

School Picture Day

Picture Day is **tomorrow, September 25th**, in the **Elementary Cafeteria!** Don't miss the opportunity to capture a special memory from this school year! Dress your best, bring your biggest smile, and come ready to make a memory! We can't wait to see all those smiling faces.

FUN RUN

Our annual Fun Run will be held on **Monday, September 28th**, at the High School Track Field. All EL-6th grade students will be taken to the High School by bus to participate. The High School and Junior High Cross Country Teams will help with the run, which is set up like a Cross Country meet. The boys will run their mile first this year, beginning at **1:45 PM**, with the girls' race following at **2:15 PM**. The race will begin and end at the High School Track Field. Parents are welcome to join us and cheer on all of our kiddos. Students will be returned to the Elementary in time for dismissal.

HOMECOMING WEEK

Next week is Homecoming Week! Our school will join with the High School in supporting our teams with a variety of activities. We will show our school spirit with theme days as follows:

MONDAY - Minions Day

TUESDAY- Crazy Socks & Shoes Day

WEDNESDAY- Class Colors Day- wear your class colors

EL- Rainbow, K-Orange, 1st- Yellow, 2nd- Green, 3rd- Blue
4th- Purple, 5th- Pink, 6th- Red, 7th- White, 8th- Black

Thursday- Crazy Hair Day

Friday- Blue Hawks Day!

As always, **ALL** students and staff who are not involved in the parade will walk down to Main Street together, on **Friday, October 2nd**, to watch the Homecoming Parade. Students will stay with their class/grade levels. Of course, parents are welcome to meet their students on Main Street to watch the parade that celebrates our school, our kids, and our community. Students and staff will then walk back up to the school to get ready for our usual 2:05 Friday dismissal.

3rd-8th Gr R.E.A.C.H.

R.E.A.C.H., our after school program for 3rd through 8th grade students, begins on Thursday, October 1st. R.E.A.C.H. is open from 3:15-5:00PM most Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays through the month of April. This free program provides a safe place for students to get a bit of help with their homework and participate in fun, enriching, hands-on activities. Registration is available on the Elementary website at <https://tfps.flowforms.app/form/after-school-registration-form> Once your student is registered, they may attend any day or days they like. It is important to note that bus service is **NOT** provided. Participating students are to be picked up or walk home promptly at 5:00PM. R.E.A.C.H. is coordinated by Ms. Penny Hopkins.

Important Happenings

September

- 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
- 10/5 School Board Meeting- 6:00PM
- 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
- 11/23 Mid 2nd Quarter
- 11/25-27 No School- Thanksgiving Break

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<https://tfes.thompsonfalls.net>



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.