charging through failures, stampeding through challenges

message from the principal...

Year one is in the books! I am very proud of our staff and PTCO for all their work this year in making our inaugural year a successful one. It was a marathon beginning back in the spring of 2016. There were so many great events and activities this year that made this year memorable. We are excited and gearing up for year two!!

I am excited to announce we have some additions to our staff in 2017-2018. Please join me in welcoming the following additions to the High Plains Bison Herd:

Our middle school will grow by two teaching members, Mrs. Andrea Balster and Ms. Tina Smith. Both come to High Plains with many years of experience, in and out of the district. Ms. Tina Smith will become the new sixth grade English Language Arts and Math teacher. Mrs. Balster will teach 6th-8th grade Social Studies. With these additions to the middle school we have one shift in teaching assignment as well. Mr. Waido will teach sixth grade Social Studies and Science.

In addition to Ms. Smith and Mrs. Balster, our staff welcomes Mr. Mark Kubichek as our half time STEAM coach. Mr. Kubichek will support teachers in content integration, PBL development, and community partnerships that support our STEAM program. Mr. Kubicheck has been a music teacher in the district for nearly 20 years, and is currently the half time instructional coach at Namaqua Elementary.

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Message from the Principal continued

Ms. Nanci LaBianca will join our staff as an Interventionist. This is a new position at HPS. This position will support both teachers and students in reaching successful outcomes. Ms. LaBianca has nearly 30 years experience in education and is currently teaching 5th grade at Truscott Elementary.

Ms. Danielle Burton will increase to a full time counseling position to better support our students and staff. Coach Bauersfeld (PE), Mrs. Lemons (Music/Band), and Mrs. Thompson (Art) will all increase to full time positions as well. Mrs. Kylie Boucha will move into a new position, registrar. This position will support enrollment, attendance, and office support. Mrs. Boucha’s current position will be posted soon so as to continue the support of safety, security, and faculty.

We hope each of you rests, relaxes, ventures out, and enjoys every moment of your summer! We will see you in August!!
Volunteer and Paid Crossing Guards

Volunteer Crossing Guards and Paid Crossing Guards are needed at High Plains School for the 2017-2018 school year. Help keep kids safe. Must be 18 or older. Online training provided. If interested, contact Candie Joshi: candie.joshi@gmail.com, or if you’d like to apply for a paid crossing guard position, please go to http://www.thompsonschools.org/page/2465 and search for vacancies under transportation.

Back to School Night

Please mark your calendars for Back to School Night on August 16th between 6PM-8PM. More details to come closer to August!

Registration

Please mark your calendars for registration on August 2nd from 8AM-6PM. This is an opportunity for families to bring in documentation showing in boundary status, as well as other documentation needed to complete the enrollment process. At this time class rosters and middle school student schedules will also be finalized and available for viewing.
Cyber Cafe

Summer is here and you don’t want your student to forget all the great things he/she has learned this last year. There are some great resources on the Computer Lab Website that your student can do during the summer. They can do Hour of Code, Math practice, Language Arts Practice and much more. Enjoy your summer and enjoy the website. See you next year.

HPS Computer Lab Website

SAVE the DATE

August 2: Registration/Documentation Drop off 8am-6pm
August 11: Gold Level LEED Certification and PTCO’s HeART unveiling 5pm
August 15: PTCO Meeting 6:30pm
August 16: Back to School Night 6pm-8pm
August 18: Kindergarten Breakfast (8am-8:30am)
2017 Summer Academy of Music (SAM)

One-hour classes for current 5th-8th grade students interested in beginning band or orchestra or choir; current middle school band or orchestra or choir students; and high school orchestra students. Your student will be taught by a professional musician in small, instrument specific groups. These are 1-hour lessons, for two and a half weeks, and there is a concert that culminates the whole experience on August 3rd. The registration for this event is done online, and you can click on the "Registration Online" button below, or find information via the TSD website or on www.HPSmusic.com under "Student Info".

Here is the main information:

- **DATES:** July 17 – August 3 -- Monday-Friday
- **TIMES:** 7:30 am – 12:00 noon (depending on which instrument you play)
- **LOCATION:** Thompson Valley High School or Conrad Ball Middle School (High Plains students should choose the TVHS location)
- **REGISTRATION:** Open now. Registration will close on July 5. Click the "Register Online" button below.
- **COST:** $90 BEFORE June 17. $100 AFTER June 17.

