Message from the Principal...

“Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you.”
~Carl Sandburg

It’s amazing how quickly the year goes by! Here we are already in November, quickly approaching the holiday season. The beginning of the school year seems to always feel like a marathon with sprints dispersed throughout. As the holiday season gears up try to remind yourself and family members to take in all that is happening and savor the time you have together. We don’t get more time but we can prioritize and appreciate the time we are given.

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 during 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 and their other communications.

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Message from the Principal continued

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.

**Dress Code:** Parents and students will find information to help their child dress appropriately for the Colorado changing weather that meets dress code on page 9.

**School parties:** Check out page 9 for information on the two school parties teachers host. As always, we encourage healthy snacks.

**Not in the handbook, but lots of signs on campus:** Please heed signage and park in designated areas only. HPS has a few special parking spots for drivers with high efficiency vehicles. Please only park there, *if you have a high efficiency vehicle.* Remember, your kids are watching too! Please set a good example.

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 27th-29th is Thanksgiving break. We wish all of our families a pleasant, plentiful, and thankful Thanksgiving!

See you in the drive line!

Danielle Feeney, principal
**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.

**Attendance Line**

(970)679-9870

As soon as you know your student will be out please call this line to report the absence. This line connects directly to attendance.
**Grandparents/Grandperson Day Luncheon**

High Plains School - Grandparent/Grandperson Day Luncheon

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Come celebrate Grandparent/Grandperson Day at High Plains on Tuesday, November 26, 2019. It is a perfect opportunity for your child's grandparent or a special grandperson to share some special time together over lunch.

**Menu**

- Chicken Pot Pie
- Fruit and Veggie Bar
- Milk
- Price - $3.95

**Lunch Times**

- Kindergarten - 12:00-12:20
- 1st grade - 12:27-12:50
- 2nd Grade - 11:23-11:45
- 3rd Grade - 11:08-11:28
- 4th Grade - 12:12-12:32
- 5th Grade - 11:42-12:02
- 6th Grade - 1:36-1:56
- 7th & 8th Grade - 1:16-1:36

*** Due to new security/safety procedures, ALL VISITORS must present a valid government issued ID prior to entering HPS and then have their ID run at the office. Please allow extra time 10-15 minutes prior to the scheduled lunch time, for our check in procedure.

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**Grandparents/Grandperson Day Lucheon**

Please return your reservation no later then

Friday, November 22, 2019

Reservation Names - ________________________________

First                      Last

Grade/Grades in which you will be eating with - ________________

____ # of Adults attending    $______ Total Amount ($3.95/adults)

$______ GRAND TOTAL

Please return your reservation and cash or check (payable to HPS) no later than Friday, November 22, 2019.

**Giving tree**

Sponsor a family for holiday gifts this season with our Holiday Giving Tree. Giving Tree ornaments will be available starting November 11th in the office. Gifts are due to the school office by December 13th.
Words from Wardlow

Here is the next edition of The ABC’s to Success at HPS: **F is for Failure, G is for Grace and H is for Homework.**

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**ABC’s Of Student Success**

**F** is for **FAILURE**.

Embrace failure, it is through mistakes that learning can happen. Many well known individuals failed over and over before finding success.

- Thomas Edison’s teachers said he was "too stupid to learn anything." He was fired from his first two jobs for being "non-productive." As an inventor, Edison made 1,000 unsuccessful attempts at inventing the light bulb. When a reporter asked, "How did it feel to fail 1,000 times?" Edison replied, "I didn’t fail 1,000 times. The light bulb was an invention with 1,000 steps."
- Michael Jordan and Bob Cousy were each cut from their high school basketball teams. Jordan once observed, "I’ve failed over and over again in my life. That is why I succeed."

At High Plains you may hear teachers and/or students refer to Marvelous Mistakes. It is a positive lens, one that ensures we all know we can and will make mistakes, but that they are not something to be avoided or feared. They are truly opportunities for learning!

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**ABC’s Of Student Success**

**G** is for **GRACE**.

Giving grace is one way we allow ourselves and others the gift of time, patience and kindness. It is an opportunity to say it’s ok if it’s not ok, or it’s fine to take some time to figure things out. A new student is given grace when joining the school year 6x weeks in. They have time to adjust and acclimate in order to become a part of the community. A new staff member is given grace to learn the systems and processes of the school, so they may be successful. Giving grace can be a tremendous gift.

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**Colorado Reading Corps is looking for tutors!**

Provide individual literacy support in elementary schools. More info: youthforchange.org/services/americorps-programs/

Contact Jess Lambdin 720.840.1897 Jessica@youthforchange.org
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 $2,300 for the High Plains School library. We deeply appreciate everyone’s support and are looking forward to another great fair in the spring!

