Charging through failures, stampeding through challenges

Message from the Principal...

“Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right.”
— Theodore Roosevelt

High Plains School, along with Berthoud High School and Cottonwood Plains Elementary School, have been awarded a Bully Prevention Grant from the Colorado Department of Education. As part of the grant we will be developing programs, communications, and activities to support members of our community in identifying and defining bullying behavior, understanding the factors behind bullying, and helping students and staff to implement proactive approaches to reduce negative behaviors that hurt others. Through this grant, the High Plains School community welcomes Matt Hughes, who will be coordinating the initiative for the district over the next few years. Matt has been with Thompson School District since 2010, providing programming and support to our students, staff, and community.
Community Tours

On April 12th and May 10th High Plains School will offer a building tour for community members and parents interested in hearing about the school’s program and unique design features. The tours start at 3:30PM. If interested, please RSVP to Judy Simeon at judy.simeon@thompsonschools.org

Colorado Measures of Academic Success

On April 17th and 18th High Plains 5th and 8th grade students will participate in Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS). Students in grades 5th and 8th will test their knowledge and skills in Science. Parents can find out more information about the assessments, and even see what the tests look like at Practice Tests. Please also visit the CMAS - Science Assessments website for further information about CMAS. Parents can help their child be prepared for the assessments by making sure students get plenty of sleep, eat a healthy, nutritious breakfast, arrive to school on time, and encourage them to do their best. Please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher for more information.
**Volunteer Crossing Guards**

Volunteer Crossing Guards Needed at High Plains School. Help keep kids safe. Must Be 18 or Older. Online Training Provided. If interested, contact Candie Joshi: candie.joshi@gmail.com

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**High Plains Choir**

We are excited to announce that we have been asked to sing the National Anthem for an Eagles hockey game, and this time it is a PLAYOFF game!! Even better, this game is on a **Saturday night! (April 15th at 7:05pm)**. The performer tickets are free, and Mrs. Lemons will be taking auditions until April 7th. This audition is currently open for 6th-8th graders; either after school or during your lunch. We are going to try to hit that 100 ticket mark again, so please share this information with your friends and family. **Non-performer tickets are only $16!!**

Come out and support not only the HPS Choir but the Eagles as well! Please click on the link below to buy your ticket: [https://eagles.isportstix.com/order/group/HighPlainsChoirPlayoffs/](https://eagles.isportstix.com/order/group/HighPlainsChoirPlayoffs/)
High Plains PTCO
What’s Up!

Save the Date!!
Chick-fil-A Fundraiser Night - Wednesday, April 12th
PTCO Meeting - Tuesday, April 18th @ 6:30 pm

Bison Stampede - Thursday, April 27
The Bison Stampede jog-a-thon fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, April 27th. Look for pledge packets coming home on Wednesday, April 12th. This is a fun way to promote wellness, raise some money, and get the community involved with our school! Students will be asked to collect donations up front and turn in on the day of the Stampede. During the Bison Stampede, all students, staff and volunteers will receive a T-shirt donated by UC Health’s Healthy Kids Club. Please look for packets coming home on April 12th, the day of our kick-off assembly!

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night - Wednesday, April 12
To kick off our Bison Stampede, Chick-Fil-A will host a school spirit night on Wednesday, April 12th. 20% of proceeds will go to the Bison Stampede.
High Plains PTCO
What's Up!

High Plains has heART!
This Spring and Summer, the PTCO is excited to work with the Loveland Chamber of Commerce to design and install a City with heART sculpture on the High Plains campus. Are you interested in assisting with this project? The committee needs you! Contact highplainsk8ptco@gmail.com for more information.

Teacher Appreciation
Teacher Appreciation is the first week of May. Please keep an eye out for an email from your respective room parents for more information!

Panera Fundraiser
Thank you to everyone who dined at Panera last month for our school fundraiser. We raised just under $300 for our school. Proceeds will help fund field trips, extra-curricular activities and supplemental needs of the school.
High Plains PTCO
What’s Up!

2017 Annual Meeting - Did You Know YOU Are a Member of the High Plains PTCO?

The whole family is invited for a root beer float party and fun photo review of our first year together as a school community! We will vote for all officer positions up for re-election, and provide open house-style resources on the exciting plans for next school year, and how you can get involved! The High Plains PTCO is inclusive of every family in our school - being a member of the school community automatically enrolls you as a voting member in the PTCO!

Mark your calendars - the High Plains PTCO Annual Meeting is

Tuesday, May 16th @ 6pm

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Current Opportunities: www.highplainsptco.com/volunteer

- Volunteer to help with our first annual Bison Stampede Jog-a-thon
- Help catalogue books for our Scholastic Reading Library
News from the Health Office

It’s the time of year we start seeing a lot of sneezing and runny/stuffy noses! How do you tell if it’s a cold or allergies?

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Just a reminder: If your child is ill they are NOT permitted to use cell phones to call or text parents to pick them up. Students need to visit the health office first, then if needed, can call parents from there. Please do not pick up your child if they have not seen the health aide! Thank You!

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But first.....If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims!

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SAVE the DATE

| April 5    | 2nd/3rd Grade Music Concert (6:30pm) |
| April 12   | Community Tour (3:30pm)              |
| April 14   | Middle School Dance (6:00pm)         |
| April 15   | National Anthem @ Eagle’s Hockey Game (Select Middle School Choir) |
| April 18   | PTCO Meeting (6:30pm)                |
| April 19   | Middle School Choir/Band Concert (6:30pm @ Thompson Valley High School) |
| April 24   | Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast     |
| April 27   | Spring Jog-A-Thon                    |
Library News

Thank you to everyone who participated in supporting the Scholastic Spring Book Fair! We had a great time, kids loved getting to see new books (and are enjoying the new ones!), and we raised over $1,700 to purchase books that will enrich our students’ learning. Additionally, teachers really appreciate that many families purchased books for their children’s classrooms. Thank you, High Plains community!

Read Free E-books from Home

Reading for fun outside of school is a great way to reinforce vocabulary acquisition, increase comprehension, and just enjoy a good story! The High Plains library offers thousands of digital books for students of all ages and reading levels. Accessing them is easy:

1. Visit our school's website (highplainsschool.org)
2. Select "Library" under the "Popular" tab.
3. Click on the Follett Destiny icon in order to search our catalog.
4. Log in to read a book digitally.
   - **Student user name**: first initial, middle initial, last name, last two digits of their graduating year (example: jtdoe23)
   - **Password**: student number preceded by two zeroes (example: 00123456)
5. Enjoy!
Creative Corner with Alicia

Congratulations to two of our sixth grade PBL groups that held successful charity art sales Saturday, March 18. One group held their event at Hank’s Pet Supply and the others were located at PetCo in Loveland. Between the two groups, over $300 dollars was raised to benefit the Larimer Humane Society. Great job!

Also, be sure to check out our future in house art sale also to benefit the Larimer Humane Society. Additional 6th grade groups will be conducting this sale on May 15, in the High Plains Bison Cafe between 2:30 pm and 4pm. The entire sixth grade has put a great deal of effort and hard work in to this endeavor, and I am extremely proud of them all!"
INTRIGUE
STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT
FINE ART BLACK AND WHITE SILVER GELATIN PRINTS

APRIL 7 - 28, 2017

OPENING/NIGHT ON THE TOWN
APRIL 14, 6 - 9 PM

STUDENT ARTISTS RECEPTION
APRIL 18, 6 - 8 PM

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