Welcome Fall! It’s that time of year when there’s a crispness in the air and excitement building with many holidays and events coming up. We look forward to seeing students and parents on October 11th and 12th for our Student Led Conferences. Information and sign ups have been emailed and added on the website and Facebook. See more information below.

The High Plains PTCO is also gearing up for their major fundraiser of the year, the Bison Stampede on October 18th. This event is a fun, healthy, and spirited event where students raise money based on each lap they complete. All proceeds go towards the many needs that help make High Plains School an engaging and inviting learning atmosphere. Last year the PTCO used funds to support technology purchases that included apps, iPads, and chromebooks. They also purchased music equipment and instruments, kindergarten rugs, supported middle school dances, funded field trips and buses, and many other staff and student needs and requests. Our students and staff say THANK YOU to all of the families that supported these efforts and the PTCO for their thoughtfulness and care. We are excited to meet the challenge again!

See you in the drive line!

Danielle Feeney, principal
Student Led Conferences

To sign up for your child’s Student Led Conference, please click on the appropriate grade level SignUp Genius link below. Parents do not need a SignUp Genius account to sign up for their conference(s), as long as they go through the links below. We look forward to seeing you and your child during this innovative and impressive opportunity to share their school lives, achievements, and growth. Please check out the HPS website for details on what to expect.

- 6th-8th Student Led Conference Sign up
- 3rd-5th Student Led Conference Sign up
- Kindergarten-2nd Student Led Conference Sign up

HPS 2017-18 Yearbook

The 2017-2018 High Plains Yearbook is officially for sale for the low price of $30 dollars. This year’s yearbook will feature all grades from Early Childhood through 8th grade and most importantly your child. Special 8th grade commemorating pages are available for a small additional price. Purchasing booths will be available at Student Led Conferences or you can get yours today by going to the High Plains School website and clicking on the link. Our school code is 14681
**Volunteer and Paid Crossing Guards**

Douglas Money is our super, wonderful volunteer crossing guard on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings! We would love to have more support on Monday and Friday mornings and in the afternoons. If interested in volunteering, please contact Candie Joshi: candie.joshi@gmail.com, You can find paid positions at [http://www.thompsonschools.org/page/2465](http://www.thompsonschools.org/page/2465); search for vacancies under transportation.

**Screenagers**

*Screenagers*, a film about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help families minimize harmful effects and find balance will be presented for free at Mountain View High School on October 26th at 6:30pm. This film is a not to be missed opportunity for both parents and children. There are limited seats and all participants must register for the event. Please go to [https://impactflow.com/event/presented-by-thompson-school-district-5296](https://impactflow.com/event/presented-by-thompson-school-district-5296) for more information, to view the trailer, and to register.
Library

It’s Time for the Fall Scholastic Book Fair!

The Scholastic Fall Book Fair will be at High Plains during student led conferences! 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. Thank you for your support!

Ebook Access for All HPS Students

As our nights get longer, what better way to spend the time indoors than reading a good book? HPS ebooks can easily be accessed at any time by following these five steps:

- Visit our school’s website (highplainsschool.org)
- Select "Library" under the "Popular" tab.
- Click on the Follett Destiny icon in order to search our catalog and read ebooks.
  - Choose to log in using Google SSD.
  - **Student email name**: first initial, middle initial, last name, last two digits of graduating year, @thompsonschools.org (ex.: jtdoe23@thompsonschools.org)
- **Password**: student number preceded by two zeroes (example: 00123456)

Happy Reading!
High Plains PTCO
What’s Up!

This Month the PTCO Funded Over $5,000 to Help Support Our School!! Items approved include:

- Professional Development for Teachers and Staff
- Math Manipulatives for Middle-School Students
- Calculators for Middle-School Students
- A Learning Circle Time Rug for Full Day Kindergarten
- New pBuzz Instruments for Elementary Students
- Food & Drink Items for Hearing & Vision Screening Volunteers

Student Led Conferences

- The PTCO would like to partner with parents to provide meals and quick on-the-go snacks for teachers to enjoy during conferences. Please watch for a Sign-Up Genius with more information!!

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High Plains PTCO
What’s Up!

