Message from the Principal...

It’s been an amazing school year and has flown by! Each day our staff worked diligently to educate, comfort, support, and develop over 500 young minds from Kindergarten through eighth grade. Our students come from as many backgrounds as colors in the rainbow, so this is no easy task, but one we take to heart. Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us and for your support throughout the school year, whether you volunteered, helped your child at home, attended student led conferences, participated on a committee, or just cheered your child on at any of the many events this year. Great students start with great parents! We hope all of our families have a relaxing, sunny, fun summer! But before then, enjoy the remaining days of school. There’s lots left to do!!

Sincerely,

Danielle Feeney, Principal
Let’s Finish the Year Strong!

With less than 4 weeks remaining, it can be easy to slide a little on routines and expectations. Summer will be here soon enough, but before then please help your child finish the year strong! There is still a lot to do and learn, and we all wish to end on a positive note! Please review the Parent/Student Handbook, available on the school website under “Resources” for expectations on attendance, technology use, field trips, dress code, and more. Remember, Colorado weather is ever changing so please remind them to dress appropriately.

8th grade’s last day

Our 8th grade students' last day of school will be Wednesday, May 22nd. The middle school team is planning special activities for that day to wish our 8th graders well on their journey to high school graduation and beyond. The middle school team will communicate the days’ events, once they are finalized.

Recognition Assemblies

The Middle School awards/recognition assembly will be held on May 17th. Middle School Teachers will communicate to families of students receiving recognition the time of the assembly. The K-5 Recognition Assembly will be held on May 24th toward the end of the half day. Once transportation communicates our end time, teachers will notify parents of students receiving recognitions.
Kinder Round Up

On May 23rd starting at 9:00am we will hold our Kindergarten Round-Up. This event is for incoming kindergarteners and their parents. Incoming kinders will get to meet teachers and take part in fun activities while their parents learn about the school, kinder expectations, volunteer activities, and other information to help them prepare their child for kindergarten.

Field Day

Field Day for HPS K-5th students will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2019. It will be from 1:30pm-3:30pm. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. It is recommended that 3rd-5th grade students bring a change of clothes because some games involve water. Children are advised to wear comfortable, SAFE shoes and socks! Please no flip-flops or open backed shoes - they could be difficult to run in. Students may bring hats or visors. Please label these in case they get misplaced. Water bottles and sunscreen are highly recommended. Please apply this to your child before s/he comes to school.

If you are interested in helping with field day, please contact Coach B. at reid.bauersfeld@thompsonschools.org
Last Day of School

The last day of school is Friday, May 24th. This is an early release day. Once transportation communicates an end time, we will let parents know the exact end time. Lunch will not be served on this day. Please feel free to send students to school with a snack.

Thank PTCO

High Plains students and staff wish to thank our PTCO for all of the support they have given us this year. The PTCO has provided funds to support technology, field trips, professional development, academic materials, and much more. Not only do they support us monetarily, but also by organizing great community building events like the Trick or Trunk, Spring Carnival, and spirit nights. THANK YOU!!! If you want to help this great group continue to help our school, please contact Nancy Wolfgang, President, at HighPlainsK8PTCO@gmail.com

MS Summer School

Students exiting 6th through 8th grade seeking additional opportunities to develop math and literacy skills will be able to participate in project-based experiences that have integrated literacy and math skills in a variety of content areas. Registration is open March 25th through May 31st! For information regarding the Middle School Summer Skills program, please contact Venessa Foster or call 970-613-5032.

- Dates: June 3 - June 27
- Times: Monday thru Thursday from 8:30am to 11:30am
- Location: CBMS
- Registration is open and will close May 31st
- URL: https://www.thompsonschools.org/page/12971
Our Mission Statement

High Plains School’s Give Next class wants to help prevent child abuse and help support child welfare. With the generous funding from local community donors, we hope to promote child welfare and aim to stop child abuse with the support of local nonprofit organizations.

