

Blue Hawk News

Early Dismissal

Reminder: School will dismiss at 2:05PM EVERY Friday.

WEATHER READY

The rain we've experienced this past week has been a good reminder that the seasons are changing and that summer is slowly slipping away. With Montana's ever-changing weather, we want to make sure our students are comfortable and prepared for whatever the day may bring. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather each day. We also encourage families to send an extra change of clothes, especially on rainy days. Our playground can become quite muddy, and sometimes slips, falls, and unexpected messes are simply part of the fun. Thank you for helping us keep our students comfortable, prepared, and ready to make the most of their school day.

STAY INFORMED

There are several ways you can stay informed about upcoming events, important dates, and everything happening at school. One of the easiest ways is through **Blue Hawk News**, which usually goes home with students on Thursdays. If your child doesn't bring it home, you can find the newsletter on the Elementary website under **Parent Newsletters**. Our **District Website** is another great resource for staying connected. The website provides a wide variety of information for families. You can also stay up to date by using the **District Calendar**, which includes school events and important dates. The calendar can be imported directly to the calendar on your smart device. When viewing the website on a PC, the District Calendar is located at the top of the page. When using a smartphone, you can find it under Popular Links. Once you open the calendar, simply click on the chain-link icon for instructions on how to import the calendar to your device. We also encourage families to follow us on **Facebook** under ThompsonFallsSchools for additional updates and reminders. Finally, the **Infinite Campus Parent Portal** is a helpful tool for keeping track of your student's grades, assignments, and teachers. By using these resources, families can easily stay connected and informed throughout the school year.

Join Our PTO!

Our wonderful PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) has scheduled their first meeting of the year for Wednesday, September 30th beginning at 5:00PM in the Elementary Building. Our PTO have a tremendous impact on our students and staff. In past years, their projects have included Popcorn Fridays, the Mega Bucks Campaign, Donuts with Dads, Muffins with Moms, Staff Appreciation, and supporting the Book Fair, just to name a few. Getting involved with PTO is a great way to meet other parents, connect with our school community, and explore ways you can make a positive impact on our school, students, and staff. We would love to see you there! Come join us and be part of all the great things our PTO does for our school!

Important Happenings

September

9/11	Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
9/18	Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
9/23	Mid 1st Quarter
9/25	EL-8 Picture Day by Legacy
9/25	Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
9/28-10/2	Homecoming Week
9/28	Minions Day
9/28	Elementary Fun Run- HS- 1:00-3:00PM
9/28	Fun Run- Boys- 1:45PM
9/28	Fun Run- Girls- 2:15PM
9/29	Crazy Socks & Shoes Day
9/30	Class Color Day
9/30	Olweus Assembly
9/30	PTO Meeting- 5PM- Staff room

October

10/1	Crazy Hair Day
10/2	Blue & Yellow Day GO Blue Hawks!
10/2	Homecoming Parade 1:00PM
10/2	Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
10/9	Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
10/15-16	No School- MEA Days
10/23	End of 1st Quarter
10/23	Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
10/27	JH/HS Fall Concert HS Gym 6:30PM
10/29	K-12 P/T Conferences
10/30	No School K-12- P/T Conferences

November

11/6	Early Dismissal- 2:05PM
11/13	No School- PIR
11/18	Olweus Assembly
11/20	Early Dismissal- 2:05PM

Thompson Falls Elementary

Mr. Len Dorscher,
Principal

School web site:

<https://tfes.thompsonfalls.net>



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Give Them Room to Learn and Confidence to Grow

Is It Guidance or Criticism?

As one extremely critical parent told us, “I don't criticize my daughter. I guide her! She must know what she's doing wrong, so she doesn't continue to make the same mistakes.” It's interesting that parents who are critical with their children don't always recognize it as criticism. When asked what they want most for their youngsters, these parents say they want them to grow up to be happy adults. Ironically, children who live under criticism grow up to be both critical and chronically unhappy.

The Fear of Making Mistakes

Regardless of the terms we use to describe this style of parenting, the results can be devastating. Over time, children can become less confident and even their own best critics. Their spirits can slowly erode, leaving them afraid to try things for fear they won't do them correctly. Even when the person who criticized them is no longer around, those voices can remain in their minds, constantly generating the fear of making a mistake.

Let Them Learn from Their Mistakes

Try to see your children as children, not as small adults. Let them learn by making mistakes and experiencing the consequences. Let them figure things out for themselves. Focus on the things they do well. Call these things to their attention 10 times as often as you talk about the things they don't do well. This can help them grow into confident, happy adults.

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.