Message from the Principal...

Welcome Fall! The days are shorter, but no less full. Check out Facebook, our website, your child’s teacher’s newsletter and communications, and of course details in this newsletter for all the events coming up. We look forward to seeing students and parents on October 8th, 9th, and 10th for our Fall Conferences. Information and K-5 sign ups *(Middle School is drop in)* are linked below, as well as having been emailed at the end of September.

Thank you to our PTCO and Bison Stampede sponsors for an awesome event! The kids had a blast and it was fantastic to hear our students across grade levels cheering one another on. All of the funds raised go towards items and events to benefit High Plains students. Thank you!

Some reminders from our Parent-Student Handbook are below. If your child hasn’t turned in their parent-signature page, please do so. We are looking for 100% completion.

- **Student-Parent Communication:** Parents, if you receive a text or phone call from your child during the day stating they are ill, please ask them to visit the health office. Carey Quaratio, our health clerk will contact you, if your child is ill and needs to go home. Please see page 4 for more information pertaining to illnesses that would require an absence.

*continued on next page*
Message from the Principal continued

- **Extended absences:** If your child will be missing school for more than 2 consecutive days, please complete and turn in a pre-arranged absence form available under resources on our website.

- **Checking out students:** When possible, please schedule appointments outside of the school day, and avoiding the last 30 minutes of the day is super helpful to office staff, as the office is especially busy during this last part of the day.

See you in the drive line!

Danielle Feeney, principal

---

**October Student Led Conferences**

On October 8th, 9th, and 10th High Plains School will host Fall Conferences. Your child needs to come with you to conferences. Students will lead the first 15 minutes of their conference. K-5 parents, please go to Fall 2019 Kindergarten-5th Grade Conferences sign up to schedule the first 15 minutes of your student-parent conference. Directions are contained on the link. Middle School student conferences are drop in, so parents and students may come in anytime between 3:50-7:30pm on October 8th and 9th and between 12:50-6:30pm on October 10th. Please contact your child’s teacher, should you have additional questions.
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 October 18th. The fundraising campaign will run from October 18th-29th. 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/). Check out the link, [https://thompsontef.org/](https://thompsontef.org/) for information about TEF.

Picture Retakes Nov. 15th

Did your child’s picture not come out the way you thought? Here’s a second chance! Picture retakes are on November 15th.

Recess Supervision

Are you looking for an opportunity to support High Plains while also enjoying our great Colorado weather and the school’s awesome views and playground? Lunch recess supervision is a great way to do just that! You can visit with your child, get to know the other children in our school, and be a role model and support for kids from kindergarten through eighth grade. Lunch recess happens every day between 11am-2pm. Volunteers are welcome to do the entire three hours, an hour, every day, once a week, or any portion that works in your schedule. Please contact Mrs. Feeney, danielle.feeney@thompsonschools.org for details and to schedule your time.
Field Day

Hello HPS parents,

As the mornings and evenings start cooling down and the leaves of the trees start turning colors, it is a sure sign that Fall is on the way. I want to take a moment to let you know that this year, at High Plains, Field day is in the Fall. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 16th from 1:15pm - 3:15pm. There will be many fall themed stations this year, so we will need lots of volunteers. Look for an email from Candie Joshi if you want to help out.

Please contact reid.bauersfeld@thompsonschools.org if you can help donate/collect the following items:

- 2 liter bottles painted like ghosts for pumpkin bowling
- a giant "spider" I could use for the spider web tag, it would be appreciated.
- Apple cider for the break station

Donations for minute to win it would be appreciated too.

- lots and lots of plastic solo cups for stack attack and movin’ on up
- 5/8 inch nuts for nutstacker
- wooden skewers for nutstacker
- balloons for defy gravity - 25 or so of a color. Will need about 5 different colors
- Straws for suck it up
- M&M's for suck it up - several party sized bags
- sandwich cream cookies for cookie face - a couple hundred
- pennies - $2 worth

Quidditch supplies would really pull the game together

- many 6 foot lengths of PVC piping
- Different colors of headbands - 24 white, 8 black, 4 yellow, 4 green
- 8 bright yellow soccer socks
- 4 tennis balls
Words from Wardlow

Here is the next edition of The ABC’s to Success at HPS:

D is for Determination and E is for Empathy.

