Message from the Principal...

Welcome Fall! It’s that time of year when there’s a crispness in the air and excitement building with many holidays and events coming up. We look forward to seeing students and parents on October 10th and 11th for our Student Led Conferences. Information and sign ups have been emailed and added on the website and Facebook. See more information below.

Thank you to our PTCO and Bison Stampede sponsors for an awesome event! The kids had a blast and we exceeded our goal, earning over $21,000!! All of these funds will go towards items and events to benefit High Plains students. Thank you!

Parents, especially of middle school students, if you receive a text or phone call from your child during the day stating they are ill, please ask them to visit the health office. We have had a few students text/call their parent stating they were ill, but did not visit the health clerk. Carey Quarato, our health clerk will contact you, if your child is ill and needs to go home. Please check out the High Plains Parent-Student Handbook on our website under “Resources” for other procedures and need to knows, https://www.thompsonschools.org/highplains

See you in the drive line!

Danielle Feeney, principal
Reminder for Late Start Wednesday

Thank you families for doing a wonderful job remembering each Wednesday is a late start for schools throughout TSD. This time allows educators to collaborate in their planning and professional growth opportunities to better support students. Students may be dropped off on campus beginning at 9am on Wednesdays.

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.

Student Privacy

Thompson School District utilizes Google and other websites for various activities that support student learning and school-home communication. To learn more about how TSD and Google protect student data, please check out the link G Suite for Education & Student Data Privacy & Security.

Schoology

Parents, are you struggling to navigate Schoology? Mr. Waido put together this short tutorial. This should help parents navigate around Schoology to access the assignments, assessments, check grades, and communicate if questions arise. If you need more help, please don’t hesitate to contact any of your child’s teachers. Schoology 101 with Mr. Waido.
October Student Led Conferences

On October 10th and 11th High Plains School will host student led conferences. Student led conferences support students in owning their learning and truly understand what they need to achieve and the methods and pathways to fulfill their goals. Through student led conferences students practice life skills involving communication, organization, and leadership. They learn self reflection and evaluation skills that will not only support them in their K-12 studies, but throughout life as they identify goals for college, career, and life in general.

K-5 parents, please go to the following Sign up Genius link to schedule your Fall 2018 Kindergarten-5th Grade Conferences. Middle School student conferences are drop in, so parents and students may come in anytime between 4pm-7:45pm on October 10th and 8am-3:45pm on October 11th. Your child needs to come with you to conferences, as they will share their academic performance with you during the first 15 minutes. Parents and students may meet with the teacher after that time for 15 minutes, if they have further questions. Please contact your child’s teacher, should you have additional questions.

School Accountability Advisory Committee

If you wish to be part of a group that reviews school wide data and information to make recommendations that support the school’s program, as well as community outreach, please contact Marge Carr at margecarr@hotmail.com. The SAAC meeting is November 5th at 5:15pm at the school.
Crunchy Leaves Fall Concert

“Crunchy Leaves” Fall Concert Featuring the High Plains 2nd & 3rd Graders Tuesday, October 30th at 6:30PM at MVHS Students need to arrive at 6:00PM. Our very first concert is right around the corner! We are so excited to show you what our hard work has become. We will be performing songs about the season of Autumn, leaves, Halloween, and more! Here’s some info you will need to know before the big night... We are singing on the big stage this year at Mountain View High School Auditorium!! This change is in hopes to have a better setup for performers and more space for audience members. Please drop your student off at MVHS Auditorium at 6:00PM. All performers will report to the small gym where they can find their classmates and core teacher, while family members take their seats in the auditorium. While you wait for the concert to begin, please browse the tables in the lobby, which will have HPS stickers for sale, programs, calendar of events, etc. Students need to wear all black dress pants/skirts/shoes from their waist down to their feet. They also need to wear their HPS music shirt on top and tuck it in. This is the same shirt as last year. If you need a music shirt, please send $6 and the shirt order form (sent home with this note) to Mrs. Lemons by October 1st, and a shirt will be delivered to your child during school in the following weeks. We will also have some extra shirts available the night of the concert in the lobby. Please take time to visit our music website (HPSmusic.com) where you and your student can access the lyrics and music recordings needed to practice at home under the “Student Info” → “2-3 Grade” tab. On the website, you can also find our K-8 yearly calendar, parent information, contact information social media and more throughout the entire year. Thank you -- Can’t wait to see you there!! Shawna Lemons 970.679.9817 www.HPSmusic.com shawna.lemons@thompsonschools.org
News from the Library

