Ivy Stockwell Newsletter

Construction at Ivy Stockwell

Our building addition is under way! We hope to be able to update our Ivy families with more pictures during the progress.
Please make a note of the following prices for lunch:

- Daily Lunch for Elementary Students $3.00
- Daily Milk for Elementary Students $0.60

MILK MONEY???
If your child needs milk to go with their lunch from home, they are welcome to purchase milk in the cafeteria for 60 cents!! You are able to turn in larger amounts of money and put in to your child’s account instead of sending 60 cents a day.

Ivy Stockwell’s Facebook Page
Do you have a FACEBOOK account? Ivy Stockwell does! We’ve been sharing photos from spirit week, have a live feed of our driving JOY CONVOY, and are sharing teachers reading books to show your kiddos! Please follow or “LIKE” our Ivy Stockwell page to join in the fun! You may also want to “LIKE” the Thompson School District Facebook page to see current information coming from the district.

Yearbook Sales Update
This year we will be selling yearbooks ONLINE! Once we get the online sales link you will receive an email from Tammy to purchase them online only this year. Delivery will be a little different too. We will hold all yearbooks until a later date that we will be able to hand out to the students. We will communicate this information as soon as we know more details.

Spirit Wear Order Update
Our spirit wear order is ready for pick up once the “stay at home” order is lifted. (the company who printed the order is not currently open for business). Our current plan is to pick up the order and again, hold the orders until a time we will be able to hand out to all families once we can meet again. We don’t have details on what this event will look like, but we will communicate to you all once we have more information.
Joy Convoy Parade

Ivy Stockwell’s staff absolutely LOVED seeing everyone out on the “parade route”. We miss you all so much and it was wonderful to see your smiles and hear your cheers! The link to view the recorded “live” version of the parade isn’t available to put in the newsletter but you can see it on our Ivy Stockwell Facebook page!

Staff Reading Stories

Many of our Ivy Teachers and Staff have recorded videos of themselves reading books that they love for our students and families! Click on the links below to view these awesome stories. (there are additional links available to view on our Ivy Stockwell facebook page!) We tried to include all the links in this communication but some of them did not work for us in this format. We will continue to share as we navigate this new process!

Mr. Bowles reading a bedtime story:  Mr. Bowles - Bedtime story
Mrs. Mooney reading:  Mrs. Mooney Reading
Mrs. Pickert reading:  Mrs. Pickert Reading
Mrs. Thomas Reading:  Mrs. Thomas Reading
Mrs. Bennington reading:  Mrs. Bennington Reading

Fun Learning Sites

Please remember to access lots of fun learning sites right at our Ivy Stockwell website. Mrs. Adamson has put everything in one place for the students to access many of the sites they are used to using during school. Here is the link to the page: https://www.thompsonschools.org/domain/1204
IVY’S VIRTUAL SPIRIT WEEK

Thank you to those who participated in Ivy’s Virtual Spirit Week! We loved seeing pictures of our students having fun and staying connected with one another while staying safe.

TUESDAY: Family Fun

WEDNESDAY: Show us your pets and stuffed animals

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THURSDAY: What Are You Reading?

FRIDAY: Stallion Pride/Get Outside

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IVY'S VIRTUAL SPIRIT WEEK, continued...

SATURDAY: Pajama Day
Need a Device or Internet Access?

TSD has updated their check out policy and will now be able to issue a 2nd device to households with 3 or more students. Please fill out the form before going to pick up a device.

TSD Home Access to Technology

(Para la versión en español, haga clic aquí)

In order to support TSD student access to learning opportunities during the district closure, we are offering chromebooks for check out to K-12 students from any TSD school and their families who need them because they have no other computer options at home. This is optional; students are not required to check out a chromebook. If you would like to request a Chromebook, please fill out the form online found at: https://forms.gle/fKmfGby3KnyhSVMx8. This form should be filled out before coming to the checkout station which is located at Mary Blair Elementary School at 860 E 29th St, Loveland, CO from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays only, until further notice. No appointment is necessary.

Only Parents/Guardians may check out a chromebook for their student. Only one Chromebook per household is allowed. Please do not come to the checkout station if anyone in your family is exhibiting symptoms of illness. To qualify, the student must:

- be currently registered at a TSD school,
- have access to an internet connection outside of TSD, and
- have no adequate access to computers at home to access learning resources

Check Out Procedure:

1. If you have not filled out the request form, please do so. Otherwise, you will be asked for your cell phone number so that the form link can be texted to you to fill out.
2. Stay in your car until the parking lot attendant clears you to approach the building. If a line is needed, line up at the front door intercom, at least 6 feet between families. You may leave your students waiting in the vehicle.

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3. Do not enter the building, a technician will talk with you through the intercom and make sure they have the information needed to check out a chromebook to your student. You do not have to touch the intercom. A technician will see you and talk to you through it.

4. The technician will ask you to stay clear of the front door at a distance of at least 6 ft. Then the technician will open the door and place a sanitized Chromebook on a table outside and wipe down the intercom if needed.

5. Once the technician re-enters the building, you may approach and take the Chromebook. You can keep it as long as the closure continues.

If you have problems accessing the internet, there are four alternatives:

Comcast has offered two months of free internet to families who qualify at https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19.

