Message from the Principal...

October was full of many events and activities! We were so happy to see a great turn out for Student Led Conferences! Thank you for partnering with us to support your child’s academic and social/emotional success. Please continue the conversations with your child about their goals and the work they are doing to achieve them.

Thank you to the volunteers that provided food for staff on the two conference days. It was appreciated and delicious! I also want to thank our PTCO for putting on a well attended and fun Trunk or Treat. Please check the calendar on the website for upcoming events. Your child’s teacher can also keep you in the know, so please don’t hesitate to contact them or check out their teacher page under “Staff” on the website.

With cooler weather and many holidays coming up, please check out the High Plains School Parent/Student Handbook and Pre-arranged absence form found on the website under “Resources”, [http://www.thompson.k12.co.us/HighPlains](http://www.thompson.k12.co.us/HighPlains). Parents and students will find information to help their child dress appropriately for the Colorado changing weather that meets dress code, and how to request a pre-arranged absence when their child will miss 2 or more consecutive days.

Please continue with caution, safety, and following all on campus traffic patterns and rules, as well as official road/traffic laws as you enter and exit the campus. Please only cross at designated crosswalks and follow the directions of our staff and crossing guards. Loveland Police may ticket persons crossing illegally or for unsafe driving. The crosswalks are for everyone’s safety, especially our children. Please help to set a good example for all of our children. They (children) are watching; actions speak louder than words!

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Message from the Principal continued

Please continue reading our November newsletter to see all of the events and activities planned for November, as well as important information to keep you in the know. It’s going to be another busy but fun month filled with learning, community building, and engaging activities! Remember November 21st-23rd is Thanksgiving break. We wish all of our families a pleasant, plentiful, and thankful Thanksgiving!

See you in the drive line!

Danielle Feeney, principal

Reminder for Late Start Wednesday

Thank you families for doing a wonderful job remembering each Wednesday is a late start for schools throughout TSD. This time allows educators to collaborate in their planning and professional growth opportunities to better support students. Students may be dropped off on campus beginning at 9am on Wednesdays.

Parents are encouraged to take advantage of Base Camp offerings, as well as the Spanish and Chess offerings on Late Start Wednesday mornings. Please read further for more details on those offerings and how to register.
**Student privacy**

Thompson School District utilizes Google and other websites for various activities that support student learning and school-home communication. To learn more about how TSD and Google protect student data, please check out the link [G Suite for Education & Student Data Privacy & Security](#).

**School Accountability Advisory Committee**

If you wish to be part of a group that reviews school wide data and information to make recommendations that support the school’s program, as well as community outreach, please contact Marge Carr at margecarr@hotmail.com. The SAAC meeting is November 5th at 5:15pm at the school. The agendas can be found at the HPS website under “Resources”.

**Major Savers Fundraiser**

TEF (Thompson Education Foundation) is partnering with several schools, including High Plains to raise money to support all district students. HPS students will learn about the Major Savers program on November 7th and the fundraising campaign will run from November 13-19th. The Major Saver program is designed as a district wide, student driven fundraising program for the benefit of the Thompson Education Foundation and our school. Students will have the ability to sell a discount card (Major Saver card) for only $15.00. This card features 21 local businesses with Buy One, Get One Free deals, saving local families a significant amount of money. More information can be found out [https://www.majorsaver.com/](https://www.majorsaver.com/) and [https://thompsontef.org/](https://thompsontef.org/).
**Giving Tree**

Sponsor a family for holiday gifts and a holiday meal this season with our Holiday Giving Tree. Giving Tree ornaments will be available starting November 9th in the office. Gifts are due to the school by December 14th.

**Theater Arts and Drama Club**

Brandon Harrington came to visit our Theater Arts class in October. He gave the students some insight into Monologues and Improv. The students were really involved with his suggestions and couldn’t wait to practice some scenarios with him and on their own.

He portrayed a monologue where he was Snoopy chasing the Red Baron. He then did some Improv with two of our students.

Drama Club is in full swing and practicing on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:50-5:15.