Finding Balance with Technology

During the school year, it can be especially challenging to help your kids find a balance between using technology for assignments or entertainment and making time to participate in other aspects of life. In order to flourish, creativity and innovation require space for independent thought and contemplation; strong social skills require face-to-face human interactions. In September, Common Sense Media’s Parent Voices series published “School-Year Screen-Time Rules from a Teacher,” in which an experienced teacher and mom discusses the challenges presented by technology as well as her insights and suggestions for parents. Her tips include: be present; control the Wi-Fi; remove the temptation; make use of parental-control apps; and, finally, help achieve balance. Helping manage technology in a healthy way is one part of creating a structured, balanced, and nurturing environment for your child.

Digital Books Available for Every Student

At High Plains School, we are fortunate to have a wealth of digital resources that HPS students have at their fingertips. Thousands of ebooks can be accessed at any time by following these five easy steps:

- Visit our school’s website (highplainsschool.org)
- Select "Library" under the "Resources" tab.
- Click on the Follett Destiny icon in order to search our catalog and read ebooks.
- Choose to log in using Google SSO.
  - **Student email name**: student’s district username@thompsonschools.org
  - **Password**: student’s district password (student number preceded by three student-specific numbers/letters)
- (You can find your child’s username and password on Parent Portal.)
- Happy Reading!
Give Next is working hard!
The students in the Give Next class have started to make blankets and knit scarves for our military and homeless populations. Please help us by donating things from our wish list below.

Want to help Give Next with our service learning projects? If you can help us out with the following things, we would be most appreciative. Thank you. Please label items “FOR GIVE NEXT CLASS”, drop them off in the main office, and asked to have them put in Janelle Joers’s mailbox. Please include your name so we can properly thank you.

Upcoming:
- The Give Next class will be traveling to CSU for our Kick-Off Day in October.
- We’ll be selling Butter Braids again this year – be on the look-out for a table at Parent Teacher Conferences and an order form in your child’s Thursday folder for more details.

WISH LIST
- At least 12x12 inch pieces of fleece fabric - any color or print (for blanket making)
- Balls of yarn (to make scarves and hats for our military and homeless)
- Loom(s) for knitting or crocheting hats
- Knitting or crocheting needles
- Scrapbooking supplies (paper, stamps, stickers, etc.)
- 1-yard pieces of cotton fabric – camouflage colors (to sew “cool ties” for our military
High Plains PTCO
What’s Up!

This Month the PTCO Funded $1,588.80 to Help Support Our School!! Items approved include:

- Perry Conway presentation of Predator Planet for 1st-5th graders
- Snacks for Walk to School Day
- Affective Needs training for two staff members
- Subscriptions to Morestarfall.com, Spelling City.com and Vocabulary.com

Mark Your Calendar!!

- Monday, October 15th-Friday, October 26th – Box Top Competition – Popcorn & Movie Party!
- Friday, October 26th from 5:00-6:00 pm – Trunk-or-Treat

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The PTCO would like to collaborate with parents to provide meals and quick on-the-go snacks for teachers to enjoy during conferences. Click Conference meals sign up for a Sign-Up Genius with more information!!

We Appreciate Your Support

- Our Bison Stampede was a great success!! We surpassed our goal and brought in just over $21,000!! Thank you to everyone for supporting our school!!
- Shout Outs:
  - Mrs. Mayberry's class earned the most money for elementary and won an ice cream sundae party!
  - The Blue House brought in the most money for middle school and won an ice cream party and Mrs. Feeney will dye her hair BLUE!!
- The students who raised the most money were:
  - Malani in Miss Asher’s class with $500
  - Michael in Miss Pfeiffer’s class with $393
  - Fallon in Miss Asher’s class with $375
  - McKenna in the Blue House with $355

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High Plains PTCO
What’s Up!

Box Top Competition

It’s Box Top Time!!! Do you like Popcorn??? Do you like Movies??? Yes???!! Then turn in your box tops between Monday, October 15th and Friday, October 26th and the Top 3 Classes to turn in the most box tops by October 26th will win a Popcorn Party and Movie Day!! Here is how it works:

- Clip box tops from hundreds of your favorite brands, including Ziploc, Nestle, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Hefty, General Mills, Huggies and much more. For a complete list of participating products, visit the Box Tops website at www.boxtops4education.com

- Please bundle box tops in a baggie, envelope or similar container and write your teacher’s name on the outside of the baggie/container. This will help to make sure that the correct class receives the credit.

