Message from the Principal...

Summer is flying by! Our custodians have been working all summer to get the building in ship-shape condition for students in August. It’s looking great! We are looking forward to seeing all of our students and families very soon in August, but until then we wish you only fun, sun, and good times.

Our school continues to grow into its 3rd year and with that we have new faces to welcome to our “herd”. Families will get to meet all of our staff in August at our Back to School Night on August 16th. Until then, please join me in welcoming the following new Bison to our staff:

- Section 2 Half Time Kindergarten- Mrs. Sarah Cohara
- 1st grade- Mrs. Jennifer Brown
- 2nd grade- Ms. Denae Andersen
- 3rd grade- Ms. Linda Pfeiffer
- 5th grade- Mrs. Anne Boward
- MS English- Mrs. Kristin Fenwick
- Literacy Aide- Mrs. Danette Ericson
- Math Aide- Mrs. Renee Liddle

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We have several returning staff that are moving into different positions:

- Mrs. Kate Goldberg will teach 1st grade
- Mrs. Niomi Pfohl will teach 1st grade
- Mrs. Arika Schlagel will become our Math Interventionist
- Ms. Janelle Joers will become our Middle School Interventionist

This time of year many parents start back to school shopping, buying clothes and school items from the supply list (available at the school’s website, High Plains School). Parents are also encouraged to do a little preparation with their child to help them ease back into the routine of school. There are many resources available that offer tips and suggestions, like this link from PBS, Back to School Transitions. As we get into the school year, parents can continue to support their child by:

- Setting a regular after school, bedtime, and morning routine
- Having their child at school before the bell rings (MTRF-8:20AM; W-9:20AM)
- Encouraging and supporting regular attendance (18-19 School Calendar)
- Checking the school’s website, Facebook, Parent Portal, and school emails for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Please continue reading the newsletter for additional information on upcoming events and activities. Enjoy the remaining days of summer. We look forward to welcoming back all of the Bison herd for a fantastic third year of learning, laughing, and making memories!

Sincerely,

Danielle Feeney, principal
New Bell Times & Late Start Wednesday

In January, the Thompson School District Board of Education approved new start and end times for TSD schools, as well as a one-hour late start on Wednesdays. High Plains School’s Start and Release Times are as follows for the 2018-2019 school year:

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:** 8:20 am - 3:35 pm  
**Wednesday:** 9:20 am - 3:35 pm

Students are asked not to arrive at school before 8:00 am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and no earlier than 9:00 am on Wednesday. No supervision is provided prior to 8:00 am (or 9:00 am on Wednesday).

Please note the one-hour late start on all Wednesdays during the school year, beginning August 22. This will allow time for educators to collaborate in their planning and professional growth opportunities. The new calendar adds four more school days for students, as the previous practice of full days for teacher professional development is being replaced by the Wednesday one-hour late start.

Parents are encouraged to take advantage of Base Camp offerings, as well as the Spanish and Chess offerings on Late Start Wednesday mornings. Please read further for more details on those offerings and how to register.
BASE Camp

We are excited to partner with BASE Camp for before and after school care! If you would like to register for before and/or after school care for your child, check out the BASE Camp website at http://www.mybasecampkids.org/

Clubs

High Plains is proud to offer many before and after school activities throughout the school year. This year we will also offer Spanish Level 1 on Late Start Wednesdays, 8:10am-9:10am and Chess will also be available from 8:15am-9:15am on Late Start Wednesdays. To register your child, please go to the “Activities” tab on the school’s website. Advanced Spanish will be offered on Wednesdays from 3:40pm-4:40pm starting September 12th. Throughout the school year please continue to check the activities tab and school communications for additional club and activity opportunities.

Volunteer and Paid Crossing Guards

Volunteer Crossing Guards and Paid Crossing Guards are needed at High Plains School for the 2018-2019 school year. Help keep kids safe. Must Be 18 or Older. Online Training Provided. If interested, contact Candie Joshi: candie.joshi@gmail.com, or if you’d like to apply for a paid crossing guard position, please go to https://www.applitrack.com/thompson/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Transportation and search for vacancies under transportation.
Back to School Night

Please mark your calendars for Back to School Night on August 16th. The evening will offer an informal opportunity for our families to visit with teachers and all HPS Staff, drop off supplies, identify volunteer opportunities through our Parent Teacher Community Organization (PTCO), and visit with representatives from some of our before/after school programs. Parents can access K-5 teacher assignments and middle school student schedules via Parent Portal starting August 8th. The Back to School Night schedule will be as follows:

Middle School Schedule:

- **6:00-6:30**: 6th grade reports to the Gym to hear from middle school teachers (*visit PTCO and after school program representatives in the Bison Cafe at 6:30pm*)

- **6:30-7:15**: All middle school students and families may visit classrooms and middle school teachers, drop off supplies and visit PTCO and after school program representatives in the Bison Cafe

Kindergarten-5th Schedule:

- **6:45-7:00**: Full Time Kindergarten through 5th grade families may drop off supplies, visit with PTCO and after school program representatives in the Bison Cafe, and visit with specials teachers. *Families are welcome to continue their visits in the Cafe before and after the prepared presentations too.*

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Back to School Night
K-5th Prepared Presentations:

- 7:00-7:10-- Kindergarten
- 7:10-7:20-- 1st grade
- 7:20-7:30- 2nd grade
- 7:30-7:40-- 3rd grade
- 7:40-7:50- 4th grade
- 7:50-8:00-- 5th grade

Half Time Kindergarten:

- Section 1 (Mon-Wed-Mrs. Asher):
  - 6:45-7:00 Drop off supplies, visit PTCO, Specials Teachers, and before/after school clubs
  - 7:00-7:15 Prepared Presentation

- Section 2 (Wed-Fri-Mrs. Cohara):
  - 7:15-7:30 Drop off supplies, visit PTCO, Specials Teachers, and before/after school clubs
  - 7:30-7:45 Prepared Presentation

Half Time Kinder families are welcome to visit with PTCO, specials teachers, and before/after school clubs after the prepared presentation too.
Recess Supervision

Are you looking for an opportunity to support High Plains while also enjoying our great Colorado weather and the school’s awesome views and playground? Lunch recess supervision is a great way to do just that! You can visit with your child, get to know the other children in our school, and be a role model and support for kids from kindergarten through eighth grade. Lunch recess happens every day between 10:35-12:45 (Wed-10:35-12:15). Volunteers are welcome to do the entire two hours, an hour, every day, once a week, or any portion that works in your schedule. Please contact Mrs. Feeney, danielle.feeney@thompsonschools.org for details and to schedule your time.

Kindergarten Popsicle Party

Hello 2018-2019 HPS Kindergarten families! We are excited for you to join our herd. We will be hosting a popsicle in the park event on August 9, 2018. The event will be held at Loveland Sports Park under the pavilion near the playground. It will be from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. We will play a game to meet new classmates, answer questions about school, and have time to create connections before the first day of school.
Music 2018-19 Calendar of Events

Below you will find a calendar for High Plains School events specific to the music department. Students who are performing need to arrive 30 minutes before the concert time, unless otherwise stated by Mrs. Lemons.

Note: Dates and times are subject to change for any reason. You will be notified as soon as possible.

- August-September [two month event] - HPS Music Apparel Fundraiser
- October 5 [Friday] 7 pm - MVHS Feeder Night @ Thompson Valley HS (5th choir and 8th Band only)
- October 23 [Tuesday] time TBD - HPS Jazz Rehearsals Begin on Tuesday and Thursday mornings
- October 23 [Tuesday] 7 pm - Combined Band Concert with CBMS and MVHS @ MVHS (Symphonic Band only)
- October 30 [Tuesday] 6:30 pm - 2nd & 3rd Grade Fall Program @ MVHS
- November 7 & 8 [Wednesday & Thursday] 4-7 pm - TSD Jazz Retreat @ MVHS
- December [Day/Time TBA] - HPS Choir (audition only) sings National Anthem for Colorado Eagles hockey game @ Budweiser Event Center (call time 4:30pm)
- December 19 [Wednesday] 6:30 pm - 4th & 5th Grade Winter Program @ MVHS
- January [Day/Time TBA] - TSD 4th Grade Field Trip @ TVHS Auditorium
- January [Day/Time TBA] - TSD Honor Band Auditions DUE! (only offered for 7th & 8th grade band students)
- January [Day/Time TBA] all day event- HPS Middle School field trip to CSO @ Boettcher Concert Hall
- February 6 [Wednesday] all day event; concert at 7:00pm - TSD 6th Grade Choir Festival @ MVHS/TVHS
- March 5 [Tuesday] all day event - "A Day in the Arts" 8th Grade Feeder Day @ MVHS
- March 9 [Saturday] 8 am-4 pm - HPS Instrumental Solo & Ensembles Festival @ HPS (only offered for 6-8th grade band)
- March 27 [Wednesday] 4-7 pm - Instrument Rental Event with Music & Arts @ HPS Music Room
- April 17 [Wednesday] 6:30 pm - Kindergarten & 1st Grade Spring Program @ HPS Gym
- April 25-27 [Thursday-Saturday] three day festival - UNC Jazz Festival @ UCCC Greeley (Jazz Band FIELD trip)
- May 1 & 2 [Wednesday & Thursday] Time TBA - TSD Honor Band @ MVHS
- May 15 [Wednesday] 7 pm - HPS Middle School Band & Choir Concert @ MVHS
HPS Music Apparel Fundraiser

HPS Music Apparel Fundraiser August 16th through August 31st The High Plains Music Program is kicking off the school year with some new, custom apparel. We are excited to introduce new bison gear to our students, families, staff and community members! The funds gained from these sales will support our continued growth as a program and will directly affect each K-8 student. In fact, for each item sold, we receive $5 back, which will add up quickly. Look out for flyers, links and information starting at Back to School Night, and as always, thank you for supporting the arts! We are excited to continue using Skazma Custom Apparel out of Longmont, CO!

SAVE the DATE

August 9th: Kindergarten Popsicle Party (Kindergarten families) 6:00pm Loveland Sports Park
August 16th: Back To School Night - See Back To School Night article for specific grade level times
August 20th: First Day of School for Full Day Kindergarten, Section 1 HD Kindergarten and 1st through 6th Grade – 8:20am
August 20th: Full Day and Section 1 HD Kindergarten Boo Hoo Parent Breakfast 8:30am
August 21st: Full Day Kindergarten, Section 1 HD Kindergarten and 1st through 8th grade attend school – 8:20am
August 22nd: Late Start – School starts at 9:20am for FD Kindergarten, Section 1 HD Kindergarten and 1st through 8th grade
August 22nd: Section 2 HD Kindergarten 1st Day of school – 1:15pm
August 22nd: Section 2 HD Kindergarten Boo Hoo Parent Brunch – 1:15pm
September 3rd: No School – Labor Day