It’s Time for the Bison Stampede!!

- Students will be running laps during school on Wednesday, October 18th in an effort to raise money for our school and to promote health and wellness. All students will earn prizes for the donations pledged. Because this is not a per-lap pledge event, all donations will be collected before the event.

- Our goal is to raise $50/student with 100% of the pledges collected going back to the school and student’s rewards. NO pledge donations will go to third party vendors.

- All students will receive a Bison Stampede T-shirt for participating, regardless if they collect donations!

- Please contact Candie Joshi at 970-488-9160 or candie.joshi@gmail.com if you have questions.

King Soopers Gift Card fundraiser - Sign up online to get your card

- Simply load your card before purchasing groceries or gas

- 5% of your everything you spend will benefit the High Plains PTCO

- Get more details and sign up at www.highplainsptco.org/fundraising

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High Plains PTCO
What’s Up!

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 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.
The middle school **Give Next** philanthropy class is in full swing!

**Want to help?** We have a few projects we are working on and we would LOVE your help.

**PROJECT 1: Adopt-A-Classroom for Hurricane Relief**

Interested in donating? The schools we have adopted are currently in need of the following:

- Amazon gift cards (any amount)
- Barnes & Noble gift cards (any amount)
- Other gift cards you think a teacher could use (Target, Walmart, Starbucks)
- Pencils
- Notebooks
- Binders
- Expo markers

Send any donations to school with your child; please label it “Joers – Room 216” and ask the office staff to put it in her mailbox. There will also be a place to donate when you come to Conferences. Thank you in advance.

**PROJECT 2: Fundraising**

At the end of October, we will be taking orders for Butter Braids (a flaky pastry that is hand-braided around fruit and other edible fillings). Get some in time for the upcoming holidays! Contact Janelle Joers ([Janelle.joers@thompsonschools.org](mailto:Janelle.joers@thompsonschools.org)) , a Give Next student, or stop by Room 216 to order.
Hello from the Art Room

Art Club is starting soon! The first section of art club is for 3rd through 5th grades, and will be held on Thursday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:15 in the art room with Mrs. Thompson. We’ll be entering art contests, working creatively in groups and individually, as well as experimenting with a variety of materials and techniques. I would also love to hear student ideas about individual interests that they would like to pursue in art club. If you are in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade, and you are interested in art club, please get a permission form from Mrs. Thompson. Fees will be $20 per student. Fees and signed permission slips need to be turned in to the front office before the first meeting day. Specific days are as follows:

- Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9,16,30, Dec. 7, 14, and 21

The second section of art club is for Middle School and it will begin right after winter break. Specific days for middle school art club are as follows:

- Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, and 8

There will be more details coming, but if you are in Middle School and are interested in joining art club, talk to Mrs. Thompson about your individual ideas and interests that you would like to pursue.

Also, remember to check out the High Plains online student gallery at any time! All grades have new artwork posted, and more will be posted soon!

Artathighplains.weebly.com

Thank you,

Alicia Thompson
K-5th Grade Cyber Café News

Kindergarten through 5th Grader are off to a great start in their Technology Special. Each grade comes for one hour a week to learn keyboarding and other skills that will help them in the classroom with Technology.

- **Kindergartners** are using ABCmouse.com and Teach Your Monster to Read.

- **First Graders** are learning where letters are on the keyboard with a program we call QWERTY as well as simple math facts.

- **Second Graders** are learning to type using the correct hand positions with a Typing Tutorial. Each week they practice what they did the week before and then learn two new keys. They are also using XtraMath to strengthen their addition math facts.

- **Third Graders** are continuing their practice with typing in the correct hand positions along with doing XtraMath to strengthen their speed with their math facts.

- **Fourth and Fifth Graders** are trying their hand with a new typing tutorial to accelerate their typing speed and accuracy. They are also discovering different games to enhance their Math and Language Arts skills.

The month of October will focus on the above as well as Internet Safety for all grades. The Fifth Graders will have our SRO (School Resource Officer) Office Roberts come and speak to them about Internet Safety and Cyberbullying.
Bully Prevention and Education

On September 13th, it was great to have Brandon Harrington at HPS performing another awesome Bully Prevention Presentation to all 3-8 grade students. Through his assembly magic, we got to meet Brandon’s teen-age self, who showed the students the importance of not being a bystander when bullying happens. With a few mystery tips, Brandon discovered the power of courage and became an “Everyday Hero” by reporting bullying to his teachers.

