Message from the Principal...

Wow! Did summer go by fast or what?! No worries though. We are super excited about seeing all of our students and families again! This year we will have a few new faces among our staff and of course some new student faces too. We cannot wait to welcome everyone back for year TWO!

This time of year many parents start back to school shopping, buying clothes and school items from the supply list (available at the school’s website, High Plains School). Parents are also encouraged to do a little preparation with their child to help them ease back into the routine of school. There are many resources available that offer tips and suggestions, like this link from PBS, Back to School Transitions. As we get into the school year, parents can continue to support their child by:

- Setting a regular after school, bedtime, and morning routine
- Having their child at school before the bell rings (7:50AM)
- Encouraging and supporting regular attendance (17-18 School Calendar)
- Asking their child about their day (23 questions to ask instead of "how was your day at school?")
- Helping their child set reasonable and achievable goals (How to Help Your Child Set and Reach Goals)
- Checking the school's website, Facebook, Parent Portal, and school emails for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.
- Keeping consistent, open communication with their child’s teachers
- Keeping up to date on school expectations, HPS Parent/Student Handbook

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Message from the Principal continued

One of the top factors that contribute to a child achieving successful outcomes (in school and life in general) is an involved parent. The above recommendations are not exhaustive but are all free and proven to help all children achieve success. Between our great High Plains staff and parent support our children will go far and do great things!

Enjoy the remaining days of summer. We look forward to welcoming back all of the Bison herd for a fantastic second year of learning, laughing, and making memories!

Sincerely,
Danielle Feeney, principal

Registration

Please mark your calendars for registration on August 2nd from 8AM-6PM. This is an opportunity for families new to High Plains to bring in documentation showing in boundary status, as well as other documentation needed to complete the enrollment process. Middle school student schedules and K-5 teacher assignments will be accessible via Parent Portal starting August 8th.
Back to School Night

Please mark your calendars for Back to School Night on August 16th. The evening will offer an informal opportunity for our families to visit with teachers and the principal, drop off supplies, identify volunteer opportunities through our Parent Teacher Community Organization (PTCO), and visit with representatives from some of our after school programs. Parents can access K-5 teacher assignments and middle school student schedules via Parent Portal starting August 8th. The Back to School Night schedule will be as follows:

Middle School Schedule:

- **6:00-6:30:** 6th grade reports to the Gym to hear from middle school teachers *(visit PTCO and after school program representatives in the Bison Cafe at 6:30pm)*

- **6:30-7:15:** 7th and 8th grade may visit classrooms and middle school teachers, drop off supplies and visit PTCO and after school program representatives in the Bison Cafe

Kindergarten-5th Schedule:

- **6:45-7:00:** K-5th parents may drop off supplies, visit with PTCO and after school program representatives in the Bison Cafe, and visit with specials teachers

K-5th Prepared Presentations:

- 7:00-7:10-- Kindergarten
- 7:10-7:20-- 1st grade
- 7:20-7:30-- 2nd grade
- 7:30-7:40-- 3rd grade
- 7:40-7:50-- 4th grade
- 7:50-8:00-- 5th grade
**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 kindergarten through fifth grade child, check out the BASE Camp website at [http://www.mybasecampkids.org/](http://www.mybasecampkids.org/).

**Solar Eclipse**

On August 21st our students will have the opportunity to witness a once in 40 year event. A total solar eclipse will occur on this date across the United States. The last one to be seen in the contiguous US was in 1979!! The High Plains PTO generously purchased solar eclipse glasses for all of our students to witness this spectacular celestial event. Students will be scheduled to go outside during the best window of viewing. Parents wishing to join the viewing may do so, but need to check in the front office first and need to bring their own solar eclipse viewing glasses. Check this link for eclipse information, [https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/k-12-formal-education](https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/k-12-formal-education).
Volunteer and Paid Crossing Guards

Volunteer Crossing Guards and Paid Crossing Guards are needed at High Plains School for the 2017-2018 school year. Help keep kids safe. Must Be 18 or Older. Online Training Provided. If interested, contact Candie Joshi: candie.joshi@gmail.com, or if you’d like to apply for a paid crossing guard position, please go to http://www.thompsonschools.org/page/2465 and search for vacancies under transportation.

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 10:35-12:30. 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, danielle.feeney@thompsonschools.org for details and to schedule your time.
HPS Summer Volleyball Camp

High Plains will be offering competitive volleyball for the 2017-2018 school year, and with that, comes more practice, games with district teams, and a short camp to kick off the new school year. This camp will focus on the fundamentals of volleyball in addition to strategies to improve each player’s individual game. Each player will have one-on-one instruction and small/large group sessions developing skills of the game. This camp is for any student athlete, regardless of skill level or knowledge of the game.