You can also try using a free Xfinity Hotspot near you. See here for the directions on how to find one.

You can park your car in the Loveland High School east side parking lot (920 W 29th St, Loveland), Berthoud High School parking lot (850 Spartan Ave, Berthoud), TSD Admin Building south parking lot (800 S. Taft Ave. Loveland), or Big Thompson Elementary School parking lot (7702 US-34, Loveland). We have extended WiFi into the parking lots so you can use it without leaving your vehicle. Use the “TSD” for district devices or “GUEST” Wifi for all other devices. Your student’s Google account will work on the TSD WiFi on a TSD device. There is no password required for the GUEST WiFi.

Use a cell phone as a hotspot. See directions here. Many cell phone providers are offering free data plans and hotspots for students. See here for more information.

The ITS Help Desk is open to all families and staff for technical support. If you need assistance, call 970-613-7777 M-F from 8:00-5:00 pm.

TSD is providing meals for students at Berthoud High School on Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 12:30-1:30. If you would like additional information on this please click the following link: https://www.thompsonschools.org/Page/21706
Need to Contact a Member of Ivy’s Staff?

Our website contact list is current. If you have specific questions, please feel free to email any one of our staff members. Click on this link for a list of staff members and contact information: https://www.thompsonschools.org/page/16235.

We LOVE our Volunteers!

Ivy is blessed with an incredible number of amazing volunteers! Under normal circumstances, we honor our volunteers with a luncheon. This year we are brainstorming ways to show our heartfelt appreciation for all of you who come into our school and offer your time and help! We could not do it without you!!

Free Preschool For Qualifying Children

Thompson R-2J School District is now taking applications for free Preschool programs for the 2020-2021 school year. Children who will be turning 3 or 4 years of age prior to October 1st of this year may qualify. Eligibility is based on federal income and program guidelines. Programs include Head Start, Colorado Preschool Program and Special Education for children identified with an educational disability. Our program also has limited tuition-paying openings at all of our early childhood centers. For information or an application, please call: 613-5052 or 613-5761 or go to thompsonschools.org. You can also email Sharon.Johnson@thompsonschools.org for additional information.

Annual Family Check-In

We are in full swing planning for the 2020-2021 school year! It is that time of year when we ask that you complete the “annual family check-in”. You MUST do this to register your student for next year. Each year, parents renew their permissions for their students for such things such as photographs (like being allowed to be in the yearbook, releasing a photo to the Berthoud community newspaper, etc.), directory consent, and internet usage.

You also have the opportunity to update your student’s emergency contact names and phone numbers. Please login to your parent portal account and look for the annual family update under the “more” section. This should only take about 5 minutes for you to verify your student’s information.

Please Note: Do not mark your email as “private” in the annual family update... we don’t share email address, this just removes you from our email list and you will no longer receive our emails.

Also, if you think you may be moving please email Tammy.Wildin@thompsonschools.org to help you with this process.
**Student Input Form**

Student input forms are available from our Secretary, Tammy. If you would like to fill one out for your student for next year, please email Tammy.Wildin@thompsonschools.org to request an input form. Once filled out, please email the form directly to Mr. Bowles at Rick.Bowles@thompsonschools.org. These are due back by the end of April.

**Thank you PTO**

Thank you to our wonderful PTO and families for providing an amazing dinner during our spring parent/teacher conferences. The food was delicious, and we appreciate everyone pitching in to help set up, provide food, and assist with clean up! THANK YOU ALL!!

**Thank you Mrs. McGrath**

We would also like to thank Mrs. McGrath (Mia’s mom) for setting up a meal for our staff through her place of employment. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and the food was wonderful!!

**Thank you Crane Orthodontics**

Thank you to Crane orthodontics for supplying our entire school with “take home” folders for our students. We appreciate the yearly donation of these quality plastic folders - they really hold up well for the whole school year!!

**Counselor Corner**

Ms. Pam, as most students call her, wants to let all Ivy Stockwell families know that she is available each day during regular school hours. Families and students are welcome to email her at (pamela.knipscheer@thompsonschools.org) or can call her on her google voice number at 720-507-7714.

Additionally, below is a link to Thompson School District (as well as non-Thompson School District) resources for emergent, non-emergent, social, emotional, or mental health support.

https://www.thompsonschools.org/page/21696

Ms. Pam Knipscheer
Counselor and School Psychologist
Stitch Together Sewing Club

Mrs. Adamson received a nice email the other day regarding a student in Ivy’s Stitch Together Sewing Club. Looks like some kiddos have been using their new sewing skills since being at home!

“Thanks for reaching out! Emma made a pillow and blanket for a Barbie and Ken bed set out of some scraps she brought home from the sewing class. I am impressed by her ability to use the sewing machine by herself! You’ve done a great job teaching her to sew—thank you so much!”

Fun Idea for Spending Time Outside

Here’s a recipe for puffy sidewalk chalk.

Instructions
1. Mix 1 cup of flour with 1 cup of water.
2. Add 1 tablespoon of dish soap.
3. Mix well until all clumps are gone.
4. Now using a cheese grater, grate the sidewalk chalk piece on the finest setting in the color of your choice.
5. We used between a 1/2 to 1 full sidewalk chalk piece.
6. Mix well to combine the color.