We are in need of parental help with costumes, props, and scenery. Letters will be going home soon to parents of Drama Club students regarding what their own child’s needs are for the play. If anyone has old Christmas decorations that they don’t need or are about to throw out, please check with Ms. LaBianca. We need a lot of Holiday decorations of all kinds from garland, lights, wreaths, ornaments, etc. We are also looking to borrow a Santa jacket for a 5th grade boy. If you know where we can borrow or rent one, please let Ms. LaBianca know.

Thank you for your continued support.
Counselors corner

Dear High Plains Families,

You may have heard through the grapevine that I recently got married and changed my name! You’ve known me for the last two years as Ms. Burton. My new name is Mrs. Case. I know the transition to a new name can be confusing, and I am working with the students to help them learn my new name. And if I am still referred to as Ms. Burton for a little while, that’s okay! We’re all getting used to it! There should be no interruption to emails as my email address changes, but please do not hesitate to call me at 970-679-9805 if you have trouble reaching me.

Another exciting change this school year is the addition of a school counseling intern! This fall, our counseling intern is Todd Sheeley. Mr. Sheeley is working with students under my supervision. He has been a great addition to the counseling team!

Below are upcoming events and deadlines for your soon-to-be high school freshmen! We will begin registering for classes in December.

Important Dates for 8th Graders!

Curriculum Information Nights. Learn more about classes and programs offered at the high schools:

- Mountain View High School, Tuesday, November 6, 2018 7:00-8:30pm
- Thompson Valley High School, Thursday, November 1, 2018 6:00-7:30pm
- Loveland High School, Wednesday, November 7, 2018 6:00-7:30pm
- Berthoud High School, Monday, November 5, 2018 6:00-7:30pm

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Counselors corner
Program Application Deadlines

Application due dates for unique programs offered at the high schools

- Mountain View High School
- LISA Applications
- Due December 1st
- Thompson Valley High School
- AVID and AP Capstone Applications
- Due December 21st
- Loveland High School
- IB Applications
- Due December 21st
- Berthoud High School

STEM (Math/Science) Applications will be due December 10th

Open Enrollment If you are planning to attend a high school outside of your boundary, you must apply for open enrollment. The deadline for 2019-2020 Open Enrollment is December 21, 2018.
MVHS CURRICULUM NIGHT
Preview the courses and programs
MVHS has to offer
November 6, 2018
7:00pm-8:30pm, Mountain View High School

Agenda

7:00-7:10: Welcome in Sue Wall Auditorium
7:10-8:30: Departments available in Gym

7:15-7:30: Breakout #1
LISA: Gwynne Johnson (Cafeteria)
ESS Info: Ericka Greiss (Library)

7:35-7:50: Breakout #2
Project Lead the Way: Aaron Berthold (Cafeteria)

7:55-8:10: Breakout #3
ProStart: Gretchen Dekkers (Cafeteria)

8:15-8:30: Breakout #4
Graduation Requirements: Counselors (Cafeteria)
**News from the Library**

**A Book Fair “Thank You!”**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Scholastic Book Fair! Students loved getting to visit the fair and are already reading new books; additionally, our community raised over $2,200 for the High Plains School library. We deeply appreciate everyone’s support and are already looking forward to another great fair in the spring!

**Digital Books Available for Every Student**

The days are growing shorter, and what better way to spend an evening at home than by enjoying a good book? At High Plains School, we are fortunate to have a 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](http://highplainsschool.org))
- Select "Library" under the "Resources" tab.
- Click on the Follett Destiny icon in order to search our catalog and read or borrow ebooks.
- Choose to log in using Google SSO if in district or by entering district credentials:
  - **Student user name**: student’s district username (if an email address is requested, simply add @thompsonschools.org to the username)
  - **Password**: student’s district password (student number preceded by three student-specific numbers/letters)
  - (Note: You can find your child’s username and password on Parent Portal. Please contact Megan McGee at megan.mcgee@thompsonschools.org if you have any questions.)
- Happy Reading!
**News from the Dean**

Have you heard about the Dean’s 110 Club?

Students who go above and beyond, giving 110% demonstrating the monthly character trait can receive a Bison Chip. Once a chip is received they will draw a number and their name will be added to the Give 110% bulletin board in the breezeway on the matching square. When a row or column has been filled it’s time to celebrate. All the students in the row or column will have Donuts with the Dean!!!