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2017 Summer Academy of Music (SAM) continued

Summer Academy of Music is available for the following students:

- **Beginning Band**: Get a head start on your instrument and make new friends with small-group classes! Learn that second instrument you've always wanted to try! Open to all current 5th - 8th grade students who have not played an instrument before.

- **Advanced Band**: Keep your skills sharp over the summer in a fun environment. Play your favorite tunes with your friends and make great music together! Open to all current 6th - 8th grade students who have played AT LEAST one year.

- **Middle School Jazz Band**: Keep your skills sharp over the summer in a fun environment. Play your favorite tunes with your friends and make great music together! Open to all current 6th - 8th grade students who have played AT LEAST one year.

- **Beginning Orchestra**: Get a head start on your instrument and make new friends with small-group classes! Learn that second instrument you've always wanted to try! Open to all current 5th - 8th grade students who have not played an instrument before.

- **Advanced Orchestra**: Keep your skills sharp over the summer in a fun environment. Play your favorite tunes with your friends and make great music together! Open to all current 6th - 8th grade students who have played AT LEAST one year.

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2017 Summer Academy of Music (SAM) continued

- **High School Orchestra:** Join other motivated students in this high-intensity, low-stress environment!

- **Choir:** Current Fall 2017 - 5th-8th grade students

Questions about SAM?

Vicki Gillis
vicki.gillis@thompsonschools.org
970-613-5032

Or

Shawna Lemons
High Plains Music Teacher
970-679-9817
shawna.lemons@thompsonschools.org

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**Youth Enrichment League**

Youth Enrichment League was co-founded in 2004 by Chet and Lisa Gunhus to bring the highest quality enrichment programs and the most dynamic instructors to school campuses. We believe that students have certain gifts they are given and that enrichment may serve as a channel for students to nurture those gifts.

We bring with us over a two decades of combined experience teaching enrichment in both public and private schools throughout Minnesota, Colorado, sections of Wisconsin and Iowa.

At Youth Enrichment League, we believe that successful enrichment is accomplished through a combination of unique programming and compelling instructors. We take care to bring passionate, responsible and kid-friendly instructors to each school campus we work with.

Use this link to register for classes: [https://secure.youthenrichmentleague.com/index.php](https://secure.youthenrichmentleague.com/index.php)
Helps your Kids Have Fun with Summer Reading

Providing structure and materials for your child’s summer reading is an important part of supporting academic growth and minimizing loss of fluency and comprehension; it also can be a lot of fun! A wealth of ideas and suggestions exist online (try starting with "Nine Strategies for Summer Reading") and through area public libraries. The Loveland Public Library hosts a great summer reading program for students of all ages.

In addition to the wealth of resources offered by the public libraries, don’t forget that the High Plains School library offers thousands of digital books for all HPS students, and it can be accessed easily at any time of the year:

- Visit our school's website (highplainsschool.org)
- Select "Library" under the "Popular" tab.
- Click on the Follett Destiny icon in order to search our catalog.
- 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)

Happy Reading!
Infinite Campus Parent Portal

Infinite Campus Parent Portal is a tool that provides real-time, secure online access to your student’s pertinent school information. This information may vary between schools.

How do I obtain access to my Parent Portal account?

If you do not already have a Portal account: An account was automatically created for you as the student’s parent/guardian based on an email address we have on file. You would have received two emails with your log in information. The username for your account will be the email address we currently have on file. The password will be included in a separate email. (If you did not receive these emails, contact Portal Support by email at portal@thompsonschools.org).

If you have a Portal account, but have forgotten your username or password, click on the red "Help" button and click on the appropriate link to retrieve username or password. (Note: Security Preferences must have already been set up on your account in order to use this retrieval tool).

Still having trouble accessing your Portal account, contact the Parent Portal Support Desk by email at portal@thompsonschools.org. Please include your name and your student’s name and school attending.

The log in page as shown to the right can be accessed from the following website address:
https://campus.thompsonschools.org/campus/portal/thompson.isn

This link can also be found on the school district’s website at www.thompsonschools.org. Look for Portal under the “Popular” tab.

Note about Student Portal accounts: School personnel will provide students with their Portal log in information.

Using Campus Portal:

Use the “Select A Student” option if you have more than one student enrolled at TSD. An information section specific to that student will appear above the Family section in the navigation pane.

The Messages Link is the default upon login. Here you will see District Notices, School Notices, and Inbox with up-to-date communication.