Grants

We decided to fund 3 organizations out of 17 that applied. Come to our awards ceremony to see who we chose. Please RSVP to our teacher, Ms. Joers, at janelle.joers@thompsonschools.org. Hope you see you there!

High Plains Give Next Class Awards Ceremony

on

Friday, May 10th

5pm to 7pm

Come see all the non-profits we decided to fund!

We will provide food and drinks.
Health office

Hard to believe it’s the end of the year! If you have medications in the health office: You can come and pick them up prior to or on the last day of school before 11:30 am. No medications will be administered on the last day of school. I will be attending outdoor Education with the 6th graders on May 20-22 so if you could pick up before or after that it would be super helpful. Another thing to remember is that you can come by the school anytime and pick up all the medications your child will be unable to use before the last day of school leaving us with just the right number of doses! Have a great summer everyone!

High Plains School
Box Tops for Education
School-Wide Competition

The Top 3 classes to collect the most box tops by May 10th will win free gym time!!
Start clipping today and save money for our school!!!

Here’s How:

Clip box tops from hundreds of your favorite brands, including Ziploc, Nestle, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Hefty, General Mills, Huggies and much more. For a complete list of participating products, visit the Box Tops website at www.boxtops4education.com.

Please bundle box tops in a baggie or similar container and write your teacher’s name on the outside of the baggie/container. This will help to make sure that the correct class is credited.

Get friends and family involved by encouraging them to help save box tops too!

Deadline: Friday, May 10th, 2019 is the last day to turn in your box tops for a chance to win free gym time to choose any game (except dodgeball) to play! What will your class choose? Rockwall? Field games? Kickball? Fox-tag? Gingerbread Man? You choose!! Start clipping today!

Box tops are redeemed for cash which will be used for educational items, programs and events sponsored by the High Plains Parent Teacher Community Organization.
News from the Library, May 2019

Summer Reading

Summer is a great time for outdoor activities, time with family, and...reading! As you look for engaging reading programs and materials, don’t forget your local public library. The Loveland Public Library has already announced their summer reading kick-off for teens, and you can keep an eye on their website for information about their Summer Adventure Club for 1st-5th graders, which will be announced soon.

There are also a huge number of resources and reading lists on line. The We Are Kit Lit Collective has published their 2019 Summer Reading List; the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC, a division of the American Library Association) recently announced their Notable Children’s Books for 2019 list; and Barnes and Noble has already published their B&N summer reading lists with suggestions for the entire family.

Finally, don’t forget the ebooks that all students have access to throughout the summer. Through the High Plains School website (select “Library” under the Resources tab), students can access ebooks through both Destiny (HPS books) and OverDrive (TSD books); 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.

Happy reading and warm wishes to you for a safe and happy summer of learning and growth!
Mark Your Calendar!!

- May 6\textsuperscript{th}-10\textsuperscript{th} is Teacher Appreciation Week!!!
- Box Top Competition is happening NOW until Friday, May 10\textsuperscript{th}. Happy Clipping!
- Ice Cream Social will be held on Tuesday, May 14\textsuperscript{th} at 6:30 pm. Come join us for our end-of-year celebration! We will enjoy some yummy ice cream while we watch a slideshow recapping all of the wonderful things that happened this year! Everyone is welcome (students must be accompanied by an adult), watch for more information to come! We hope to see you there!

We Appreciate Your Support

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Chipotle fundraiser! We raised $561.40 for our school! Look for more information to come about our last restaurant flyer of the school year happening at Pinocchios Incredible Italian Restaurant in Loveland.

Our Summer Movie Ticket Series fundraiser was a success! We raised $138 for our school! Tickets will be sent home in your child’s Thursday folders during the week of May 13\textsuperscript{th} unless other arrangements are made. If you have questions, please contact Jessica at Jessica.soulek@thompsonschools.org

The Spring Carnival and Silent Auction was a great success!! Thank you to everyone who helped out!! We are still finalizing the totals but we brought in about $2,500 for our school! If you have any ideas on what we could do better next year or have any feedback on what went well, please shoot us an email! We would love to hear your thoughts!