Keep working in giving 110% Bison!!

Mrs. Wardlow

**Food Drive: 2018 Cans for the 2018 Food Drive!**

Hello High Plains Families!

The High Plains Student Ambassadors are excited to kick off their first event of the year! We will be hosting a canned food drive to benefit our local Loveland community. High Plains will be working with The Philomathean Club of Loveland. The drive will run from Nov 5th through Nov 16th! The class which brings in the most canned food earns a class prize! (Prize TBD). Our goal is bring in 2018 items to celebrate 2018! This would be about 4 items per person! We can do it!

- Items suggested are: cereal, tuna, canned meats, peanut butter, baking mixes, canned fruits, vegetables, tomatoes, soup, canned or dried beans, rice or pasta.

- Suggested holiday items are: stuffing, pie crusts (non refrigerated) and fillings, dessert mixes. roll/biscuit mix, cranberries (not fresh), canned yams, canned or packaged potatoes.

Please be aware that any expired food will have to be thrown out, so please check dates before donating. Thank you for supporting Philo and HPS in serving our community this November!

-High Plains Student Ambassadors
Eagles Game Info

It is time again for our 6-8th grade Bison to perform the National Anthem at a Colorado Eagles hockey game! Please join us at the Budweiser Event Center on Saturday, December 8th at 7:05pm. We would love to see you, your family, co-workers, and friends cheering in the High Plains section!

If you have not yet purchased tickets, here is some info you will need. Select choir students who are singing at the game, have to purchase tickets for $16 (please put their name in the comment section before you check out). Any other non-performer tickets can be purchased for only $21. Good news is, you and anyone you would like to invite can get this discounted rate for the game. For every $21 ticket sold through the website below, $5 goes back to the HPS Music Program, so we are telling everyone about this event!! Tickets will be left at will-call at the event center and parking is free.

Here's the link to purchase tickets: https://eagles.isportstix.com/order/group/HighPlainsChoir1208/

Thanks for all you do to support these students!! Also, if you would like to chaperone this event, please contact Shawna Lemons. See you at the game! Go Eagles! (and Bison!)
COME JOIN THE FUN...

MATHEOLYMPiad

For the mathlete inside you – you know it is there.

Do you enjoy math?  Love a good challenge?  Like being part of a team?  Find competition to be fun?

Open to 4th and 5th graders

This year’s MO team will meet on Mondays after school beginning October 29th in STEAM Rm 186 (3:35-4:45 pm). Monthly competitions take place during our weekly meetings.

Come learn new problem solving strategies; challenge your thinking and enjoy stronger math skills.

Contact Mrs. H-D mary.hayden@thompsonschools.org

Sign me up!

Meetings: Mondays after school; 3:35-3:45 pm
First meeting October 29, 2018
Where: STEAM Room 186

Student Mathlete: ________________________________

Class/grade: ______________

IMPORTANT

_____ (initial) I have gone onto the District website and completed the district enrichment permission form.


_____ My child will often walk or ride their bike home by themselves. (please initial if applicable)

Parent Signature: ________________________________
Parent email: ____________________________________  Parent cell phone: ________________________________

*Students are encouraged to bring their own healthy snack.
*Our season will conclude March 30th as we participate in the Thompson School District Annual Math Square Off!
Give Next has been busy! Here’s what we have been up to this month.

**Kick Off Day**

For the Give Next Kick Off Day we went to CSU to hear stories of people giving back and being philanthropists. One of the stories we heard was a CSU sophomore named Laura Schreck met a janitor named Robert Serunjogi working at CSU. She found out that the money he was earning working as a janitor and at McDonalds he was sending back to Uganda. She then felt like she needed to help. Together they are building schools in Uganda. This is the link to their go fund me page - [https://www.gofundme.com/robertsseconphase](https://www.gofundme.com/robertsseconphase)

The 2018 Give Next students talking to various local non-profits about the work they do.