Throughout a child’s life he/she needs to hear that making an effort, hard work, being organized, and planning are important. It is important to encourage children and teens to set realistic expectations, and then celebrate with them as they make progress towards those goals. Children/teens also need to recognize that along the way they may face obstacles and find that they must make sacrifices in order to keep moving ahead towards the goal. Struggling through learning tasks is a good thing and sometimes a critical component to the learning task. The accomplishment felt when reaching the goal is sweeter when the student has faced challenges and overcome them. Determination to keep moving ahead, especially when facing difficulty, is vital for current and future experiences. As we Bison say everyday, “Keep Charging through Failures and Stampeding through Challenges”.

continued on next page
Empathy is the experience of understanding another person's thoughts, feelings, and condition from his or her point of view, rather than from one's own. There are many benefits of being able to experience empathy. Some of these include: building social connections with others. When we understand what people are thinking and feeling, people are able to respond appropriately in the situation. You can learn to regulate your own emotions when you empathize with others. Emotional regulation allows you to manage what you are feeling, even when you are feeling stress, without becoming overwhelmed. Finally, empathy increases supportive and kind behaviors. Not only are you more likely to be helpful/supportive when you feel empathy for other people; other people are also more likely to help you when they experience empathy.
News from the Library

The Book Fair Is Almost Here!

The Scholastic Fall Book Fair will be back at High Plains during student led conferences on October 8th, 9th, and 10th. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy seeing all the great books and fun school supplies that will be available for purchase. The fair directly benefits our students by providing enriching books for our library. We appreciate your support!

Fall Reading for Everyone

As the days begin to shorten and time spent inside lengthens, don’t forget about the wealth of digital resources that HPS students can access at any time. Thousands of ebooks can be accessed by following these five easy steps:

1. Visit our school's website (highplainsschool.org).
2. Select "Library" under the "Resources" tab.
3. Either click on the Destiny (HPS books) icon or select Sora (OverDrive--TSD books) from the menu; for each, students simply log in using their district user name and password. Books can be read through a browser or on any device using the free OverDrive or Sora apps.
4. Have fun browsing and selecting--happy reading!
**Environmental Center**

Here are a few links to some fun events at the environmental center!

https://suburbitat.org/fall-community-lecture-series/
https://suburbitat.org/bird-banding/
https://suburbitat.org/centerra-volunteer-day/

**Yearbook**

HPS is producing full color, 72-page yearbooks! Order yours today online at the best price of the school year, just $30.  
[insert link here]  
We have a group of middle school students hard at work covering all the great students and activities from EC through 8th grade.  
Any question, please email Mark.Kubichek@Thompsonschools.org


**Drama Club**

Dear Parents;

Drama Club has had auditions and we are excited to announce that our 2019 Christmas play will be “Scrooge”.  
This all-time classic and musical play follows the plot of Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol”.  In this play, miserly Ebenezer Scrooge undergoes a life changing experience of redemption over Christmas Eve night.  This night, Ebenezer is visited by the ghost of his former partner, Jacob Marley and the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future.

It will be presented on Friday, December 13th at 6:30pm.  
The Second Quarter Middle School Choir will be presenting Christmas Carols at Intermission.  As well, we will also have our Bake Sale again.  We will be looking for donations for our Bake Sale and I will send out a Sign Up Genius as we get closer to December.

More information on our first Musical play is to come!
In September the PTCO Funded $1,470 to Help Support Our School!! Items approved include:

- Perry Conway presentation of the Animal Kingdom for 1st-5th graders
- Colorado School Counselor Association Conference training for two staff members
- Scholarships for the BStrongBFit after school program
- Middle School Prizes for outstanding students

Mark Your Calendar!!

- Tuesday, October 15th – PTCO Meeting
- Going on now-Friday, October 18th – Box Top Competition – Popcorn Party!
- Friday, October 25th from 5:00-6:00 pm – Trunk-or-Treat

Parent-Teacher Conference Meals: The PTCO would like to collaborate with parents to provide meals and quick on-the-go snacks for teachers to enjoy during conferences the week of October 7th. Please watch for a Sign-Up Genius with more information!!

We Appreciate Your Support! Our Bison Stampede was a great success!! We surpassed our goal and brought in just over $20,000!! Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our school!! The entire school ran 3,484 laps totaling 871 miles!! Shout Outs:

⇒ Mrs. Archer’s 1st grade class and Mr. Dickerson’s middle school advisory class returned the most pledge packets and won a smoothie party!!
⇒ Mrs. Knutzen’s 4th grade class and Mrs. Lemon’s middle school advisory period won the traveling trophies for most laps!
⇒ The student who raised the most money was Michael Bacco with $477 in pledges!!

We NEED Your Support!! We are recruiting replacements on the PTCO board for the following positions: Treasurer, Secretary, Faculty Liaison & Volunteer Coordinator. If this is something you are interested in or would like to know more about, please ask a current board member questions or send an email to HighPlainsK8PTCO@gmail.com Everyone is a member of the PTCO and we welcome anyone interested in supporting our school to attend our monthly meetings! Meetings are at the school on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Crayola ColorCycle Program: an amazing program devised to re-purpose used markers rather than sending them to landfills! The ColorCycle program uses the most advanced plastic conversion technologies available today to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food, and power vehicles. Last year our school alone sent in 19 pounds of markers!!

- Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house - even non-Crayola brands! Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included.
- We can earn even more money by getting our friends and family involved! Ask them to save Morning Fresh bottle caps for our school too!
High Plains PTCO
What’s Up!

King Soopers Gift Card fundraiser - King Soopers is changing its community rewards program and it is now much easier for your purchases to benefit our PTCO!

First, make an online account and link your rewards card to it.
Then, search for "High Plains PTCO" or "GK190" as your organization (don't mix it up with High Plains Elementary PTCO, choose the one in Loveland on Buffalo Mountain Dr.). Better instructions and more information is available at https://www.kingsoopers.com/topic/community-rewards-9.

If you don’t have a card yet, Sign up online to get your card
5% of your everything you spend will benefit the High Plains PTCO!!

Amazon Smile: Did you know you can earn money for High Plains School while shopping on Amazon??
AmazonSmile is the same Amazon that you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Follow these 3 In September the PTCO Funded

We NEED Your Support!! We are recruiting replacements on the PTCO board for the following positions: Treasurer, Secretary, Faculty Liaison & Volunteer Coordinator. If this is something you are interested in or would like to know more about, please ask a current board member questions or send an email to HighPlainsK8PTCO@gmail.com Everyone is a member of the PTCO and we welcome anyone interested in supporting our school to attend our monthly meetings! Meetings are at the school on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Box Top Competition: It’s Box Top Time!!! The top 3 Classes with the most box tops by October 18th will win a Popcorn Party!! Did you know Box Tops is going digital??! Traditional box tops are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip these and send them to school.

Here is how it works for traditional box tops:

⇒ When you see the label above, clip it and send it to school. Bundle traditional box tops in a baggie, envelope or similar container. Be sure to write your teacher’s name on the outside of the baggie/container. This will help to make sure that the correct class receives the credit.
⇒ Box Top bundles can be turned into your classroom teacher or placed in the box top collection bucket located in the office!!
High Plains PTCO

What’s Up!

Here is how it works with the NEW Box Top App:

Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are changing their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label seen below:

If you see this label on products you have purchased, do not send it to school. Instead, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

In order to give your child’s class credit for the competition, first you must scan your receipt and then tap the star icon to enter your “Give Credit” memo. Please write the name of child’s teacher in the memo so that the correct class gets credit!

Caps4Cash - Morning Fresh Dairy Products - You can earn cash for our school by drinking milk or juice! Caps4Cash is a Morning Fresh Dairy program where High Plains School can earn cash by collecting caps from Morning Fresh Dairy bottles.

   - Each bottle cap earns 5¢ for our school and all you have to do is save your bottle caps, bring them to school and drop them off in the collection bucket located in the office!
   - We can earn even more money by getting our friends and family involved! Ask them to save Morning Fresh bottle caps for our school too!

Amazon Smile: Did you know you can earn money for High Plains School while shopping on Amazon?? AmazonSmile is the same Amazon that you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Follow these 3 easy steps and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the High Plains PTCO. Thank you for helping support our school!

   - Go to smile.amazon.com and login to your amazon account.
   - Search for and select High Plains PTCO in Loveland, CO.
   - Start Shopping!! The same Amazon products you love will be available!

** In order to support the PTCO you must always start your shopping at www.smile.amazon.com.

Volunteer Opportunities   All Volunteers must register online: www.thompsonschools.org/volunteer
   Current Opportunities: www.highplainsptco.com/volunteer

The High Plains Parent Teacher Community Organization (PTCO)
Visit our website to learn about who we are, why we are here, and how you can help! www.highplainsptco.org

Have questions? Would like to volunteer? Shoot us an email! highplainsk8ptco@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook for up-to-date information!

The purpose of the High Plains PTCO is to enhance and support the educational experience, to develop a close connection between school, home and community by encouraging parental involvement, and to improve the environment at High Plains School through volunteer and financial support.
High Plains PTCO
What’s Up!

