Message from the Principal...

It is so wonderful to have children once again filling the halls, classrooms, and many nooks and crannies of the school with energy, excitement, and laughter. Students had a great first week getting to know their teachers and each other. Our middle school students are becoming more familiar with their schedules, and all students are clearing the cognitive cobwebs out from a long summer.

Thank you parents/guardians for supporting your children through the transition from summer to school, and driving safely through our campus as you drop-off and pick-up each day. Please remember to check out our website (https://www.thompsonschools.org/highplains) for activities, athletics, staff bios, the parent-student handbook, and much more information to help keep you and your child in the know! Happy September!

Sincerely,

Danielle Feeney, principal
Reminder for Late Start Wednesday

Thank you families for doing a wonderful job remembering each Wednesday is a late start for schools throughout TSD. This time allows educators to collaborate in their planning and professional growth opportunities to better support students. Students may be dropped off on campus beginning at 9am on Wednesdays.

Parents are encouraged to take advantage of Base Camp offerings, as well as the Spanish and Chess offerings on Late Start Wednesday mornings. Please read further for more details on those offerings and how to register.

BASE Camp

We are excited to partner with BASE Camp for before and after school care! If you would like to register for before and/or after school care for your child, check out the BASE Camp website at [http://www.mybasecampkids.org/](http://www.mybasecampkids.org/)

Clubs

High Plains is proud to offer many before and after school activities throughout the school year. This year we will also offer Spanish Level 1 on Late Start Wednesdays, 8:10am-9:10am and Chess will also be available from 8:15am-9:15am on Late Start Wednesdays. To register your child, please go to the “Activities” tab on the school's website. Advanced Spanish will be offered on Wednesdays from 3:40pm-4:40pm starting September 12th. Throughout the school year please continue to check the activities tab and school communications for additional club and activity opportunities.
**PIE Night**

On September 25th from 6-8pm HPS staff, PTCO, and SAAC members will host a Partners in Education event where parents/guardians can learn about multiple programs and activities High Plains School provides. Our PTCO will be providing pizza for participants! We hope to see you there, so mark your calendars!

**Bison Stampede**

Our PTCO is hosting the 3rd annual Bison Stampede to support High Plains’ students, staff, and community. Please look for information coming home in your child’s HW folder and check out the Bison Stampede link on the PTCO website at [http://www.highplainsptco.org/home](http://www.highplainsptco.org/home)

**Picture day**

Picture day is October 3rd. Please check your K-5 child's Thursday folder or middle school child's homework folder for more details closer to the date.
October Student Led Conferences

During the week of October 8th High Plains School will host student led conferences. Detailed information will come out closer to the dates, so keep an eye out! Student led conferences support students in owning their learning and truly understand what they need to achieve and the methods and pathways to fulfill their goals. Through student led conferences students practice life skills involving communication, organization, and leadership. They learn self reflection and evaluation skills that will not only support them in their K-12 studies, but throughout life as they identify goals for college, career, and life in general. Please check out this linked resource to learn more about Student Led Conferences: Empowerment and Ownership.

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 10:35-12:45 (Wed 10:35-12:15). Volunteers are welcome to do the entire two hours, an hour, every day, once a week, or any portion that works in your schedule. Please contact Mrs. Feeney, emmanuel.hernandez@thompsonschools.org for details and to schedule your time.
Community Culture Connection Night

Join us for a night to celebrate the diverse languages and cultures in Loveland! Families are welcome and encouraged to be part of the event by volunteering to share their culture, or families can just attend the event without being volunteers. The event will be like a festival where families, students, and teachers can just learn from each other and have a good time!

- Date: Friday, September 21, 2018
- Time: 5:30p.m. – 7:30p.m.
- Where: Mehaffey Park (3285 W. 22nd St. Loveland, CO 80538)

Noche Cultural para la Comunidad

- Vengan a pasar con nosotros una noche para celebrar los distintos idiomas y culturas en Loveland. Queremos invitar y animar a las familias a formar parte de este evento participando como voluntarios para compartir sobre su cultura. Las familias también pueden asistir al evento sin ser voluntarios. ¡El evento será como un festival donde las familias, los estudiantes, y los maestros pueden aprender unos de otros y divertirse!
- viernes 21 de septiembre, 2018
- 5:30p.m. – 7:30p.m.
- Parque Mehaffey (3285 W. 22nd St., Loveland, CO, 80538)
**Yearbook**

Get your 2018-2019 Yearbook now! It's only $30 right now and this is the best price of the year. We are going with a new company for the Yearbook and it will be great. You can order online at: [http://jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com)

Jostens also provides an online place for parents to send pictures in for the yearbook to use. Please sign up for this at: [www.replayit.com](http://www.replayit.com)

I am excited to work with our awesome middle school yearbook staff as they produce an excellent book for all of our students at High Plains.

Thank you,

Mark Kubichek, Yearbook Facilitator
[mark.kubichek@thompsonschools.org](mailto:mark.kubichek@thompsonschools.org)

**Eagles Hockey**

*HPS Choir Slotted to Sing the National Anthem...*

Come support the High Plains School Choir as they perform the National Anthem at the Colorado Eagles game Saturday, December 8th at 7:05pm! This is also the "Teddy Bear" toss game, so bring a teddy bear to donate to a child in need. Performer tickets are $16 each while non-performer tickets are just $21! This is a fundraiser, and $5 for every “non-performer” ticket will go back to benefit the HPS music program! More information regarding ticket sales and auditions coming soon!!