**Next Steps:**

Deciding on a cause to support, writing a mission statement and finding organizations to give money to

When we were at the CSU kick off day we also learned about some local nonprofit organizations that would help the most people with the money we gave them

Some causes we are interested in are:

- Suicide Prevention
- Abused children (physical and sexual)
- Homelessness
- Drunk driving prevention

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Knitting

Some of us learned how to knit scarfs. We have been knitting them so then we can donate them. Right now we are thinking of donating them to either the Military or to a homeless shelter.

6th Grader Levy Cole working on his scarf AND the final product

Cutting fabric for blanket making

Others have been cutting fabric to make blankets to also give to the military, a homeless shelter, or to donate to the Linus Project

THANK YOUs

- To all of you who bought a Butter Braid to help with our fundraising efforts – THANK YOU
- To the HPS PTCO for funding the start-up costs for our ornament fundraiser – THANK YOU
- To Mrs. Feeney for coming to CSU for Kick-off Day and supporting us – THANK YOU

Upcoming:

- Don’t forget to buy your ornaments - We’ll be selling limited edition HPS holiday ornaments again this year – be on the look-out for an email and/or an order form in your child’s Thursday folder for more details.
- We’ll be choosing a cause and writing a mission statement

Want to help Give Next with our service learning projects? If you can help us out with the following things, we would be most appreciative. Thank you. Please label items “FOR GIVE NEXT CLASS”, drop them off in the main office, and asked to have them put in Janelle Joers’s mailbox. Please include your name so we can properly thank you.
**WISH LIST**

- At least 12x12 inch pieces of fleece fabric - any color or print (for blanket making)
- Balls of yarn (to make scarves and hats for our military and homeless)
- Loom(s) for knitting or crocheting hats
- Knitting or crocheting needles
- Scrapbooking supplies (paper, stamps, stickers, etc.)
- 1-yard pieces of cotton fabric – camouflage colors (to sew “cool ties” for our military)

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**Winter concert**

Winter Concert Featuring the High Plains 4 th & 5 th Graders Thursday, December 20 th -- 6:30PM at MVHS Students need to arrive at 6:00PM Our very first concert is right around the corner! We are so excited to show you what our hard work has become. Here’s some info you will need to know before the big night... Please drop your student off at MVHS Auditorium at 6:00PM. All performers will report to the small gym where they can find their classmates and core teacher, while family members take their seats in the auditorium. While you wait for the concert to begin, please browse the tables in the lobby, which will have HPS stickers for sale, programs, calendar of events, etc. Students need to wear all black dress pants/skirts/shoes from their waist down to their feet. They also need to wear their HPS music shirt on top and tuck it in. This is the same shirt as last year. If you need a music shirt, please send $6 to Mrs. Lemons as soon as possible, and a shirt will be given to your child during school. We will also have some extra shirts available the night of the concert in the lobby. Please take time to visit our music website (HPSmusic.com) where you and your student can access the lyrics and music recordings needed to practice at home under the “Student Info” → “4-5 Grade” tab. On the website, you can also find our K-8 yearly calendar, parent information, contact information social media and more throughout the entire year. Thank you –

Can’t wait to see you there!! Shawna Lemons 970.679.9817 www.HPSmusic.com shawna.lemons@thompsonschools.org
**Kids pack**

KidsPak is having its first Fall Family FUNraiser Spaghetti Dinner on November 15th at the Embassy Suites in Loveland. Doors open at 5:00pm. This is a family friendly event and children are welcome to attend. Tickets go on sale October 1st. All you need to do is click on this link [https://www.lovelandrotarykidspak.org/family-funraiser-spaghetti-dinner](https://www.lovelandrotarykidspak.org/family-funraiser-spaghetti-dinner) and you will be taken to the KidsPak website where you can easily purchase tickets. Please join us in launching this exciting event! The price of your ticket purchase will be donated to KidsPak! Contact Corinne Carrigan (510) 750-5963 or Maia Mattise-Lorenzen (970) 744-0037 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on November 15th!

