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Upcoming Events

APT STAFF APPRECIATION DAY
January 29, Wednesday
Administrative/Professional/Technical Staff in the district are honored on this day. This includes principals and many employees who work in the administration building.

LOVELAND SWEETHEART CLASSIC RUN
February 15, Saturday, 2:30 PM
in downtown Loveland
Participants will run 4 miles to raise money for the TSD middle school and high school cross-country teams.

BERTHOUD TEACHERS’ SUPPLIES PARTY
February 19, Wednesday, 5:30 PM - 7 PM
@ Berthoud Community Center, 248 Welch Ave.
Berthoud area businesses donate school supplies and money to Berthoud elementary, middle, and high school teachers at this fun event.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR SPRING MEETING
March 12, Thursday, 10 AM - 11 AM
@ TSD Admin. Bldg., 800 S. Taft Ave.
Obtain and bring information about your school’s recognition event to this meeting in order to coordinate volunteer appreciation week and recognition materials.

CHILDREN’S DAY
April 20, Monday, 11 AM - 2 PM
@ Fairgrounds Park, 700 S. Railroad Ave.
This free event will take place in one location this year. There will be city department booths with educational and fun activities, prizes, and information for children and their parents. Visit www.cityofloveland.org/ChildrensDay for more info.

FIELD TRIP CHECKS

- Remind volunteers that their hours must be logged by March 31.
- Choose a TSD teacher or staff member to receive an award for most support and involvement in the volunteer program. Names are due March 12.
- Remind staff about April 30 deadline to have field trip chaperones registered.

Volunteers in the module.

through pages of volunteer information or clicking Export to Excel above the columns. This will open an excel sheet on the right side, just clicking left hand side and then the Volunteers Tab on the TSD online by clicking on the Volunteering in the volunteer program. Names are due March 12.

TSD is Helping Students Change the World

It is gratifying to see students initiate and implement solutions to serious problems facing our community such as Colorado’s high mental illness numbers. Colorado is among a few states in the country with the highest suicide rates, with Larimer County numbers higher than most other counties in Colorado. Last Spring, Ashley Arthur, a Junior at Mountain View High School, surveyed students and teachers to identify what would help students overcome feelings of sadness and desperation in high school. Her research led to the idea of creating resource boxes that would be kept in classrooms. She submitted a proposal for this project in the “Thompson Kids Can Change the World” contest and won. That project came to fruition in Fall 2019. Now Ashley’s boxes are helping students learn coping skills as young teenagers and address mental health issues early.

Every Spring Thompson School District holds the “Thompson Kids Can Change the World” contest, which recognizes students who are making a positive difference in their community. Students submit ideas for projects they would like to create to help make a difference in the world. Applications are taken online March 1—April 3. A winner is chosen in two categories: Kindergarten—9th grade and 10th—12th grade. Winners receive $250 in supplies and materials as well as professional guidance to help make their plans a reality. Once their projects are completed, their stories are featured in online videos. TSD hopes this will help students know how much they matter, affirming that just one person can make a difference at any age. That difference can have a ripple effect that creates a big impact. TSD wants kids to feel empowered to take action and in turn, show the community how much value kids have.

If you would like to hear more about past winners, you can see videos at the websites below:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymca3QWnko&feature=youtu.be
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PzxQfwYX9U
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Cb2xHUI1L
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PxzQfwYX9U
https://youtu.be/e3R7Tax7c1o
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymca3QWnko&feature=youtu.be
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PzxQfwYX9U
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Cb2xHUI1L