Charging through failures, stampeding through challenges

Topping off Party, Dec. 8th, 2:30

We hope Bison community members will join us on Dec. 8th at 2:30pm “Topping Off Party”. This is a ceremony where the signed beam will be put into place in our new gym area. Please join us in commemorating this special occasion and milestone in our building’s expansion.

SAAC, 12/6

Please join us on Dec. 6th at 5:30pm in the Learning Nook or online at this link for our quarterly School Advisory Accountability Committee Meeting. This night’s topics will include HPS referral and discipline process and information on possible Love and Logic parent training opportunities.

Substitutes

TSD HAS SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS AVAILABLE: Do you know someone looking to join the TSD team? We have full-time substitute positions available. These positions also include benefits! Click on the links below for more information.

2022-23 Full-Time Licensed Substitute

2022-23 Full-Time Licensed ESS Substitute
Family Holiday Resources

Looking for holiday family resources. Please check out these Family Holiday Resources 2022 English (Spanish Family Holiday Resources 2022). Other resources can be found at TSD Family Updates Center.

Love & Logic

HPS would like to offer a 6 week Love and Logic Parent Training Course. We are trying to determine interest. If you would like to participate, please complete this form no later than December 16th.

Parenting with Love & Logic is a 6-week parenting workshop offered to families by Thompson School District trainers. Love and Logic is a research-based parenting approach that helps families build caring, respectful relationships, share control and decision-making, and avoid power struggles. For more information visit: https://www.loveandlogic.com

Volunteer Coordinator

Our school is in need of a Volunteer Coordinator. This is a great volunteer opportunity that can be done from home! The volunteer coordinator helps recruit volunteers for PTCO and School events. There is training available! Please contact Shena Schultz at president@highplainsptco.org for more details.

Lost and Found

Is your student missing his/her coat or a favorite sweatshirt? It is probably in our Lost and Found. We have MANY items and would hate for you to have to replace a good coat when it is sitting in a pile in our breezeway. Please come and check out the Lost and Found. All items will be donated on Dec. 16th.
Student Absences

Regular attendance at school is necessary for your child to achieve maximum academic and social success. If your child will be absent from school for any reason, please notify the school attendance line at 970-679-9870. This works as a safeguard for your child’s protection should he/she not arrive at school after he/she has been sent. Excused absences are defined as illness, death in the family, family emergencies, or other special circumstances. We respectfully request that appointments be scheduled outside of school hours and that you use days that school is not in session for family activities and vacations. A prearranged absence form should be completed, at least two weeks prior to the absence, when a family knows in advance that the students will be absent for two or more consecutive days that do not fall within the Thompson School District Attendance policy. (Reference TSD policies: JH/JHA/JHB)

TARDIES

Excessive tardiness can impact your child’s learning. Being on time to school helps your child start his/her day in a positive way. Instruction begins immediately after the bell rings. Tardiness not only costs your child valuable learning time, but it also disrupts the rest of the class when the teacher must stop instruction to greet your child and help him/her catch up on what was missed.

Students arriving during and after the 8:20 a.m. (or 9:20 a.m. on Wednesday) bell are considered tardy and should check in at the school office before going to class. A tardy student is a student who is not in the classroom at the time the teacher expects. Penalties for tardiness will be equated with penalties for unexcused absences. (Reference TSD policies: JH/JHA/JHB-R)

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school (by phone call or sending a note) when a student is absent or will be late.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child becomes ill at school, the school health of ice assistant will notify parents/guardians. If you receive only a call/text from your child, please alert the of ice, so that we may check on your child. Parents are responsible for home screening (temperature and symptom check) their children prior to attending school each day. In accordance with state guidelines, students are excluded from school if they have a fever ≥101 with symptoms of illness, vomiting, diarrhea, or known or suspected contagious disease/condition.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

If your child has an appt (doctor, dental, therapy, etc) during the school day, please make sure that you have your health provider give you a medical excuse note, from their office, regarding your child’s visit. This note should then be turned into the school office upon your child’s return to school.
Give Next

Give Next is a middle school advisory class for 6th-8th grade students. We are currently working on identifying the community need we want to focus on and developing our mission statement, which will guide us in deciding who to award grants to.