**Health Office**

Heads Up! With the change in the weather, the hats came back out, and now is a good time for parents to be on the alert for head lice. Head lice are a common childhood affliction. All places where children get together are places where head lice can be transferred. Clean hair and home are no guarantee that head lice will not find your child. Periodically check your child’s hair for nits (eggs), which can usually be seen long before lice can be located. Nits are small white to tan particles found in the hair that look a lot like dandruff, except that dandruff is loose and can be brushed from the hair, whereas nits are attached to the hair shaft and cannot be removed easily. Lice are very small (flea sized) and do not like light, so they can be hard to find. If your child is experiencing itching of the scalp or you see something in the hair and are not sure what it is, feel free to stop by the health office and allow us to check.

Carey Quaratino (Health Aide)

Curt Van Tress, RN (School Nurse)
**Student Fees (TSD Board Policy; Section J; File: JQ-E)**

There are two types of academic fees district students are assessed; the instructional materials fee and the school fee. The instructional materials fees for the 2018-19 school year are: Kindergarten $16.00 per student, Elementary School (grades 1-5) $32.00 per student Middle School (grades 6-8) $25.00 per student, High School (grades 9-12) $28.00 per student.

The instructional materials fee charged to a high school and middle school student is based on the purchase price and normal life expectancy of texts and items that are expected to last multiple years but still need to be replaced.

The instructional materials fee charged to elementary school student is based on a combination of the purchase price and normal life expectancy of texts (used in intermediate grades), the actual cost of workbooks (used in primary grades) and consumable materials.

The instructional materials fee is charged on a per-student basis and goes into the district’s general fund for distribution to the curriculum budget for text purchases and schools for additional texts, replacement materials or consumable materials.

Fees will be waived for students qualifying for free or reduced price school meals under the Federal Free or Reduced Price Meal Program. Fees will be prorated for students coming on or going off the meal assistance program during the school year. Students may also be charged for optional materials that they select for class projects in addition to the Board adopted fees. Also, students may be required to pay for all or part of field trip costs relating to admission or entrance fees, meals and lodging.

Please check your Infinite Campus (IC) Parent Portal for any outstanding balances your child(ren) may have. Fees can be paid by check; made out to High Plains School, exact cash or by debit/credit card through RevTrak.
Volunteers in Thompson Assisting Learners (VITAL)

The VITAL program encourages parents and community members to share their time and knowledge with Thompson students by becoming authorized volunteers. **Whether or not you have students in the district, we welcome your involvement.**

- Help in classrooms
- Chaperone field trips and school activities
- Volunteer as a coach for a sports team
- Serve as tutors
- Present at career fairs
- Assist in science and computer labs
- Serve on a district committee
- Help fundraise

And more!

All volunteers, regardless of frequency or time volunteered, must at least go through the sex offender background check. One time guests (see below) must present their driver’s license to the school secretary for an on-site screening. Anyone who volunteers **more than once**, must go through a full background check through the volunteer registration system.

Volunteers who will only serve once and **are considered a guest** do not have to register. A guest is someone who has been invited by district employees for one of the following reasons:

- Classroom presenter
- Read Aloud Day reader
- Non-district crisis responder working with students and/or staff
- Career Day presenter
- Science Fair judge
- Assembly participant(s)

Any other person invited to the school on a limited basis (once or twice) to be a part of the educational experience
COLORADO EAGLES HOCKEY

COLORADO VS. SAN DIEGO
Saturday, December 8

Special Event Tickets Just $21 Each

National Anthem Performance

$21 Tickets for all Non-Performers
$16 Tickets for all Performers

JOIN US FOR THE HIGH PLAINS NATIONAL ANTHEM PERFORMANCE

The Colorado Eagles host the High Plains School choir on Saturday, December 8th against the San Diego Gulls. Support your school’s choir and enjoy a night of fun at a hockey game!

$21 Per Seat*
Get specially priced tickets for your group at just $21 for all non-performers and $16 for all performers. Includes all fees and service charges! $5 from each non-performer ticket will go back to High Plains!

Free Parking
Pricing is free for all Colorado Eagles home games!

Great Seat Location
A great selection of seats has been reserved for your group in sections:

Corner

Use the link below to purchase tickets:
https://eagles.isportstix.com/order/group/HighPlainsChoir1208/

More information? 970-686-SHOT (7468) • coloradoeagles.com
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