- Box Top bundles can be turned into your classroom teacher or placed in the box top collection bucket located in the office!!

- Get friends and family involved by encouraging them to help save box tops too!

- Deadline: Friday, October 26th, 2018 is the last day to turn in your box tops to qualify for the popcorn party and movie day. Winning classes will get to choose the date to have their party.

Thank you for supporting our school!!!

Caps4Cash - Morning Fresh Dairy Products

- You can earn cash for our school by drinking milk or juice! Caps4Cash is a Morning Fresh Dairy program where High Plains School can earn cash by collecting caps from Morning Fresh Dairy bottles.

- Each bottle cap earns 5¢ for our school and all you have to do is save your bottle caps, bring them to school and drop them off in the collection bucket located in the office!

- We can earn even more money by getting our friends and family involved! Ask them to save Morning Fresh bottle caps for our school too!

King Soopers Gift Card fundraiser - Sign up online to get your card

- Simply load your card before purchasing groceries or gas

- 5% of your everything you spend will benefit the High Plains PTCO

- Get more details and sign up at www.highplainsptco.org/fundraising

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What’s Up!

Amazon Smile

Did you know you can earn money for High Plains School while shopping on Amazon?? AmazonSmile is the same Amazon that you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Follow these 3 easy steps and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the High Plains PTCO. Thank you for helping support our school!

- Go to smile.amazon.com and login to your amazon account.
- Search for and select High Plains PTCO in Loveland, CO.
- Start Shopping!! The same Amazon products you love will be available!

** In order to support the PTCO you must always start your shopping at https://smile.amazon.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

All Volunteers must register online: www.thompsonschools.org/volunteer

Current Opportunities: www.highplainsptco.com/volunteer

The High Plains Parent Teacher Community Organization (PTCO)

Visit our website to learn about who we are, why we are here, and how you can help! www.highplainsptco.org

Have questions? Would like to volunteer? Shoot us an email! highplainsk8ptco@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook for up-to-date information!

The purpose of the High Plains PTCO is to enhance and support the educational experience, to develop a close connection between school, home and community by encouraging parental involvement, and to improve the environment at High Plains School through volunteer and financial support.
Volunteers (VITAL)

Now that school is in full swing volunteer needs for classrooms, field trips and other school activities will be in high demand. All parents, grandparents, family friends, etc. will need to be registered with TSD’s VITAL Program.

What is VITAL Online? VITAL Online is Thompson School District’s volunteer registration and management program. It provides the means to conduct background checks. It helps us track numbers of volunteers and volunteer hours in order to apply for grants and to assimilate district accountability reports.

It allows us to communicate with volunteers about opportunities to help teachers and help ensure the best education for TSD students.

How do you register online: Go to https://www.thompsonschools.org/page/2277

- Click on the blue button that says “New Volunteers”
- Volunteers will be instructed to create a Username (we suggest using your email address) and Password. Make sure to write them down for future use.
- Completely fill out all information and correctly spell your LEGAL name
- In the area that asks what school you will volunteer with, select the school in which you plan on volunteering.

Once you submit your registration, we will run the background check and mail a name badge to the school. You will receive an email about the results of the background check.

Once registered, volunteers do not need to re-register each year. It is good for life.

How to Train to Volunteer:
It’s SUPER easy and fast! Watch the short video “What You Need to Know to Volunteer” on the VITAL https://www.thompsonschools.org/Page/13477

How To Update Your Information in the Future:

- Click on the green button “Returning Volunteers Login” on the VITAL page
- Log in using the User Name and Password originally created
- Select “Volunteer” on the left side, then “Preferences” from the drop-down menu. You can then add and remove schools and opportunities
- Make sure to click “save” at the bottom of the page.

Call 613-5072 to ask for a name badge if you added any new school.
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WALK WITH ME TO HIGH PLAINS

WALK-TO-SCHOOL DAY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 2018

Join your teachers for a “WALKING SCHOOL BUS”

STUDENTS & FAMILIES

HEALTHY SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ON THE WALK
PARENTS CAN ENJOY A TREAT AT THE SCHOOL

MEET AT A STARTING LOCATION OR ANYWHERE ALONG A ROUTE
• Frank & Boyd Lake
• Saltbrush & Cub Lake
• Buffalo Mountain & Bluestem Willow
• Independence & Windom
• Big Sandy & Plum Creek

Meet the walking busses at 7:30 am