Fall Reading for Everyone

With our longer nights that are perfect for a good book, 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.
4. Books can be read through a browser or on any device using the free OverDrive or Sora apps.
5. Have fun browsing and selecting--happy reading!
Yearbook

We are excited to announce that the 2020 High Plains School yearbook is now on sale. Make sure that your student doesn’t miss out on our yearbook tradition. It’s the only book that captures the year’s events, activities, friendships, experiences and memories from High Plains School. The book is on sale until November 8th for the lowest price of the year at only $30. You may place your order for the yearbook at www.jostensyearbooks.com If you have already purchased a book, thank you! This year’s book is one you won’t want to miss! Any questions? Email Mark.Kubichek@thompsonschools.org

HPS Holiday Food Drive!

The High Plains Student Ambassadors are proud to once again support the Loveland Philo Food Drive. High Plains students will be collecting non perishable food items for Nov 11th -Nov 26th. Classes will be competing to see who can support our community the most by bringing in the most items. All items collected will be donated directly into the Loveland Community.

Canned vegetables, pasta, stuffing, pie crusts, and other holiday items are greatly appreciated. Canned Fruit is an item that is always needed and offers a great treat for the holiday season.

The class who brings in the most from Elementary and Middle School will win a class Pizza Party! Bring in those non perishable items starting November 11th! Contact Ms. Salmon or Mr. Waido with questions. Thank you for helping to support our Loveland Community!

Health office news

Heads Up! Now that school is back in, it is a good time to remind parents to be on the alert for head lice. Head lice is a common childhood condition. 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. Please take a moment now and periodically throughout the year, to 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 easily removed. 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.

Sincerely, Health office staff
High Plains PTCO
What’s Up!

In September the PTCO Funded $5,740 to Help Support Our School!! Items approved include:
✓ $5000 worth of Chrome Books
✓ Items for field day
✓ Dramatic Play items for Early Childhood

Mark Your Calendar!!
⇒ Thursday, November 14th from 6:00-8:00 pm – Artisan You Pottery Painting Family Night
⇒ Tuesday, November 19th @ 6:30 pm – PTCO Meeting
⇒ Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm – Bison Boutique Vendor, Craft and Bake Sale

We Appreciate Your Support! Thank you to everyone who provided food items for Parent Teacher Conferences! Our staff appreciated it very much!!

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.

Artisan You Paint-Your-Own-Pottery Night: The PTCO is hosting an Artisan You Paint-Your-Own Pottery night for families on Thursday, November 14th from 6:00-8:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Artisan You Pottery Studio will be bringing over 24 styles of Ornaments, plus functional items such as mugs, plates and bowls. Ornaments will be $10.00 each. Functional pieces will range between $10-$25. Items will be taken to the Artisan You studio to be kiln fired and returned to High Plains when finished. 15% of proceeds will go to the High Plains PTCO

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.

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A container will be located in the office for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can continue to keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year. Remember, don’t throw out that used marker—ColorCycle it! Learn more at http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle

Box Tops:
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!!

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!

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 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.

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Music News

Hello Bison Family,

Hope everyone is doing well! Time is flying by, and it’s so great to hear from you all. The Lemons family is doing great. Baby Grayson is growing up so fast (even starting to smile) and is already 6 weeks old. I have never taken so many photos - here are a few of my favorites....

![Baby Grayson photos]

We met our fundraising goal! If you recall, we challenged our community to buy 100 items... What we actually sold was 174 items and got $5 back per items - meaning we have earned $870 for our music program to use this year! Wow!! Thank you everyone for buying school spiritwear and supporting the arts at High Plains School. Huge shout out to Skazma Custom Apparel for designing and bringing these items to life. Also, thank you to Mr. Lamont for delivering all of the items to our students and staff. Beginning in January, we will be selling HPSmusic PopSockets for $10. POP these on your phone, tablet, or around the house!

Thumbs up to the 5th and 8th grade students who participated in the MVHS Football game on October 18th. HPS had a great turn out and hopefully, you got to experience how fun it is to be a Mountain Lion! We have many events still coming up in the Spring. Please glance over the HPS music event calendar for the remainder of this year and include these events on your family calendars. As always, this information is also shared on the music website (www.HPSmusic.com) and our Instagram (@_hpsmusic). If changes occur, they will be communicated throughout the same channels as soon as possible. Here are the final two events of 2019...

- **November 11 & 12** [Monday & Tuesday, after school event] 5-8 pm - TSD Jazz Retreat @ MVHS
- **December 11** [Wednesday] 7 pm - Combined Band Concert with MVHS @ MVHS (Symphonic Band only)

Take care and keep on making music together!

Mrs. Shawna Lemons
K-8 Music Director
www.HPSmusic.com
970.679.9817
Happy November From the Drama Club!

The Drama students have been working diligently to learn blocking and lines for our upcoming play, “Scrooge”. We have a choir joining our play this year, run by Mark Kubichek, and they will be singing Christmas carols at the intermission. As well, they will be singing songs at the beginning and end of the play with soloists and our new HPS Dance Team.

We will also have our bake sale at intermission again. Please look for the Sign Up Genius the first week of December if you are able to help us by donating some treats.

We are also looking for help with some props: battery operated candles, bells, plain ledger type notebook (looks old fashioned), 2 small wooden chairs for Scrooge’s office, small wooden desk or card table.

If you are able to help us with any of these items, please let me know.

Thank you. Nanci LaBianca