What is Give Next?

Give Next is a school-based youth grantmaking program, designed for middle and high school students in Larimer County. The grantmaking process is the tool through which we shift power to youth, build understanding of complex social issues, and connect youth to each other and their community. Give Next values the insights young people have about the needs in our community and celebrates the impact they can have now and in the future.

How it works —

Each Give Next classroom receives $5,000 for grantmaking in areas of arts, education, environment, health, and income. During the school-year Give Next students:

ATTEND The Virtual Give Next Kickoff Conference

WORK with peers to identify a need in the community that will guide their grantmaking.

RESEARCH nonprofits, volunteers, and meet local nonprofit leaders.

RAISE additional money for grantmaking.

REVIEW grant applications and award grants at an end of year ceremony.

Student Outcomes:

SHIFT POWER to youth.

BUILD UNDERSTANDING about complex social issues.

CONNECT to peers and the community.

Every additional dollar fundraised by our Give Next class goes directly to our chosen non-profits. If you are interested in donating, you can send a personal check or donate online by following the directions below.

MAKING A DONATION ONLINE:

www.nocofoundation.org/givenext

OR

PLEASE SEND CHECK DIRECTLY TO:

Community Foundation of Northern Colorado
4745 Wheaton Drive, Suite 100
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Make checks out to:

Community Foundation of Northern Colorado
In the check memo include:

Give Next, INSERT SCHOOL, misc donors -
Music Department

Below are upcoming events for High Plains School 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.

December 14 [Wednesday] 7 pm (call time of 5 pm) - Winter Combined Band & Choir Concert with RVS @ RVS

January 10 [Tuesday and Thursday mornings] 7:30-8:00 am - HPS Regular, Weekly Jazz Rehearsals @ HPS

Giving Tree

If you selected an ornament from our Giving Tree, please bring all wrapped gifts, with the ornament tag, to the school by no later than 4:00pm on Wednesday, December 7th. Gifts will be distributed to families on Wednesday, December 14th until 5:00pm; no gifts will be held over break.

Winter Performance of Frozen, Jr.

Due to mitigating circumstances, The Winter Performance of Frozen, Jr. will now be performed on Friday, January 13th at 6:30pm and Saturday, January 14th at 2:00pm.

Please watch for Ticketing information to be coming out soon.

If you have any questions, please contact nanci.labianca@tsd.org

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DECEMBER NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The library has been gifted in so many ways with books this semester. A big shout out and thank you to the Criste family for all the books they donated from their household that were no longer needed.

We were also given money from the CDE State Library Grant and the district media budget to order books from Titlewave. These monies were used to purchase books that support each grade level’s FOSS Science kits and added more middle school fiction books to our shelves.

Then we had our Book Fair! And even though we had issues with our register, we were still able to receive over 30 books to add to our collections in graphic novels, biographies, and fictional stories.

As the Christmas season unfolds, let us remember that reading with family and friends, around a table, next to the fireplace, before bed, in the morning before the day starts, and Christmas stories around the Christmas Tree - are all ways to share time together. Books bring us to magical places, or countries where we have never been. They raise our interest in many ways and can bring laughter to your soul.

So this Christmas season, let’s try to read a book every day, with a family member, a friend, or by yourself. There are so many good holiday books out there either online, at a bookstore, or on your shelves. Let books open the doors for new adventures, learning, and laughter.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year!!

UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR FOUR YEAR OLD STUDENTS

In the fall of 2020, Colorado voters approved a nicotine tax measure (Proposition EE) that will fund at least 10 hours a week of free universal preschool for 4-year-olds statewide starting in the fall of 2023. The child must be 4 years old on or before October 1, 2023.

This state-funded program will be available to off-set potential preschool costs.

Please see this website for more information regarding this program: Colorado Universal Preschool Program Details