Message from the Principal ...

It’s finally spring! There are eight weeks of school left, but LOTS still to do. Please avoid scheduling appointments and vacations during school days, so that your child may participate fully in learning and enrichment activities for the remainder of the school year. Please check out the Parent-Student Handbook for drop-off/pick-up details, attendance information, how to report student absences, communicating with staff, and other pertinent information to keep you connected to your child’s learning environment. Please also remember to check out the High Plains School Facebook page, High Plains PTCO Facebook page, High Plains School website, your child’s teacher(s) communications, and TSD and HPS texts and emails to keep in the loop on events and activities.

Happy Spring and see you in the drive line!

Danielle Feeney, principal
**SAAC Meeting**

HPS will hold our 4th and final SAAC meeting (virtual) on May 4th at 5:15pm. All meetings will be accessed via this Google meet link, unless otherwise communicated. Please take a moment to share with us topics you may like to hear about and/or discuss at the remaining meetings: [HPS School Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC)](#)

Jenny Webb is our School Accountability Advisory Committee chairperson, and can be reached at jennysue@gmail.com. Jenny meets with the principal prior to SAAC sessions (4 a year) to set the agenda, helps recruit members of our school’s community for SAAC, supports the communications and dialogues of the SAAC to community members, and participates in District Accountability Committee sessions to gain a district wide perspective that supports High Plains School’s efforts.

**SEL**

Please take a moment to check out the many resources to support students, families, and staff for ALL Learning Environments: Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Wellness, Mental Health. On this page, you will find resources that can support Wellness, Social Emotional Learning, and Mental Health.
Bullying Prevention & Education Grant (BPEG)

High Plains is excited to continue our participation in the state Bullying Prevention & Education (BPEG) through 2022! This competitive grant provides us with evidenced based bullying prevention and educational strategies and opportunities for students, staff, and family engagement. An annual anonymous student perception survey will be given to students each year for student grades 3 and up to monitor prevention efforts and make decisions to continue to make High Plains a great school where all students feel safe and welcome. The survey requires parent permission: please click on the link to sign permission for your child to participate in the survey. (If your child is a returning 4th-8th grader, and you have already completed this permission form, you do not need to complete it again:)

Student Survey Permission Form - CLICK HERE
News from the Library

Ten Reasons You Should Read Aloud to Big Kids, Too

When we think of reading aloud to children, we often imagine picture books enjoyed with young beginning readers. Yet even as children grow and become independent readers, there continue to be many good reasons for sharing books together:

1. Builds vocabulary
2. Improves comprehension
3. Strengthens bonds
4. Provides positive modeling
5. Improves listening skills
6. Encourages discovering classics
7. Helps with discussing difficult issues
8. Introduces different genres
9. Serves as a portal into your kids’ interests
10. Sparks curiosity and a thirst for learning

If you’d like more information about the above benefits of reading aloud to older children, they’re each described further in this Common Sense Media article; you’ll also find links to some great read-aloud book suggestions to help get you started.

Easy Ebook Access for All Students

If you’re looking for entertaining and stimulating reads for your student, remember the thousands of ebooks available through Sora and the district’s partnership with the Loveland Public Library.

- Go to Sora.
- Click on "Find my school."
- Select any Thompson School District school (all are the same account).
- Choose "Thompson School District R2-J" on the drop-down menu.
- Sign in with your child’s district log-in. Please email megan.mcghee@thompsonschools.org if you have any questions about log-ins.
- Notice the different options (you can search by popular subjects, genres, or other categories) and enjoy browsing and then checking out books.

All TSD students can sign in to access the Loveland Public Library’s resources by simply using their name and their 6-digit TSD student ID number (password without the lead characters). An easy, one-time way to add the public library’s ebook collection to your child’s Sora account is to select “Add a library” under settings and then choose the Front Range Downloadable
As with everything else, our Kindness and Health Hero nominations will look a little bit different this year. Students may nominate other students or staff members to be a 5210+ Health Hero or a Kindness Hero from school OR home! Once a month we will recognize staff and students who are heroes in our community. Those that are chosen will receive a Heroes t-shirt and a recognition certificate. Please keep in mind this is for students to nominate other students or staff members. Parents may help with any technical issues. If your child(ren) would like to nominate their peers or a staff member for one of these awards, please fill out this Google Form! https://forms.gle/zoC5huhbzWaHd2Bz8

Stay healthy and kind, Bison!

For the remainder of the year, each Wednesday will be Bison Wednesday! Please have your child(ren) wear their Bison gear on Wednesdays to show our school spirit and our support for our community. We are Bison Strong!
Thompson School District Art Show

High Plains Artists with work in the show are:

1st Grade - Ella Kirby, JT Bentley, Colette Matthews, Macey Reitz

4th Grade - Grayson Penry, Andres Camancho-Nunez, Joseph Zarzana, Emily Cayou.

5th Grade - Zoey Marcy, Codi Alvarado, Aliya Hartman, Kai Spry, Riley Pollman, Liv Paradis

8th Grade - Bee Scofield, Jack Ellena, Bernadette Martinez, Brayden Spry, Jade West, Ragen Miller, Wallace Edwards

Yearbook News!

Families and Students,

The yearbook is finished! Thank you for all of your support and photo submissions. We are truly proud of what we were able to accomplish in a year that has created many challenges.

As communicated, only a limited number of extra copies were ordered. We expect to be sold out by yearbook distribution. BUY NOW while supplies last at Jostens.com. If you have already bought a book, thank you!