Athletics Eligibility

MS Families, if you have a student athlete, please be aware of how eligibility to play and practice works for the season, especially in regard to absences:

- Students need to be in school more than half the day to participate in sports that day.
- If a student has an absenteeism rate of over 10%, they will not be eligible to play. They are in truancy and it is considered chronic absenteeism by the federal government.
- Covid illness and doctor's notes are accepted as excusable absences and these absences will not count against student-athletes' truancy.

Panorama Survey

Please complete our Culture and Climate survey!

The window is Oct. 24th- Nov. 11th and we want to hear from our families and community members!

Our school staff and district leadership want to know how our school and district are doing. Surveys take between 10-15 minutes to complete.

Paper surveys are available at the school too. Please use this link to access the survey.
Outdoor Education 6th Grade Fundraiser

This May, HPS’s 6th graders have the opportunity to spend 3 days and 2 nights at the YMCA Camp of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. Outdoor Education is a tremendous experience where our students learn about leadership, teamwork, wilderness preservation and outdoor sports skills.

Our ButterBraids fundraiser will run 24 October thru 8 November and is one of the ways we as a 6th grade class are raising money to help fund this incredible opportunity. Pickup for orders will be Wednesday 16 November after 230pm at High Plains School. Instructions for ordering are included at the top of the webpage linked [here](#).

Any questions, please email John Tomrdle at john.tomrdle@tsd.org.

Bison Mascot

Our mascot is here, but they need a name! Names must be submitted by 11/13/22 in order to be considered. The top 5 names will be selected by the Bison Mascot Committee. Once the top 5 names are selected, a school wide poll will be sent out to vote on the name of our mascot. If your name is selected, you will have the chance to win a $20 gift card. Let’s go Bison!

[https://forms.gle/ZrnB52F8j8j8ZCwhH9](https://forms.gle/ZrnB52F8j8j8ZCwhH9)
Wellness Reminders

2022-23 School Year Guidelines
As COVID-19 infections persist and new variants arise, our mitigation efforts will continue to follow State and Larimer County guidelines. Our priority is keeping students and staff in classrooms and classrooms open.

Symptom Screen
As with any infectious illness, please stay home or keep your student at home if the following symptoms are present. Testing is recommended for all students and staff experiencing COVID-like symptoms. If symptoms are severe or persist, reach out to a health care provider about the next steps for treatment.

- Feeling feverish, having chills, or a temperature of 100.4°F or higher
- New or unexplained persistent cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Muscle aches
- Headache
- Sore or scratchy throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Runny nose or congestion

Rapid tests are available from your school health office or the front desk of the Thompson School District Administration Building.

Remain home until all symptoms improve and free from fever, diarrhea, and vomiting for at least 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication (i.e., Advil or Tylenol). If symptoms persist after three days, even after a negative test, consider re-testing.

Reporting
Please continue all TSD reporting requirements for positive cases.

Household and Community Exposures
If an exposure occurs in your household or community,

- Mask through Day 10*.
- Monitor for symptoms.
- Test if symptomatic.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Report any positive tests.

*Masking is recommended through day 10 from date of exposure if unvaccinated or not up to date on all recommended doses.
**Student Absences**

Regular attendance at school is necessary for your child to achieve maximum academic and social success. If your child will be absent from school for any reason, please notify the school attendance line at **970-679-9870**. This works as a safeguard for your child’s protection should he/she not arrive at school after he/she has been sent. Excused absences are defined as illness, death in the family, family emergencies, or other special circumstances. We respectfully request that appointments be scheduled outside of school hours and that you use days that school is not in session for family activities and vacations. A prearranged absence form should be completed, at least two weeks prior to the absence, when a family knows in advance that the students will be absent for two or more consecutive days that do not fall within the Thompson School District Attendance policy. (Reference TSD policies: JH/JHA/JHB)

**TARDIES**

Excessive tardiness can impact your child’s learning. Being on time to school helps your child start his/her day in a positive way. Instruction begins immediately after the bell rings. Tardiness not only costs your child valuable learning time, but it also disrupts the rest of the class when the teacher must stop instruction to greet your child and help him/her catch up on what was missed.