- **Who:** 6th--8th Grade Girls
- **Where:** High Plains Gym
- **When:** Monday through Friday (August 7th--11th)
- **Time:** 4:30-6:30pm
- **Cost:** $25.00 -- Bus costs for traveling games and a T-shirt

Please make checks out to “High Plains School” with your athlete’s name & Volleyball Camp in the Memo

We would love to take donations of snacks for the camp and throughout the season. We understand that you may not be able to join us for all of these practices, so they are not required, but highly recommended. We would love to see each of you there, even if you can’t attend the full camp. We will have an informational parent meeting in the fall, and physicals need to be completed by our first official practice on August 14th (but not for participation during the camp).

Players need to arrive in athletic clothing, which should include a t-shirt, athletic shorts, tennis shoes (that are appropriate for indoor sports) and knee pads if desired. Please also have them bring a water bottle.

Coach Lemons and Coach Knutzen
Coach’s Corner
Hello HPS Families,

I hope you are enjoying the last few weeks of summer! With school starting soon, I wanted to share some reminders and important dates with our bison athletes.

Middle School:

- High Plains will have a competitive interscholastic middle school athletics program this year. Teams will compete in the Northern Colorado Athletic Conference. Our opponents will include Bill Reed, Walt Clark, Lucile Erwin, Con Ball, Turner, Severance, and Windsor.
- The TSD athletics fee is $50 per sport. There is a $125 per family maximum per year.
- All middle school athletes must have an updated physical within one calendar year to participate in HPS athletics.
- Cross-country will begin on August 14th and volleyball will begin on August 10th. Contact Coach B for details on cross-country and Mrs. Lemons for details on volleyball.
- Check out the HPS athletics website at [http://highplainsathletics.weebly.com/](http://highplainsathletics.weebly.com/)

Elementary:

- High Plains School is now a practice site for City of Loveland youth athletics! There are opportunities for 2nd - 5th grade coed volleyball and 4th and 5th grade basketball for boys and girls. Parents, if you are interested in coaching, contact Allan Coseo at COL for volleyball coaching opportunities and Dana Redford at COL for basketball coaching opportunities. Please contact them ASAP, as it is first come, first serve.
- The COL webtrac registration website is
  * [https://webtrac.ci.loveland.co.us/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/SPLASH.html](https://webtrac.ci.loveland.co.us/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/SPLASH.html)
  * Online registration begins Monday July 31st at 6:00pm!!
- 2nd and 3rd grade coed volleyball - 9/7-10/14, practices Tu&Th 6:00pm-7:15pm games Saturday mornings starting 9/16
  * Registration code 437002-15
- 4th and 5th grade coed volleyball - 9/6-10/14, practices M&We 6:00pm-7:00pm games Saturday mornings starting 9/16
  * Registration code 437004-13
- 4th grade boys basketball - 10/24-12/9, practices Tu&Th 6:30pm-7:30pm games Saturday mornings starting 11/4
  * Registration code 432174-19

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High Plains is proud to offer 100 Mile Club again for this school year. Please join us each morning from 7:30 – 7:45 as we run, jog, or walk around the 100 Mile Club track on the north side of the building. Students, new and returning, will need to fill out an enrollment form and include $10, check made out to High Plains School. Upon reaching goals of 25, 50, 75, and 100 miles, students will receive rewards. We look forward to helping students start their day with movement, while working together to achieve our goals. Enrollment forms are available on the High Plains website or at www.100mileclub.com

Questions, contact Mrs. Bellinghausen at terri.bellinghausen@thompsonschools.org or at 679-9833.

Coach’s Corner continued

- 4th grade girls basketball - 10/24-12/9, practices Tu&Th 5:30pm-6:30pm games Saturday mornings starting 11/4
  - 432184-20
- 5th grade girls basketball - 10/24-12/9, practices Tu&Th 7:30pm-8:30pm games Saturday mornings starting 11/4
  - 432185-12

Looking forward to it!

Coach B

HPS Music Apparel Fundraiser

The High Plains Music Program is kicking off the school year with some new, custom apparel. We are excited to introduce new bison gear to our students, families, staff and community members! The funds gained from these sales will support our continued growth as a program and will directly affect each K-8 student. Look out for flyers, links and information starting at Back to School Night, and as always, thank you for supporting the arts!

We are excited to continue using Skazma Custom Apparel out of Longmont, CO!
Welcome to the Club

Your school has sent this information home to introduce The 100 Mile Club® to you and your family. Starting soon, participating students will go out to the playground, stretch out, and walk or run a little bit. The miles and love for running begin to build almost instantly!

Upon joining, your child will receive an official 100 Mile Club® Challenge Accepted identification card.

