Spring Ka-Ching

The High Plains Student Ambassadors wish to thank everyone for supporting their Spring Ka-Ching in support of kids with cancer. We raised $1546.13! The money raised will go to Cookies for Kid's Cancer, an organization dedicated to supporting cancer research to end childhood cancer. The top elementary class (Mayberry) and top middle school class (Joers) have earned a root beer and popcorn party for bringing in the most change! Thank you!

8th grade’s Last Day

Our 8th grade students' last day of school will be Wednesday, May 23rd. The middle school team is planning special activities for that day to wish our 8th graders well on their journey to high school graduation and beyond. Once the day's activities are finalized, they will be communicated to families.
K-5 Movie Night

Our Elementary Student Ambassadors are hosting a K-5 Movie Night on April 27th from 3:30-5:30pm. This event is only for K-5 students. Permission slips and volunteer sign ups will be coming out soon. If you have questions or wish to help, contact Danielle Burton at danielle.burton@thompsonschools.org

Ebooks: Great Reading for Spring!

Reading outside of school entertains and builds stronger vocabularies. Keep in mind the 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:** first initial, middle initial, last name, last two digits of graduating year, @thompsonschools.org (ex.: jtdoe23@thompsonschools.org)
  * **Password:** student number preceded by two zeroes (example: 00123456)

Happy Reading!
NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone who participated in supporting the Scholastic Spring Book Fair. We had a great turn-out and raised over $2,100 to purchase books that will enrich our students’ learning. Additionally, teachers really appreciate the many families who purchased books for their children’s classrooms. Thank you, High Plains community!

MS Dance

Our Middle School Student Ambassadors are hosting a “May the 4th Be With You” Dance on May 4th. More information including volunteer sign ups will be coming out soon.
Parent/Guardian Feedback is Needed!

Take a quick survey (see the three steps below) to help High Plains School improve: (1) academic achievement, (2) student attendance, and (3) school safety.

✓ Step 1:  Go to: www.TetraStart.com
✓ Step 2:  Enter the following 6-digit code:
  - 367772 – for Parents of HPS elementary school students (K-5)
  - 517664 – for Parents of HPS secondary school students (6-8)
✓ Step 3:  Complete and close the assessment

Please note that the surveys need to be completed by April 30th, and that they are completely anonymous, and any personally identifiable information about you or your student(s) is not collected.
Music Department

I would like to invite you to some upcoming HPS music performances that will round out our year. These are all free, local performances that our Bison herd has worked very hard to produce. Please take NOTE (pun intended) that the events highlighted in blue are High Plains specific and the events highlighted in green are District events that our students auditioned to be a part of. I play euphonium in the Loveland Concert Band and I have also included that concert information in gray.

- **March 28 [Wednesday] 7pm - TSD Honor Choir Concert @ TVHS Auditorium**
- **April 12 [Thursday] 6pm - TSD Honor Band Concert @ MVHS Auditorium**
- **April 21 [Saturday] 7pm - Middle School Outreach Ensemble (MSOE) Band Concert @ Griffin Concert Hall - CSU**
- **April 22 [Sunday] 3pm - Loveland Concert Band @ MVHS Auditorium**
- **May 2 [Wednesday] 7 pm - HPS Middle School Band & Choir Concert @ MVHS Auditorium**
- **May 12 [Saturday] 8am-12am - HPS Instrumental Solo & Ensembles Festival @ HPS (offered for 6-8th grade band - PBL)**

Thank you so much for supporting the arts and please let me know if you have any questions!!!
2018 Summer Academy of Music (S.A.M)

- **WHO:** Current Band, Orchestra & Choir Students (Grades 6th – 8th)
- **WHAT:** Advanced Band & Orchestra, Jazz Band and Choir
- **WHEN:** July 16 – July 31, 2018
- **WHERE:** Thompson Valley High School ~or~ Conrad Ball Middle School
- **TIME:** One hour classes – Check the flyer on the District website for class times at each location or speak with your Music Director
- **COST:** $95.00 (1 class); $130.00 (2 classes) Includes tuition, music book and t-shirt

Watch your mail for more info & registration form after April 30th, 2018

**IMPORTANT:** Email your Music Director **BEFORE MAY 25** to see if they have instruments available for CHECK OUT.

All percussion students must pay a $10 fee for use of school percussion equipment.

Percussion students must purchase their own sticks, mallets, and drum pad.

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5th Grade Beginning Band

If your student has chosen to participate in band at High Plains, here are the next few steps after renting or purchasing your instrument, to help you and your student through this process.

- **Read the Book**
  
  * The Tradition of Excellence Book has some great information to read on pages 2-3 and your book may even come with a DVD, please watch it! If not a DVD, there is an online code. There are also some good videos posted on the music website: www.HPSmusic.com → “Student Info” → “Band”
5th Grade Beginning Band

- Band Rehearsals
  * After school 5th-grade beginning band ensemble will meet every Tuesday from 3:30-5:00pm starting on April 3rd. There will be some 7th/8th-grade band students as well as high school band students there as mentors. Each new band student will gain the fundamental knowledge of how to care for, assemble, practice, and play their new instrument. I understand that your student may not be able to make all of 8 rehearsals, and if not, please reach out so we can determine the best approach to catching them up before summer begins. These skills will not be taught in the music classroom.