Students arriving during and after the 8:20 a.m. (or 9:20 a.m. on Wednesday) bell are considered tardy and should check in at the school office before going to class. A tardy student is a student who is not in the classroom at the time the teacher expects. Penalties for tardiness will be equated with penalties for unexcused absences. (Reference TSD policies: JH/JHA/JHB-R)

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school (by phone call or sending a note) when a student is absent or will be late.

**STUDENT ABSENCES**

If your child becomes ill at school, the school health of ice assistant will notify parents/guardians. If you receive only a call/text from your child, please alert the of ice, so that we may check on your child. Parents are responsible for home screening (temperature and symptom check) their children prior to attending school each day. In accordance with state guidelines, students are excluded from school if they have a fever ≥101 with symptoms of illness, vomiting, diarrhea, or known or suspected contagious disease/condition.

**STUDENT APPOINTMENTS**

If your child has an appt (doctor, dental, therapy, etc) during the school day, please make sure that you have your health provider give you a medical excuse note, from their office, regarding your child’s visit. This note should then be turned into the school office upon your child’s return to school.

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**The Youth Clinic**

**TIME WELL SPENT**

Your child’s Well Care Visits help us address the following:

- **Diet & Nutrition**
- **Chronic Health Issues**
- **Parental Concerns**
- **Growth, Development & More**

**Click Here to Self-Schedule Your Child’s Well Care Visit Today!**

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Advertising in this newsletter does not imply endorsement by Thompson School District.
Giving Tree

If you would like to receive gifts for your child(ren), 12th grade and younger, please complete this form. The form MUST BE received, by the school office, no later than Monday, November 7th. Gifts will be given to the families on Wednesday, December 14th from 3:30-5:30pm; no gifts will be held over winter break. Please understand that even with the generosity of our community there is no guarantee all requests will be fulfilled. The giving and receiving of gifts will be strictly confidential and will be handled by the High Plains School Administration.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ANNUAL KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Thompson School District would like to invite you to our annual Kindergarten Open House for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. This is an opportunity to connect with your elementary school and discover the possibilities TSD can provide your student.

When: Thursday, November 10, 2022
Where: Thompson Valley High School Cafetorium
Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Spanish flier; English flier
**Volunteer and Paid Crossing Guards**

Did you know our crossing guards are volunteers? Mr. Ulland and Ms. Brooks volunteer their time each week to help in this area. We are so grateful for their help and would love more crossing guard volunteers, so we can have this area covered every day in the AM and PM. Volunteers must be 18 or older. Online training is provided. If interested, contact Danielle Feeney at danielle.feeney@tsd.org

**Yearbook 8th Grade Recognition Ads (AKA Baby Ads)**

Deadline is November 15th - Hurry Before it’s too Late!

Show everyone how proud you are of your 8th grader in our 2022-2023 yearbook.

Preorder your yearbook for only $45; the price will start to increase
**Bison Cares**

We are excited to share a program here at HPS called Bison Cares. Its purpose is to financially help High Plains students participate in district/school-sponsored activities or needs, and we’re inviting our entire community to get involved. There are three ways to help: by donating, spreading the word, or applying. If you’d like to support or apply for this program, you can go to the High Plains website -> Family & Community -> Family Information -> Bison Cares for more information. Thank you for helping to empower students and families to be the best that they can be.

If you would like to apply, please use this link: [https://forms.gle/L5KwWzpzYcd11DuR6](https://forms.gle/L5KwWzpzYcd11DuR6)

If you would like to donate, please use this link: [https://forms.gle/NFfZgwm2UcLbt3TCA](https://forms.gle/NFfZgwm2UcLbt3TCA)

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**Music Department Events**

Students who are performing need to arrive 30 minutes before the concert time, unless otherwise stated by Mrs. Lemons.

- **November 7 & 8** [Monday & Tuesday] 5-8 pm - TSD Jazz Retreat @ MVHS
- **November 10** [Thursday] 5-7 pm - High Plains 2nd & 3rd Grade Showcase Event @ HPS
- **December 3** [Saturday] 8-noon - HPS Saturday Band Day (rehearsals, sectionals, and peer bonding) @ HPS
- **December 14** [Wednesday] 7 pm (call time of 5 pm) - Winter Combined Band & Choir Concert with RVS @ RVS
Philo and Thompson Schools Annual Food Drive

High Plains School wants to continue to support the canned food drive so during the month of November students can bring in canned food or boxed food to help support the Philo Women's Group that works with TSD to operate the annual canned food drive. Last year they collected 20,000 lbs. Our school wants to continue to support the food drive. The top 3 classes will earn a pizza party for their classes.