In April the PTCO Funded $2,200 to Help Support Our School!! Items approved include:

- Seeds and materials for the Rooftop Garden.
- A storage container, hand tools and wagon for the Learning Garden.
- Middle school PBL supplies to fix drainage problem.
- Pastels on 5\textsuperscript{th} Square for September 2019.
- Scholarships for 6\textsuperscript{th} Grade Outdoor Education Trip.

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High Plains PTCO
What’s Up!

Box Top Competition:
It’s Box Top Time!!! Turn in your box tops by Friday, May 10\textsuperscript{th} and the Top 3 Classes to turn in the most box tops will win a Free Gym Day!! Here’s how it works:

- Clip box tops from hundreds of your favorite brands, including Ziploc, Nestle, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Hefty, General Mills, Huggies and much more. For a complete list of participating products, visit the Box Tops website at \url{www.boxtops4education.com}

- Please bundle box tops in a baggie, envelope or similar container and \textbf{write your teacher’s name} on the outside of the baggie/container. This will help to make sure that the correct class is credited.

- Box Top bundles can be turned into your classroom teacher or placed in the box top collection bucket located in the office!!

- Get friends and family involved by encouraging them to help save box tops too!

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Election of Officers for the 2019-2020 School Year

Elections will be happening on Tuesday, May 14\textsuperscript{th}. If you are interested in being involved in the PTCO next school year or you would like to nominate someone, please send us an email at highplainsk8ptco@gmail.com or talk to any current PTCO member. For more information about the PTCO please see our website at \url{www.highplainsptco.org}.

King Soopers Cards

No more plastic cards. Watch for more information to come on how to update your account to the new digital format.

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!

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High Plains PTCO
What’s Up!

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 https://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.
SAVE THE DATE!

2019 S.A.M.
SUMMER ACADEMY of MUSIC

WHO: Band, Orchestra & Choir Students (Incoming 6th - 8th)

WHAT: Beginning Band & Orchestra, Advanced Band and Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Choir

WHEN: July 15 - July 30th, 2019

WHERE: Thompson Valley High School

TIME: Check the flyer on the District website for class times or speak with your Music Director

COST: $100.00 (1 class); $160.00 (2 classes)
Includes tuition, music book and t-shirt

Watch your mail for more info & registration form after April 30th, 2019

IMPORTANT: Email your Music Director BEFORE MAY 24 to see if they have instruments available for CHECK OUT.

All percussion students must pay a $10 fee for use of school percussion equipment. Percussion students must purchase their own sticks, mallets, and drum pad.
8 Reasons to Donate Blood

- **Every 3 seconds someone needs blood.** An average of 40,000 units of blood are needed every day in the U.S.
- **20% of blood recipients are children** – many are cancer patients!
- **Giving blood is easy.** It only takes about 40-45 minutes.
- **You can save 2 lives.** For every blood donation we receive, we can treat, heal and quite possibly save the life of up to 2 different donation recipients.
- **You can help people in your home town.** Blood donated with the Garth Englund Donor Center are used right here in Northern Colorado.
- **Your fluid volume is replaced very quickly.** The human body is amazing. Your body will replenish the fluid lost during the donation within 24 hours.
- **There is a great need for blood.** Disasters like car accidents, fires, and other trauma cases happen every day. A bleeding trauma victim can run through 100 units of blood in no time.
- **For men, there is a life-saving benefit to donating blood.** Research shows if men give blood three times a year they can reduce their iron overload and therefore their risk of heart attack by as much as 50%!