- Summer Band
  * Band and choir students will both have summer opportunities for growth. The district provides an opportunity for musicians of all skill levels to come together and grow in July; this is called the Summer Academy of Music (aka S.A.M.). The dates, cost and class descriptions have been released and can be found on the district website. Registration Opens Monday, March 26, 2018. The Beginning Band class is highly recommended for our newest band members and will propel your student into a successful and fun experience in band. They will culminate their experience with a group concert.

- Private Lessons
  * Private Lessons are a great option for students of any skill level looking to improve as musicians with one-on-one instruction. Please reach out to Mrs. Lemons to find the best instructor for your student. Thank you for taking the time to help your student succeed in this new adventure. Please do not hesitate to reach out and ask questions. Shawna Lemons P: (970)679-9817 www.HPSmusic.com Follow on Instagram @_hpsmusic shawna.lemons@thompsonschools.org
The middle school Give Next philanthropy class update:

**Our Mission Statement**

*We, the High Plains School Give Next class, aim to address the needs of people with disabilities in our community. We will achieve our mission with the generous donations from Nancy Patton of the Public Service Credit Union and Denise and Patrick Juliana. We are looking to support nonprofit organizations that will impact and help improve the lives of people with disabilities.*

**Up Next:**

We decided where our grant monies will go! Come find out at our awards ceremony. We are planning that now.

**Save the Date:**

Friday, May 11, 2018 from 5-7pm – The Give Next class will be having our awards ceremony to award our grant monies. Make a plan to come! Everyone is welcome. You will be blown away by what the students have done. RSVP to janelle.joers@thompsonschools.org
Book Buddy Story Hour Celebration

As part of our Problem-Based Learning (PBL) tradition here at High Plains, this past fall 6th graders from Ms. Joers’ Language Arts class met and interviewed 1st graders from Mrs. Thompson’s Art class. Sixth graders asked the first graders about their likes and dislikes, hobbies, favorite superheroes, etc. Then, 6th graders spent several weeks writing and illustrating a book for their first grade buddies. As part of the PBL, each 6th grader was required to meet with a local writer or artist and go through their story and illustrations. The writer or artist gave each student feedback before the books went to press. Books were sent in for publishing just after the winter holiday.

On March 21, the 6th graders met up with their buddies once more for a Story Hour Celebration. Several parents were able to come to the event and enjoyed watching the 6th graders read their books to the 1st graders. Parents and students commented on how much fun it was. First graders said they loved getting a book from “a big kid.” Each student and his/her buddy received a published copy of the given book.

Thank you to all the parents who came to support their children and to the parents who donated treats.

A big thank you to the High Plains PTCO for providing funding for this incredibly fun experience.
High Plains PTCO
What’s Up!

Mark Your Calendar – Spring Carnival!!
Join us April 13th from 5:30-7:30pm for a fun family event!! Look for more information to come!

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 smile.amazon.com.

Volunteer Opportunities
- All Volunteers must register online: [www.thompsonschools.org/volunteer](http://www.thompsonschools.org/volunteer)
- Current Opportunities: [www.highplainsptco.com/volunteer](http://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](http://www.highplainsptco.org)
- Have questions? Would like to volunteer? Shoot us an email! [highplainsk8ptco@gmail.com](mailto: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.
April 9th  13th 4th & 7th grade Social Studies CMAS
April 9th  13th 5th & 8th grade Science CMAS
April 11th  Track Meet at Mountain View High School 3:15pm
April 12th  TSD Honor Band at Mountain View High School 6:00pm
April 13th  Spring Carnival 5:30pm
April 16th  Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 8:00-9:00am
April 16th  HPS SAAC Meeting 5:15pm
April 17th  Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 8:00am-9:00am
April 17th  PTCO Meeting 6:30pm
April 18th  Track Meet at Mountain View High School 3:15pm
April 18th  Drug Use Among Youth and Impact on Developing Brain
            6:00-7:00pm at HPS
April 21st  TSD Middle School Outreach MSOE Band 7:00pm
April 25th  Track Meet at Turner Middle School 3:15pm
April 27th  Kindergarten – 5th grade Movie Night 3:30-5:30pm
May 1st  6th Grade Track Conference Meet at Thompson Valley High
           School 3:15pm
May 2nd  JV Track Conference Meet at Severance Middle School 3:15pm
May 4th  Middle School Dance 6:00pm
May 9th  Bike Rodeo 3:15pm – 5:15pm
May 9th  Varsity Track Conference Meet at Berthoud High School 3:15pm
May 10th  Varsity Track Conference Meet at Berthoud High School 3:15pm
May 11th  Give Next Awards Ceremony 5:00-7:00pm
May 12th  HPS Instrumental Solo and Ensembles Festival 8:00am – 12:00
May 15th  PTCO Meeting 6:30pm