is about cause and effect, with the effects being the consequences. We want to raise kids who understand real cause and effect instead of kids who are simply afraid of what we will do to them. Consequences teach. Anger, punishment, and threats simply don't teach as well.

It's much better for kids to learn responsibility by solving the problems they create rather than feeling punished—while adults take on all the responsibility of fixing the issue. So, if kids cause problems, we should expect them to solve them. If they choose not to, we can handle it in a way that has a cost for them.

Why Punishment Backfires

Punishment creates resentment and distance in the parent-child relationship. The hard feelings created by punishment often linger and drive a wedge between parents and kids at the very time they need us the most as a safe guide, not an enemy. Instead of learning, kids focus on the unfairness of the situation.

Consequences the Love and Logic Way

Ultimately, Love and Logic is about teaching kids how life really works based on cause and effect. It is also about teaching with calm empathy and logical consequences, which allows children to experience the results of their choices and learn how to make wise choices. Our goal is to help adults raise kids who are responsible, respectful and able to solve their own problems without losing their dignity or jeopardizing the parent-child relationship,

Our Love and Logic view is reflected in this quote from L. R. Knost:

“Discipline is helping a child solve a problem. Punishment is making a child suffer for having a problem. To raise problem solvers, focus on solutions, not punishment.”

So, when the next meltdown occurs, how will you respond? If you'd like practical strategies to calmly handle those challenging moments with empathy and logical consequences, listen to our audio, [*Oh Great! What Do I Do Now?*](#)

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.