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact:

**Garth Englund Blood Donation Center**
1025 Pennock Place, Suite 104
Fort Collins, CO 80524
970-495-8965
The Top 10 Reasons People Do Not Donate Blood

1. I don’t like needles / I am scared of needles / I am afraid to give blood
   Nearly everyone feels that way at first. However, most donors will tell you that you feel only a slight initial pinch, and 7-10 minutes later, you are finished. If you take the time (and courage) to make one donation, you’ll wonder why you ever hesitated.

2. I am too busy
   The entire process takes about 30-45 minutes, and the actual blood donation time is only 7-10 minutes. If you stop to think that an hour of your time could mean a lifetime for someone in need, you might decide that you can make the time to give the gift of life.

3. No-one ever asked me… I didn’t realize my blood was needed
   Consider yourself asked! There is simply no other way to supply the blood needs of hospital patients but for the generous donations of people like you.

4. I already gave this year.
   You can give every 56 days. Many donors give 5 times a year!

5. I am afraid I’ll get AIDS.
   It is not possible to get AIDS by donating blood. A new sterile needle is used for each donor and discarded afterwards.

6. My blood isn’t the right type.
   Every type of blood is needed daily to meet patient needs. If you have a common blood type, there are many patients who need it, so it is in high demand. If you have a less common blood type, there are fewer donors available to give it, so it is in short supply.

7. I don’t have any blood to spare.
   The average adult body has 10-12 pints of blood. Doctors say that healthy adults may give regularly because the body quickly replaces the blood you donate.

8. I don’t want to feel weak afterward.
   Donating blood should not affect adversely a healthy adult because your body has plenty of blood. You will donate less than one pint, and your body, which constantly makes new blood, will replace the donated volume within 24 hours. Most people continue their usual activities after donating.

9. They won’t want my blood (I am too old / I’ve had an illness).
   The qualified staff on duty at a blood drive or donor center will also review your medical history with you. There is no upper age limit to donate blood, and a great many medical conditions do not prevent you from donating blood, or may have done so only temporarily in the past.

10. I have a rare blood type, so I’ll wait until there is a special need.
    Blood that is rare or special is almost always in short supply. There is a constant need for these blood types in order to avoid having to recruit specific blood types in a crisis.

For more information or to schedule an appointment - Contact Garth Englund Blood Center at 970-495-8965
Blood Drive at High Plains School!

Location: 4255 Buffalo Mountain Drive, Loveland
Date: Friday, 5/10/2019  Times: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (longer hours!)
Sign-up: SCAN the QR CODE below to sign up! (Or Click Here)

High Plains School is partnering with UC Health's Garth Englund Blood Center to bring the blood-mobile back to the neighborhood! Give us 45 minutes and save a life!

For every blood donation we receive, we can treat, heal and quite possibly save the life of up to 2 different donation recipients. While the actual draw only takes 5-8 minutes, before that, we do need to work with you to complete some paperwork and do a quick vitals check to ensure your well-being and the safety of the recipient.

Be sure to:
- Bring a photo ID
- Eat a good meal; you burn 650 calories while donating.
- Hydrate the day before and the day of donation
- Share this information with others - the more the merrier!

We ask:
1. Please use pen to complete the questions – i.e. no use of a PDF writer or other design program to write on the electronic copy.
2. Please answer question 1 (feeling healthy and well) the day of the blood drive.
3. Please print out the first two pages of the form; the rest are for your reference to read prior to coming to the bus. If you cannot print the form two sided, please staple the two pages together.

To ensure a speedy confirmation process, please observe these requests:
1. Complete your paperwork prior to coming to the bus. This includes having all travel documented from the past three years and have your ID as well.
Join us for the First Annual

OPERATION:

HPS Health & Wellness

When:
May 7, 2019
5 - 7 p.m.

Where:
High Plains School

Who: All HPS Families

Why: Learn about and participate in activities to help you be the best you!

Admission is free!
Earn at least 3 passport stamps for a chance to win prizes!

Class prize for the highest participation
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