

THANK YOU!!

Staff Appreciation Week was incredible this year WOW! The Thompson Falls Blue Hawk PTO truly went above and beyond to make us feel valued. From showering us with thoughtful treats each day to organizing a fun and meaningful "Reverse Blue Hawk Drawing", the entire week was filled with appreciation and positivity. Modeled after our Mega Buck Drawing where students earn "bucks" for demonstrating our core values of Unity, Respect, Compassion, Integrity, and Excellence the tables were turned! Students had the opportunity to award staff members with 'bucks', which could be entered into prize drawings. It was such a creative and heartwarming way to celebrate the amazing work happening in our school. What incredible prizes there were, 30 in total! We would like to extend a special shout out and huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the basket prizes. Resilient Hide Co- Lindsey Heisler, Royal Buzz Coffee, Koo Koo Sint Coffee Company, Sanders County Feed Store, Sarah Moore, Schilling Acres, Minnies Café, Rex Theater, Ace Hardware, Blue Hawk Pizza, S&S Sports, Cheri's Espresso, Buck Naked Tanning, Morgan Leaf- Melaleuca, Leufken's Company, Rustic Montana Gifts, Harlow Ranch Bison Company, Edward Jones- Deb Wilson, Old Kingsley & Sons, Riverfront Motel & Cabins, Beagle's Bakery & Espresso, Missoula Scheel's, Lindsay Laws Photography, Trout Creek Garden's & Nursery, Thompson Falls PTO, your generosity and support truly made our week unforgettable.

YEARBOOKS Have Arrived

The 2025-26 Yearbooks Are Here! Yearbooks are heading home today with all students who pre- ordered. Get ready to flip through a year full of memories, smiles and unforgettable moments. Missed out? Don't worry... you've still got a chance! We have 19 copies left for just \$15.00 each. Once they're gone, they're gone so don't wait! They are available for purchase in the Elementary Office.

Variety Show Auditions

Auditions kick off tomorrow, May 8, and continue Tuesday, May 12 from 8:20-11:00AM and guess what? We still have about 10 spots left! This is your moment to shine, so don't let it slip away. Whether you sing, dance, act or wow us with something totally unique, we want to see it! Sign up today to secure your spot, don't miss your chance to be part of it!

4th Grade Poetry Slam

On Thursday May 14th, our 4th grade students will complete their 12 week writing project with a Poetry Slam. Alicia Watkinson, with the Missoula Writing Collaborative, has traveled to Thompson Falls once a week, rain or shine, to work with 4th graders, especially in the area of poetry. Ms. Watkinson has worked with the students, teaching literacy competence, enhancing their critical thinking skills, and bringing cultural awareness. Thursday's poetry slam is an opportunity for students to experience a bit of public speaking as they shared their creative writing with others.

Important Happenings

- 5/8 Fun Friday—80s Day
- 5/8 K-8 Variety Show Auditions- by appt
- 5/8 Kinder - Mother's Day Tea Party-1:20PM- lunchm
- 5/8 Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
- 5/12 K-8 Variety Show Auditions- by appt
- 5/13 6th Gr Tdap Boosters given w/signed permission
- 5/13 4th Gr Field Trip- Fish Hatchery & Frog Pond
- 5/13 PTO Meeting- 5:00PM- Elementary
- 5/14 4th Gr Poetry Slam-- Band Room- 10:15AM
- 5/15 Fun Friday- Crazy Hats and Socks Day
- 5/15 1st Gr Field Trip- TF Airport
- 5/15 3rd Gr Field Trip- TF Dam & Power Park
- 5/15 Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
- 5/16 Child Safety Event- Ainsworth Field
- 5/20 3rd Gr Field Trip- Noxon Dam
- 5/20 K-6 Choir Concert- 6:30- JH Gym
- 5/22 Fun Friday- Sandals, Slides, and Crocs Day
- 5/22 Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
- 5/25 NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day**
- 5/26 2nd Gr Field Trip- 3 Chiefs Center
- 5/27 Early Childhood Screening- birth to 5- by appt
- 5/27 Graduation Walk- 10:30AM- Elem Campus
- 5/29 Fun Friday- Blue Hawk Day
- 5/29 Popcorn Friday- Sponsored by Valley Bank
- 5/29 K-8 Variety Show- 1:00PM
- 5/29 Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
- 6/1 5th Gr Field Trip- Conrad Mansion
- 6/1 2nd Gr Field Trip- Old Jailhouse Museum
- 6/1 3rd Gr Virtual Field Trip- Butterfly House
- 6/4 K-6 Track and Field Day- HS Track
- 6/5 Last day of school-11:00AM dismissal
- 6/10 Final report cards mailed home

Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,
Principal

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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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Raising Kids in the Age of AI

The explosion of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in our lives has created new challenges for parents and teachers. Technology-related parenting issues have evolved from the early internet, to cell phones, to social media—and now to AI.

Love and Logic: A Principles - Based Approach

While technology has changed, the parenting approach remains the same.

- Kids need limits
- Limits are best set through actions, not empty threats.
- When kids make poor decisions, they need to experience natural or logical consequences.
- Consequences are more effective when delivered with genuine empathy.

Love and Logic's Three E's Are Key

Have you ever thought about banning your kids from AI? That's not the best approach. Instead, focus on building trust so they feel safe talking with you. When kids experience love and consistent limits, they learn to set their own boundaries. When they make mistakes, respond with empathy and consequences so they can learn and grow.

Example: Model healthy AI use.

Experience: Allow kids make choices - and mistakes - within limits.

Empathy: Show understanding so they learn from consequences, not fear.

AI may be here to stay. The goal is to help kids use it wisely.

In our audio "[*Healthy Kids and Families in a Technology - Filled World*](#)", you'll learn how to apply Love and Logic principles to today's challenges - including AI - so kids can make responsible decisions and use technology wisely.

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.