The Family Members and Household Information Links show information for the members of the household and the household phone number and address. Here you’ll have the option to request an update to information.

The Student’s Demographics Link shows the Non-Household Contacts (Emergency Contacts). You can request to update emergency contact information here.

The Calendar Link under Family will show attendance activity, and lists your students’ assignments that are due on any given day. The Calendar Link under the student’s name will show information specific to that student.

The Schedule Link lists the student’s classes, including detailed information regarding the student’s current assignments and scores (middle and high school only), teacher email address, and classroom newsletter (when available). Detailed information regarding the student’s grade in a class may be available by clicking on the course name.

The email address for a teacher can be acquired by hovering over the envelope icon (Internet Explorer) or by right clicking on the teacher name and choosing “Copy Email Address” (Firefox). Clicking the teacher’s name will generate an email in the user’s preferred email program. Teacher email address may also be more readily available on your school’s website.
The Attendance Link for each student lists attendance activity specific to that student. Course, Period, Day and Term summaries are available.

The Grades Link for each student lists current grades and assignments.

The Health Link displays your student's immunization record on file.

The Assessment Link presents various assessment reports.

The Fees Link details fees and fines incurred and payments made.

The Reports Link may include: your student's schedule, missing assignments, report cards and transcripts.

Additionally, you can update certain details of your Portal account and contact information:

The Account Settings tool allows the user to change a password and to add a “Recovery Email” to be used with the retrieve username or password links located on the Portal log in page.

The Contact Preferences Link allows the user to update the email address associated with this account. This link is also important for indicating your preferred contact language (English or Spanish).

The Sign Out Tool located at the top right hand corner on the Home Page should always be used when you are finished viewing information on Campus Portal. This is the only way to securely end your connection to the Portal.

School website link: Your student’s school website link (school name) may be available at the bottom of the Navigation Pane.

Browsers supported for Infinite Campus Parent Portal:

Browsers should be kept current by applying service packs and updates as provided by the operating system. Infinite Campus currently supports Internet Explorer Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome browsers on a PC platform. Mozilla Firefox, Safari and Chrome browsers are supported on the Macintosh platform.

PORTAL APP: Download the Infinite Campus Portal App using District ID: GCCGWX

FOR INFINITE CAMPUS PORTAL SUPPORT, CONTACT SUPPORT AT:

portal@thomsonsschools.org
Portal para Padres a Infinite Campus

El Distrito Escolar de Thompson se complace en proporcionar el “Portal Campus” para los padres y tutores de estudiantes inscritos actualmente en el distrito.

¿Cómo puedo tener acceso a mi cuenta del Portal para Padres?

Si usted todavía no tiene una cuenta del Portal, se creará una cuenta automáticamente como padre/tutor del estudiante basada en una dirección de correo que tenemos en nuestros archivos. Usted recibirá dos emails con información de usuario (log in information). El nombre de usuario para su cuenta será la dirección de su email que tenemos actualmente en nuestros archivos. La contraseña será incluida en otro email aparte.

Si usted tiene una cuenta del Portal, pero se le ha olvidado su nombre de usuario (username) o contraseña (password), haga clic en el enlace rojo "Help" (ayuda) y haga clic otra vez en el enlace correspondiente para recuperar el nombre de usuario o contraseña.

Para recibir ayuda con el Portal para Padres, envíe un email a portal@thompsonschools.org. Por favor, incluya su nombre, el nombre de su estudiante y la escuela a la que asiste.

Ya que obtenga la Clave de Activación, visite el sitio de Internet del Portal Campus para crear su cuenta:
https://campus.thompsonschools.org/campus/portal/thompson.jsp

Para su conveniencia, los enlaces del Portal están disponibles en cuatro idiomas: inglés, español, chino simplificado, y chino tradicional.

Si usted tiene una cuenta en el Portal, pero ha olvidado su nombre de usuario o su contraseña, haga clic en el botón rojo que dice “Ayuda” y después haga clic en el enlace apropiado para recuperar su nombre de usuario o contraseña. (Nota: Las Preferencias de Seguridad deben haber sido establecidas en su cuenta para poder utilizar esta herramienta de recuperación).

Si usted no está seguro(a) de que tiene una cuenta en el Portal o si tiene alguna otra pregunta, póngase en contacto con el Servicio de Asistencia para el Portal de Padres por medio de email al portal@thompsonschools.org. Por favor incluya su nombre y el nombre de su estudiante y a la escuela que asiste.

