CMAS REMINDERS..  
BE ON TIME,  
EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST...

Next week 3rd-8th students are taking the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) state assessments. Our 3rd-8th grade students will be assessed on progress towards meeting the Colorado Academic Standards in English Language Arts and Math. Additionally, our 5th and 8th graders will be assessed in Science this year. Below are the dates students will be taking these assessments:

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We ask that you avoid these days as much as possible as you look to schedule appointments for your child so that they will be in attendance during testing. Having said that, we do understand that some absences are unavoidable. In the event that your child will be absent on any of these days, please contact your child’s teacher or the front office so that we can plan accordingly.

Please encourage your child to get a good night’s rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and be on time to school!

Thank you for your support!
NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Kids are spending more time than ever using digital devices and social media, and many parents might feel concerned about their children’s physical, mental, and emotional health. Common Sense Media has identified four helpful conversations to have with older kids and teens related to their screen time habits. These include showing interest in what they’re doing online; helping them recognize their screen time habits; talking about their emotional health; and talking about what to do when they have negative emotions or want to set new screen time habits. Specific questions can be found for each topic by following this link to the article.

Easy Ebook Access for All

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.mcgee@tsd.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.

Another great source for ebooks is available due to the district’s partnership with the Loveland Public Library. The Student Success Library Initiative ensures that all of our students, K-8, have access to LPL resources—including ebooks, audiobooks, and databases—by simply going to the LPL website and using their TSD password (for Card Number) and user name (for LPL PIN). An easy, one-time way to add the public library’s ebook collection to your child’s TSD Sora account is to select “Add a library” under settings and then choose the Front Range Downloadable Library. For more information and answers to FAQs, visit https://lovelandpubliclibrary.org/TSDstudents/.
OUTDOOR EDUCATION

- 4/13 - Student meeting to determine DAY GROUPS and to go over packing list and answer any last questions

- 4/20 - 8:45am, 6th and 7th grade students should arrive at school WITH night packs, day packs, pre-approved medications that are all labelled with the student’s first and last name to load chaperone cars before the rest of the school population arrives. Student/bag drop off area will be set up on the SOUTH side of the parking lot.

- 4/22 - 1:45, 6th and 7th grade students will be returning to HPS and may be checked out upon their return OR join classes to finish out the day

- 4/25 - 7:45am, 8th grade students should arrive at school WITH night packs, day packs, pre-approved medications that are all labelled with the student’s first and last name to load chaperone cars before the rest of the school population arrives. Student/bag drop off area will be set up on the SOUTH side of the parking lot.

- 4/27 - 1:45, 8th grade students will be returning to HPS and may be checked out upon their return OR join classes to finish out the day

PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Feel free to contact Karen Helfrich with individual questions.
TRACK AND FIELD

Hello Bison Families!!! We could really use your help supporting our Middle School Track & Field Athletes. Please consider signing up for a volunteer slot on our April 6th combined HPS/CBMS/RVS meet using this link. It's a little time for you, but means the world to our Bison Athletes!!!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you have an upcoming kindergarten student in your family? Do you have friends, neighbors or family with upcoming kinders? Registration for the 2022/23 school year is now open! Please visit the Thompson school district page to view the virtual Kindergarten roundup video!

Reach Parents in Larimer County through our mobile-ready newsletters

Market your business in both Poudre and Thompson school districts.
You gain visibility and targeted, increased awareness; schools gain funds from advertising revenue.

Advertise with The School Newsletter Company
Joe Mivshek 970-420-7163 | SchoolNewsletterCompany@gmail.com
PLAY IT FORWARD

The Music Department at High Plains School has a thriving Band program, and we are always looking for donations! We currently have four Band ensembles with almost one hundred 5th-8th grade students involved, and we plan to grow our ensembles in the future. In order to set students up for success, we are in need of any musical instruments and general Band supplies for students who can not afford or obtain the materials needed to be in the Band. Donations are immediately put to use, and HPS will pay for any repair necessary to make the instrument functional. Plus, when you donate to a school it can be a tax deduction.

Instrument donations are extremely helpful, but there are some other items that can help our program function. We also have an AMAZON wish list. If you would like to shop online, just type in: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3THENUOHM1Y7B?ref_=wl_share

Below is a list of some common materials needs for Band students:

・ Folding music stands
・ Instrument maintenance kits and cleaning swabs
・ Tradition of Excellence Book 1 (for any instrument)
・ Reeds (Clarinet & Saxophone - any brand/size is welcome)
・ Dawn dish soap, cleaning brushes, Clorox wipes, new toothbrushes

If you do not see something in the list above, or have any questions regarding the Amazon wish list or donations to the HPS music program, please inquire with Shawna Lemons (HPS band director). Please drop off instruments or supplies to the main office or to the music room.

Thank you for supporting the arts in our school and community!

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BAND

HPS & RVS 5TH-GRADE BEGINNING BAND

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4–5 PM IN APRIL & MAY [6 TOTAL REHEARSALS BEGINNING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH]

COME EXPLORE WITH US in the Riverview Band room! (West Entrance)