October is National Bully Prevention Month, and schools all across America will be spreading some extra kindness and respect in classrooms, on the playground and everywhere!

National Unity Day, Wednesday, Oct. 25th – students in America and around the world will be wearing the impactful color of orange – which represents boldness, unity, and strength. Join millions of others and wear something orange to school as a clear reminder that together we can end bullying. United for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. Wear Orange and make a statement!

We are working on a Bully Prevention and Education website for High Plains School, so please check it out when you get a chance: HPS Bully Prevention Website
October 2017 Coach's Corner

Hello HPS families,

Lots of things are going on this October in HPS athletics and PE!

Middle School Athletics

- Our volleyball and cross country athletes have been working hard at their respective sports.
  - Volleyball is playing some very close games and is getting better every single game.
  - Cross-country has started with Jackson Shorten winning and Brody Boucha placing in the top ten in three of the first four meets. Way to go Jackson and Brody! While it is nice to win, more importantly, every runner has set a personal record for the 4 kilometer race this season!
- Don’t forget to get all your HPS sports information at: [http://highplainsathletics.weebly.com](http://highplainsathletics.weebly.com)

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Important dates for October:

Boys basketball tryouts start on October 16th. In order to participate, you must have:


2. A current physical (within one calendar year)

3. Paid the $50 TSD fee (scholarships are available to those who qualify)

First game will be November 1st!
October 2017 Coach’s Corner continued

Elementary Athletics

High Plains is a practice facility for the City of Loveland youth boys and girls volleyball and basketball. Boys and girls 2\textsuperscript{nd} - 5\textsuperscript{th} grade volleyball is currently practicing and playing until October 14\textsuperscript{th}. Boys 4\textsuperscript{th} grade and girls 4\textsuperscript{th} and 5\textsuperscript{th} grade basketball starts October 24\textsuperscript{th}. If you are interested in coaching or signing up your kids to play, check out: [http://www.cityofloveland.org/departments/parks-recreation/publications/leisure-times-activity-guide](http://www.cityofloveland.org/departments/parks-recreation/publications/leisure-times-activity-guide)

K-8 PE

As the weather starts to get colder, please remember to bring good PE shoes with you for your PE days if you are wearing snow boots or hiking boots etc.

Go Bison! ~ Coach B

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 2017-18 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.
Peace Circles

“Listen to the children”

Your family received the Peacekeeper Family Work Together Booklet earlier in the year or at Student Led Conferences this year. This is a very exciting component of Peacekeeper Circle training.

*It can be a life-changing experience to “listen to the children”. They can teach you how they are learning to express their feelings and needs from their own hearts. Learning to express emotions takes practice and commitment. Support from the adults in children’s lives helps encourage compassionate communication.*

Your child can teach you what they are learning about compassionate communication and developing healthy friendships: ie:

1) “Listening and Speaking from the Heart” to other’s perspectives (points of view),
2) “Making Amends, Makes Friends” (using full hearted apology).
3) “Building Bridges, Not Walls.”
4) Confidentiality (learning to trust that “What get’s said in circle, Stays in circle”).
5) “Forgive, Forget and Move on” - when we receive an apology and can forgive the person, and restore the friendship.

By practicing Peacekeeper skills students continue to demonstrate an increased ability in: resolving conflicts on their own, appreciating others for large and small kindnesses, sharing honest feelings and asking for their needs to heal hurts or concerns with their classmates.

We hope you will support and encourage their use of these skills at home and in the neighborhood.

Our children are the future leaders and we believe it is important to nurture people who can listen and resolve issues with others, especially with those, whom there is a conflict or misunderstanding.

We hope your family will take time to discuss Peacekeeper and enjoy the booklet together.

If you want another copy of the booklet either; ask your principal or go to www.peacecircles.com and order one for your family.

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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

If you do not meet one of the above requirements, you must register.

For more information on TSD’s program and requirements please click here
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