PTA/SAC MEETING

Join us Monday, 9/9 for the September PTA and SAC Meeting. PTA meeting will be from 4:15-5:15pm. SAC Meeting is from 5:30-6:30pm. Dinner will be served in-between the meetings. If you can’t make it for both, no problems, just come to whichever you can! PTA and SAC are great ways to get involved in your school, come make your voice heard!

We would love for you to join PTA even if you can’t attend meetings or events. Contact a board member for more information. We are still having a gift card drawing for any parent who joins PTA and pays the $8 dues by 09/20/2019. Also the class with the most members will get a pizza party!

Do you have a teen that needs volunteer hours for school? We need babysitters to watch kids during our meetings. Contact Erika at ptapresdientnes@gmail.com

MOVIE NIGHT

Come meet Mr. Link at movie night!

Friday, 9/27 in the gym. Come in your PJs and bring your blankets to get comfy!

Doors open at 6pm and the movie will start at 6:30pm. Popcorn and a juice box are provided for each kid!

Entry is a non-perishable food item.

See you there!

VOLUNTEERING

If you are interested in volunteering through the school, you must be registered through the school district. Please visit www.thompsonschools.org/volunteer to register. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth our volunteer coordinator.
A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL....

Welcome Back Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am excited to be a part of this wonderful community. We have a lot of new staff members joining the Namaqua team as well. Please help me by welcoming them. We are looking forward to a lot of great learning experiences and continuing to establish meaningful relationships with students and families this year.

Please come in and volunteer any time to experience the amazing things happening in your school each day! Your involvement in your child’s educational experience is extremely important to their overall success. I look forward to partnering with each of you this year to see each of our children grow and reach their potential.

One of our goals this year is to decrease the percent of students absent and tardy. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student’s academic success. We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school—regardless of the reason—it can cause them to fall behind academically.

Absences can add up quickly.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>If your child misses...</th>
<th>That equals...</th>
<th>Which is...</th>
<th>And over 13 years of schooling that’s...</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 day every 2 weeks</td>
<td>20 days per year</td>
<td>4 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 1 ½ years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 day per week</td>
<td>40 days per year</td>
<td>8 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 2 ½ years of school</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 days per week</td>
<td>80 days per year</td>
<td>16 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 5 years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 days per week</td>
<td>120 days per year</td>
<td>24 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 8 years</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem like much but...

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>He/she is only missing just...</th>
<th>That equals...</th>
<th>Which is...</th>
<th>And over 13 years of schooling that’s...</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10 mins per day</td>
<td>50 mins per week</td>
<td>Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly ½ year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 mins per day</td>
<td>1 hr. 40 mins per week</td>
<td>Over 2 ½ weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 1 year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30 mins per day</td>
<td>Half a day per week</td>
<td>4 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 1½ years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 hour per day</td>
<td>1 day per week</td>
<td>8 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 2 ½ years</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won’t affect my child?

EVERY DAY COUNTS

We don’t want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.

We want each child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information please feel free to contact me via phone or email at any time should you have questions or concerns! Here’s to a great 19-20 school year!

Sincerely,
Angie Geraghty, Ed.S
angela.geraghty@thompsonschools.org
100 Mile Club News!

Kick off is Monday, 9/9 at 7:30am. Meet us at the field to kick off the 2019-2020 100 mile club season. Forms went home to sign up or are available at the front office. This is a great way to engage and empower kids and families to achieve a healthy lifestyle through physical activity.

Staff Spotlight ~ Heather Rowen

What do you do for Namaqua? I am the school counselor and have many roles. Mainly my job is to advocate for students. I counsel students one on one, in small groups, and meet with classes for guidance lessons every other week. I am part of the PBIS (Positive Behavioral and Interventions and Support) and SIP/MTSS (Student Improvement Plan) teams, 504 coordinator, CICO (Check in/ check out) coordinator, keeper of the SWIS (School Wide Intervention System) data, and you will likely see me at recess duty :)

How long have you been at Namaqua? I have been at Namaqua since the fall of 2003.

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be? If I could learn to do anything I would learn how to speak all the languages of the world, so I could travel anywhere and know the language.

If you could be any fictional character, who would you choose? Ever since I was a little girl I have admired Wonder Woman, and yes, that was before the movie. She’s just awesome in so many ways- an invisible jet, a truth lasso, and defender of all that is right and just.

What is something you learned in the last week? In the last week I have met so many new students, and I have learned how great they all are!

What’s your favorite indoor/outdoor activity? My favorite indoor activity is watching movies or playing games with my family. My absolute favorite outdoor activity is downhill skiing, although I really enjoy hiking too.

What three traits define you? If you ask my children they might say demanding, stressed, or stubborn, but I like to define myself as responsible, empathetic, and persistent.

What would you do (for a career) if you weren’t doing this? I have always wanted to go overseas and maybe work for the Peace Corps. Who knows, I might still do it when I retire.

What is your favorite part about your job? My favorite part about being a school counselor is being able to help students feel better. Life is tough, and if I can help them find ways to cope, build skills, or just be an empathetic listener for them, then I feel fulfilled.
Box Tops:

Box tops has rolled out a new program to scan box tops. To get more information and to sign up under Namaqua, go to www.boxtops4education.com

Keep bringing in your clipped box tops to turn in. This is a new program, so we are not sure how they will be tracked for classroom winners.

King Sooper Rewards:

King Soopers has also changed its format. You no longer have to load a gift card to receive the 5% back to the school! This is the simplest way to give back without any extra work or spending any extra money!! To get started go to kingsoopers.com. Log in to your existing account or create an account. From the My Account Menu select Community Rewards. Enter Namaqua PTA. Click enroll when Namaqua PTA is located (Organization #JB447). If you have received the notice “You have successfully enrolled in Community Rewards” you are now ready to give back to Namaqua just by doing your everyday shopping at King Soopers!

Morning Fresh Milk Caps:

Do you and your family get milk from Morning Fresh Dairy? If so, save those caps! Morning Fresh gives back to the school $.05 for each cap. There is a container in the entry way of the school to deposit them.

Thank you for supporting Namaqua PTA!