Picture Retakes

For those that missed Picture Day in October or needs a redo, picture retakes will be on Tuesday, November 15th in the morning.

TSD High School Open House for 8th Grade Families
Give Next

Give Next is a middle school advisory class for 6th-8th grade students. We are currently working on identifying the community need we want to focus on and developing our mission statement, which will guide us in deciding who to award grants to.

Every additional dollar fundraised by our Give Next class goes directly to our chosen non-profits. If you are interested in donating, you can send a personal check or donate online by following the directions below.

MAKING A DONATION ONLINE:
www.nocofoundation.org/givenext

OR

PLEASE SEND CHECK DIRECTLY TO:
Community Foundation of Northern Colorado
4745 Wheaton Drive, Suite 100
Fort Collins, CO 80525
Make checks out to:
Community Foundation of Northern Colorado
In the check memo include:
Give Next, INSERT SCHOOL, misc donors -
NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

A Book Fair “THANK YOU”!
Thank you to all who came to visit the Book Fair and who helped behind the register. Although we had issues with the register, we were still able to raise some money for new library books. We deeply appreciate everyone’s support and look forward to another Book Fair in the spring!

Enjoy The Fall With Ebooks for All
With our longer nights that are perfect for a good sit down read, don’t forget about the wealth of digital resources that HPS students can access at any time. If you are looking for a huge variety of good reads for your student, there are thousands of ebooks available through SORA and the district’s partnership with the Loveland Public Library. To find an ebook:

Go to SORA
- Click on “Find My School”
- Select and Thompson School District school (all are the same account).
- Choose “Thompson School District R2-J” on the drop down menu
- Sign in with your child’s district log-in.
- Notice the different options you have (by subjects, genres, other categories) and enjoy browsing and checking out books.

If you have any questions, you can email me at nanci.labianca@tsd.org

An easy, one time way to add the public library’s ebook collection to your child’s TSD SORA account is to select “Add Library” under settings and then choose the Front Range Downloadable Library. All TSD students can also access other Loveland Public Library resources by logging in to the LPL website using their TSD credentials (Same way they log in to devices at school).

Quote of the month:
“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

—Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!
Drama Club News

The cast of Frozen, Jr. is working to improve their singing, acting, and dancing routines in order to bring their best performance to HPS. This is a play that has more singing and dancing, than speaking parts. It is full of drama, laughter, and depicts the love between two sisters. The tickets will go on sale soon, so keep your eyes out for the email that will be coming your way. We are in need of snacks for the concession stand. If you are able to help with individually wrapped snacks such as small bags of chips, cookies, small packs of donuts, sodas, water, and packs of larger candy bars- please let me know.

Thank you for all of your support!

High Plains Sewing Club

SEW WHAT?  Learn basic sewing skills as we design and create a service project for a special client! We will also make other projects to keep as time allows!

SEW WHO?  All Grades K-8

SEW WHEN?  Thursdays after school 3:45-5:00

Cost:  $5.00 to cover the cost of materials needed for individual projects. Fees will be collected at the beginning of the first session.

Session Dates

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Registration is on a first come first serve basis and ends November 18. Sewing Club spaces are limited to adult help. No more than 3 students per adult per machine. Complete this Sewing Club Registration form right away to reserve your spot! A waitlist will be created to fill spots vacated.

Questions??  Contact Mrs. Jones
Email – lindy.jones@tsd.org; Voicemail – (970) 679-9838
Very Important - Volunteers Needed

High Plains Sewing Club relies on its volunteers for help. No experience is necessary. Learn to sew with the students. Please complete this High Plains Sewing Registration Form * if you would like to volunteer.

* This is the Registration Form. Please complete the student information with your name and preferences and then it will direct you to the Volunteer Section.

High Plains Sewing Club follows the Design Thinking process to create products for customers. Do you have a project you would like the Sewing Club to complete for you! Complete this High Plains Sewing Club Project Request Form, and we will contact you if it is something we can do!

Middle School Dance

Middle School students come join us ‘Under the Stars’ on November 11th from 6:00-8:00pm. Tickets are currently on sale; $5/person or $4/person with a donation of 2 cans for our canned food drive. This dance is only for High Plains middle school students and you must be present at school on November 11th.