Cuando los padres entren al sitio Web, aparecerá al lado izquierdo un panel de navegación llamado Familia y otro llamado Cuenta del Usuario. (Ver el diagrama a la derecha). Cuando un estudiante es seleccionado bajo la opción Cambio de Estudiante, aparecerá una sección de información específica a ese estudiante, arriba del panel de navegación llamado Familia.

Si necesita ayuda con su Cuenta Portal, llame a la línea de ayuda del Infinite Campus (970-613-5102), o por email (parentportal@thompsonschools.org)

Usar el Portal Campus:
Al entrar verá el Enlace Mensajes. Aquí puede elegir ver Avisos del Distrito, Avisos de la Escuela, y la Bandeja de Entrada con información actualizada. A continuación está la descripción de otros enlaces que pueden encontrar (dependiendo del nivel de grado y de la escuela):

Los enlaces Family Members and Household Information (Miembros de la Familia e Información del Hogar) muestran la información de los miembros de la familia y los números de teléfono y la dirección del hogar. Comuníquese con la escuela de su hijo(a) para actualizar cualquier parte de esta información.

El enlace Demographics para estudiantes muestra los contactos que no son parte del hogar (contactos de emergencia).

El enlace Calendario muestra cualquier actividad de asistencia, y también muestra una lista de tareas que tenga que entregar su estudiante de secundaria y/o high school en una fecha determinada. El enlace del December 5, 2016 Portal_Parents SPANISH
calendario escolar, directamente abajo del nombre del estudiante, mostrará la información específica a ese estudiante.

El enlace Horario muestra la lista de clases del estudiante, incluyendo información detallada de las tareas actuales y sus calificaciones (solo en secundaria y high school), el email del maestro(a) y el boletín informativo de esa clase (cuando sea disponible). La información detallada sobre la calificación del estudiante puede estar disponible bajo el nombre del curso.

El email del maestro(a) lo puede adquirir en el ícono del sobre (Internet Explorer) o al hacer clic en su nombre y elija “Copy Email Address” (Firefox). Al hacer clic en el nombre del maestro(a) se generará un email en el programa preferido del usuario. El email del maestro(a) puede encontrarlo fácilmente en el sitio Web de la escuela.

El enlace Asistencia de cada estudiante muestra la actividad de asistencia de ese estudiante. Hay resúmenes disponibles de asistencia del día, períodos, cursos y semestres.

El enlace Salud muestra el registro de vacunas que tenemos en nuestros archivos.

El enlace Evaluación

El enlace Honorarios tiene detalles de cuotas, multas y pagos hechos durante el año escolar actual.

El enlace Informes puede incluir: el horario de su estudiante, tareas que falten por entregar, calificaciones y su expediente escolar.

También puede actualizar ciertos detalles de su cuenta Portal e información de contacto:

El enlace Cambiar la Contraseña le permite cambiar la contraseña relacionada con su cuenta.

El enlace Preferencias de Contactos le permite actualizar su dirección de email relacionada con esta cuenta. También es importante para indicar su idioma de preferencia (inglés o español).

La herramienta de configuración de la cuenta le permite al usuario cambiar su contraseña y agregar un “email de recuperación,” para recuperar su nombre de usuario o contraseña en la página para ingresar al portal.

El enlace Desconectar se encuentra en la esquina de arriba al lado derecho y siempre debe ser usado al terminar de ver la información en el Portal Campus. Esta es la única manera segura de finalizar su conexión al Portal.

Informes Extendidos: Pueden haber informes adicionales disponibles.

Enlace al Sitio Web de la Escuela: El sitio Web de la escuela de su estudiante (nombre de la escuela) puede estar disponible en la parte de abajo del panel de navegación.

Opciones y recomendaciones de los navegadores de Internet:

Internet Explorer v.8.0 (o una versión más reciente): debe ser ajustado a “check for newer version of stored pages” en “every visit to the page”. Para ajustarlo vaya al menú de Tools > Internet Options > General Tab > y a Browsing History.

Firefox v3.5 (o una versión más reciente): debe ser ajustado a “Use custom settings for history” y “Clear history when Firefox closes”. Para ajustarlo vaya al menú de Tools > Menu > Options > Privacy > y a History.

APLICACIÓN PORTAL: Bajar la aplicación Infinite Campus Portal App usando el código de identificación del distrito, District ID: CCGW0X

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