High Plains PTCO Volunteer Interest Form 20

Volunteer’s Name: 
Phone: __________________________ E-mail: __________________________
Youngest Child’s Name: __________________________ Grade: ________ Teacher: __________________________

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities
Mark all areas that you are interested in helping to organize or assist. Thank you!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>On-Going School-Wide Support</th>
<th>Enrichment Support</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>- Recess/Lunch Monitor or Crossing Guard</td>
<td>- Destination Imagination</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Assist with Sponsorship &amp; Donation Requests</td>
<td>- Spelling Bee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Count &amp; Bundle Box Tops</td>
<td>- Robotics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Help Organize a Restaurant Spirit Night Fundraiser</td>
<td>- Math Olympiads</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- PBL Panelist and/or Guest Speaker (Area of Expertise: )</td>
<td>- Drama</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- 100 Mile Club</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- 6th Grade Outdoor Education Fundraiser(s)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>One-Time Opportunity – Fall</th>
<th>One-Time Opportunity – Winter</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>- Kinder Boo-Hoo Breakfast - Aug 19-</td>
<td>- Vendor Fundraiser Event – Dec 7th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Student Picture Day Assistant – Sept/Oct</td>
<td>- Bingo-for-Books – Jan 24th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Bison Stampede – Sept 20-</td>
<td>- P/T Conference Meals/ Snacks – Feb 27th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- P/T Conference Meals/ Snacks – Oct 9-</td>
<td>- Trunk-or-Treat – Oct 25th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>One-Time Opportunity – Spring</th>
<th>On-Call Volunteer:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>- Spring Carnival – April 3-</td>
<td>If you are not sure right now how you can help, but would like to be involved in the future, your name can go on our “On-Call” Volunteer list. If we find we are short-handed for an activity or event, we will go to our On-Call list and check with you to see if you can help with an activity or event.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Class Picture Day Assistant – March/April</td>
<td>- I’m flexible: Call me anytime to work at school</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Summer Movie Ticket Fundraiser – April  
Teacher Appreciation – Week of May 4th  
Ice Cream Social – May 12th

Additional Comments:
Teamwork, Communication and Digital Citizenship have been the focus during Innovation for the beginning of the year. For Digital Citizenship we are using the curriculum from Common Sense Education. Please check the great resources they have to offer to help your child be responsible and safe with online activity. Below are the topics covered at each grade level and links to resources to help you guide your child(ren) to remain safe, respectful and responsible when online.

⇒ Kindergarten - Introduced to the 6 Digital Citizens- Arms, Feet, Legs, Guts, Head, and Heart. Learned that Arms helps us balance online and offline activities. We also learned how to Pause, Breath and say goodbye to technology when we don’t want to. Here is a great activity for you to try at home to continue some of our learning in class. [Link](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/17Tq9wgw2F9sMkE2Z2a2zkriLK0zp1qDsSkv5YTB7Ldg/edit#slide=id.g5dd14444e9_0_0)

⇒ 1st Grade - Introduced to the 6 Digital Citizens- Arms, Feet, Legs, Guts, Head, and Heart. We talked about how to be safe, responsible and respectful online. We also talked about why it is important to listen to our feelings when we use technology. Here is a great activity for you to try at home to continue some of our learning in class. [Link](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1VMGK_30rrMq4tD-VI6j5Z0RoPAoIT_lydAaP03VoEHM/edit#slide=id.g5dd14444e9_0_21)

⇒ 2nd Grade - We talked about how to be good digital Citizens and why it is important to have device free moments. Here is a great activity for you to try at home to continue some of our learning in class. [Link](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tsYWY76Y9BJpl_mHcxbo-BiL1HL2PrGBi3GqeeBNAD8/edit#slide=id.g5dd14444e9_0_42)

⇒ 3rd Grade- We talked about how Digital Citizens take responsibility for ourselves, our community, and our world online. Here is a great activity for you to try at home to continue some of our learning in class. [Link](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/159Ly4QWfekuO5ogeLVouMW1o5oxmxB2QCP9X00rjkRE/edit#slide=id.g3d07a721d2_1_0)

⇒ 4th Grade - We learned about making healthy media choices. Here is a great activity for you to try at home to continue some of our learning in class. [Link](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/159Ly4QWfekuO5ogeLVouMW1o5oxmxB2QCP9X00rjkRE/edit#slide=id.g3d07a721d2_1_0)

⇒ 5th Grade - We discussed what a healthy media balance is in our lives. Here is a great activity for you to try at home to continue some of our learning in class. [Link](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/159Ly4QWfekuO5ogeLVouMW1o5oxmxB2QCP9X00rjkRE/edit#slide=id.g3d07a721d2_1_0)

continued on next page
We will have many more lessons on Digital Citizenship as the year progresses for more great tips and trusted resources check out the Common Sense website links below!


Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Lindy Jones
Innovation Specialist
Phone: (970) 679-9838
E-mail: lindy.jones@thompsonschools.org
Website: https://www.thompsonschools.org/Domain/6834
Grade levels: Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th; Middle School TED 2 and STEAM Electives