Along the journey toward 100 miles, your child will practice personal goal setting, team spirit, perseverance, poise, confidence, and honest self-evaluation.

Throughout the year we will offer mile credits to students who wish to participate in designated sanctioned local events. You can also visit www.100mileclub.com to learn more. These events include charity walks and other organized walks and runs where you can join your child in their journey to reach their goals.

We look forward to celebrating your child’s accomplishments both on the track and in the classroom.

When your child reaches 25 miles, he or she will earn an exclusive 100 Mile Club® tee shirt that is designed to show off their accomplishments during the year.

The first milestone earned is our signature T-shirt and serves as the students' “incentive chart” which they earn after logging 25 miles. To further reinforce the value of their perseverance, a golden pencil is awarded at 50 miles and a wristband at 75. All students receive a certificate of completion at years end.

When your child reaches 100 miles, he or she will be awarded a beautiful gold medal at our Year-End Medal Ceremony where every participant celebrates their total miles completed. The value of these simple tokens celebrate the milestones met. They also develop new confidence, poise, increase physical fitness levels, and self-esteem.

www.100mileclub.com

To sign up your child simply fill out the information and send it to school with your child.

We encourage parents and entire families to enroll as well. Returning families...welcome back!

Date: ___________________ School Name: ___________________

Student (1): ___________________ Teacher: ___________________

Student (2): ___________________ Teacher: ___________________

Student (3): ___________________ Teacher: ___________________

Student (4): ___________________ Teacher: ___________________

Parent Name(s): ___________________ Parent Signature: ___________________

(student MUST have at least one parent’s signature)

Best Phone: (___) ______-_______ Email: ___________________

One year program enrollment of $10.00 per participant is enclosed for me/my student.

☐ Yes, I am interested in sponsoring ______ participant(s) for additional $10.00 per participant

☐ Yes, I am interested in volunteering or becoming an assistant coach within our community.

Suggested T-Shirt Size: Child: __ Sm __ Med __ Lg Adult: __ Sm __ Med __ Lg __ XL __ 2XL __ 3XL

Total amount enclosed $ _______ Cash ______ Check # _______ Make Checks payable directly to your child’s school.
BIENVENIDOS AL CLUB

La escuela ha enviado esta información a casa para presentarle, a usted y a su familia, El Club de las 100 Millas®. Pronto, los estudiantes participantes saldrán al patio de juegos, a estirarse, a caminar o correr un poquito. Tanto las millas como el amor a correr empezarán a crecer casi inmediatamente!

Una vez que su hijo(a) se una recibirá una identificación oficial de reto aceptado del Club de las 100 Millas®. Cuando su hijo(a) alcance las 25 millas, él/ella recibirá una camiseta fantástica que está diseñada para mostrar sus logros durante el año.

En el camino a las 100 millas, su hijo(a) practicará el establecer metas personales, trabajar en equipo, perseverancia, aplomo, seguridad en sí mismo(a) y ha autoevaluarse.

Durante todo el año ofreceremos créditos en millas a los estudiantes que deseen participar en eventos locales autorizados. Para mayor información puede visitar www.100mileclub.com. Estos eventos incluyen caminatas de caridad, otras caminatas organizadas y carreras, donde usted puede unirse a su hijo(a) en su camino para alcanzar sus metas.

Esperamos celebrar los logros de su hijo(a) tanto en la pista de carreras como en el salón de clases.

www.100mileclub.com

Para inscribir a su hijo(a) sólo llene la siguiente información y envíela a la escuela con su hijo(a). Alentamos a los padres y a las familias completas a inscribirse también. A las familias que regresan... ¡Bienvenidas!

Fecha: _______________ Nombre de la escuela: _______________

Estudiante (1): ___________________ Maestra/o: ___________________

Estudiante (2): ___________________ Maestra/o: ___________________

Estudiante (3): ___________________ Maestra/o: ___________________

Estudiante (4): ___________________ Maestra/o: ___________________

Padre/Madre(s): ___________________ Firma de padre/madre: ___________________

(Por lo menos un padre/madre tiene que firmar la hoja de permiso)

Nombre (____) _____ - __________ Email: ____________________________

Un año de inscripción en el programa de $10.00 dólares por cada participante se adjunta para mismo alumno.

☐ Si, estoy interesado en patrocinar __PARTICIPANTE. Este adicional de $10.00 por participante.

☐ Si, estoy interesado en ser voluntario o convertirse en un entrenador dentro de nuestra comunidad.

Balla de camisetas: para niños: __Sm __Med __Lg para adultos: __Sm __Med __Lg __XL __2XL __3XL

Total incluido $ _________ en efectivo_________ número del cheque________ Haga los cheques directamente a la escuela de su hijo(a).