**Jazz Band**

Jazz Band is an audition-based, performance ensemble made up of 6th, 7th and 8th grade instrumentalists that will meet in the morning before school begins. We will meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the HPS band room. We will kick things off with the audition process on October 15, 16 & 17th (M and W 3:45-5:45pm; Tues 7-8:25am). Jazz Band will begin rehearsal on October 23rd and will repeat every Tuesday and Thursday morning throughout the school year. We begin rehearsal at 7:20am and end at 8:00am. Jazz students are expected to participate in 2 weekend jazz camps and maintain a practice routine on both jazz and regular ensemble music. The Jazz Band ensemble focuses on expanding both the understanding and ability to play different styles and genres of music, as well as explore written and improvised solos.
Volleyball

We have three outstanding Volleyball Teams at High Plains, and they would love your support!! We will play competitively against other teams in TSD on Mondays and Wednesdays. You can find times and locations on the game schedule on our athletic website: [http://highplainsathletics.weebly.com/volleyball.html](http://highplainsathletics.weebly.com/volleyball.html) The volleyball team will be selling Lemonade **EVERY** Friday after school for 50 cents outside the front of the building. Also, if you buy a volleyball T-shirt for $10 at the stand, then you will also receive a free cup of lemonade. Bring your loose change - it’s easy peasy lemon squeezy.

High Plains Computer Lab Website

Check out the [High Plains Computer Lab Website](http://highplainsathletics.weebly.com/volleyball.html). Each grade level (Kindergarten - Fifth Grade) has a page of great websites to go to. Your student can practice what he/she is doing in Technology Class. I am excited to work with your students this year.

Mrs. Nancy Payton

Technology Facilitator and Library Media Assistant

100 Mile Club

100 Mile Club has started and kids are moving each morning before school. See the HPS website for an application and have your child join us on the blacktop M-T-Th-F mornings at 8:00 and Wednesdays at 9:00.
**Give Next has returned to High Plains School!**

**What is Give Next?**

Give Next is a youth philanthropy program that helps students understand what it means to give of their time, talent, and treasure.

- Each Give Next classroom receives $5,000 (through a donation from a generous community member) to give away. Students spend the year learning about community issues, identifying a mission that is important to them, learning about and volunteering at local nonprofits, and ultimately giving away the $5000 to nonprofits that align with their mission.
- Bohemian Foundation (of Fort Collins) manages Give Next, in partnership with the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, and a community advisory committee.

**Who will participate in Give Next?**

Give Next is being offered at the **middle school** level. Sixth through eighth grade students have the opportunity to select Give Next as their STEAM class.

**Want to help Give Next with our service learning projects?** If you can help us out with the following things, we would be most appreciative. Thank you. Please label items “FOR GIVE NEXT CLASS”, drop them off in the main office, and asked to have them put in Janelle Joers’s mailbox. Please include your name so we can properly thank you.

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**WISH LIST**

- 1, 1 1/2 , or 2 yard pieces of fleece fabric - any color or print (for blanket making)
- Balls of yarn (to make scarves and hats for our military and homeless)
- Loom(s) for knitting or crocheting hats
- Knitting or crocheting needles
- Scrapbooking supplies (paper, stamps, stickers, etc.)
- 1-yard pieces of cotton fabric – camouflage colors (to sew “cool ties” for our military)
**Drama Club**

Drama Club is gearing up for another great Christmas play, “The Grinch”, with tryouts on Monday, September 17th and Wednesday, 19th right after school in STEAM room 168 at 3:40 until 5:00. We are looking for students to try out for the Grinch, Mayor, Cindy Lou, Max the dog, Narrator and villagers. There are singing parts, dancing parts, and nonspeaking parts as well. Try outs are open to every student in Kindergarten through 8th grade.

We are hoping to get more parental support this year; as students will need help to make, design, create, and produce props, scenery, costumes, make up, lighting and sound. If any parents are available and have those ‘special talents’ (carpentry skills, sewing, make up, painting scenery, lighting techniques) that will help the students put on a great production; please contact Nanci LaBianca at nanci.labianca@thompsonschools.org.

We are excited to be able to bring great play productions to High Plains School!

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**Walk 2 School**

High Plains is once again participating in Walk-to-School-Day. Please join HPS staff at various intersections around the neighborhood and walk to school with our walking school buses. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 9, 2018. More info to come.
HPS Art Room

Hello from the Art room!

I can’t wait to embark on the third year here at High Plains as the Kindergarten through eighth grade art teacher. We have so much planned for each grade level, so look for projects coming home throughout the year, as well as the online gallery on my artathighplains.weebly.com website. There’s a page for every age group and I update it often.

Art Club will be starting soon and we are planning a variety of fun and creative activities and projects for students to choose from, so sign up soon. Meeting days and times: Every Wednesday after school from 3:45p.m. -4:45p.m. in the art room.

- Dates: September 19- December 19
- Age groups: 3rd grade and up
- Fee: $30 per student

See Mrs. Thompson for a permission form. Forms and fees can then be turned in to Mrs. Thompson, or Mrs. Simeon in the front office by the first day of Art Club.

Thank you, and we’re going to have a great year!

~Alicia Thompson
News from the Library

It’s Almost Time for the Fall Scholastic Book Fair!

The Scholastic Fall Book Fair will be back at High Plains during student led conferences in early October. 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!

Digital Books Available for Every Student

At High Plains School, we are fortunate to have a wealth of digital resources that HPS students have at their fingertips. Thousands of ebooks can be accessed at any time by following these five easy steps:

- Visit our school’s website (highplainsschool.org)
- Select "Library" under the "Resources" tab.
- Click on the Follett Destiny icon in order to search our catalog and read ebooks.
- Choose to log in using Google SSO.
  * **Student email name**: student’s district username@thompsonschools.org
  * **Password**: student’s district password (student number preceded by three student-specific numbers/letters)
- (You can find your child’s username and password on Parent Portal.)
- Happy Reading!
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