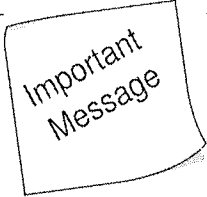




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HOME OF THE DRAGONS

Turner Times

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Fall Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 10 from 4:30-8:30pm and Thursday, October 11 from 7:00am-5:30pm. These will be scheduled in advance, with an opportunity for 10 minutes with each teacher. Scheduling communication will be sent to families on Tuesday, October 2nd.

This year's conferences will be conducted in a new format: student-led conferences. All middle schools in our school district have collaboratively decided to utilize this format. It is then an expectation that students attend conferences with their families. Teachers will still be in attendance of the conference, but the students will be empowered to drive the conversation among parents and teachers to reflect on their learning journey.

How will this look?

Students will lead the discussion, centered around their online portfolio. In advance, students have taken the time to organize their work, reflect on their learning goals and achievements, and consider their areas for growth. We encourage you to ask your child about their online portfolio anytime.

As the conference centers around the student's reflection, families can ask questions along the way, while the teacher and student answer.

We are excited to be a part of this transition to student-led conferences and hope you will find the conversations as enriching as we do. With this change, there may be unforeseen challenges, but we hope to work with you to improve along the way. Like last year, we will send out a post-conferences survey in order to use your considerations and perspectives as we prepare for Spring Conferences.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Brandy Grieves, Principal

October Count date is Wednesday, October 3rd .

What is the October Count? It is a State of Colorado mandated annual report used to determine each public school district's share of state funds allocated under the Colorado Public School Finance Act. The focus of the October Count is to verify student attendance at each public school in the state. During the 2017-18 school year, Thompson School District received approximately \$7,040 per student attending full time or the qualified equivalent.

What does this mean? **We need your students to be at school on Wednesday, October 3rd !** The more students we count, the more students will be included in the funding formula for Thompson School District. So please make sure your students are here on this day! Absences due to school-related activities are fine. Kids are still technically in school and accounted for.

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Friendly reminder all incoming 6th graders need to receive a TDAP booster or have an exemption on file.

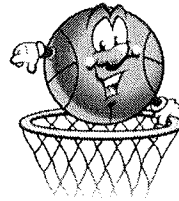
If students are not in compliance Thompson School District Exclusion day will be 11-14-2018. Thank you in advance!!



Parents, we encourage you to consider attending our School Accountability Committee meetings. We would love to have a larger group to discuss items such as strategies to improve school performance, recommendations on priorities for school budget, and providing input for the District Accountability Committee.

We are currently reviewing meeting times, the best day of the week to meet, and other obstacles such as child care to try to establish this year's meeting calendar. If you have suggestions or comments, please email Bob Barkeen at bob.barkeen@gmail.com.

Thank you.



Paperwork and fees for Boy's Basketball is due (to Mrs. Barnett) by Monday, October 1st. Practice starts on Monday, October 15th.

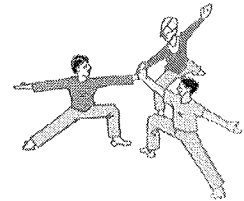


Namaste

Mindfulness Club will start October 15th. It will be held every Monday from 7:30-8:15am.

Mindfulness club will include chi-gung, light yoga and focus on other self-care practices.

Stop by the art room and grab an application from Mrs. Thompson.



From the Counseling Office:

At Turner in the coming weeks, the counselors will be going into the 6th grade classes to show their "Conflict Resolution and Bullying" presentation. This will help the 6th graders to distinguish the difference between conflict and bullying, as well as how to deal with both. They will learn conflict styles, as well as a refresher on "I Statements".

The counselors will also be heading into the 7th and 8th grade classes to re-norm conflict, conflict resolution and bullying issues.



PARENTS SAFETY TALK CHECKLIST
BICYCLE RIDING AND WALKING

Due to the wonderful weather of Colorado, we have many students who ride their bicycles or walk to school every day. As part of the Colorado Safe Routes to Schools grant, we would like, and encourage, your support in providing the following safe guidelines to your loved one. Please discuss each point of emphasis with your walker/rider.

- _____ Always wear a helmet while riding your bike
- _____ Make sure your bike has safety reflectors within the front or rear wheels of the bike
- _____ Bicyclists must obey all traffic laws that apply to cars. This means:
 - _____ stopping at ALL stop signs
 - _____ stopping at red traffic lights
 - _____ riding in the same direction as cars
 - _____ obeying signs like “Do not enter,” “One way,” “Road closed”
- _____ Do not ride side by side with any more than one other person (no packs)
- _____ Yielding when exiting an alley way or parking lot
- _____ Do not wear all dark clothing. You must have a light on the bike if riding at night
- _____ Cross at crossing walks
 - _____ Make sure you do not just walk out, or ride out, in to the cross walk. Pedestrians have the right of way only when in the cross walk, but that is when it is safe to enter the cross walk. Make eye contact with the cars so that you can see if they are stopping for you. At that point you can safely cross
- _____ When using the flashing cross signal, push the button, wait to make sure cars are stopping, then proceed.
- _____ Walk/ride across the street only on green traffic lights, or if the “white walking guy” signal is facing you, and is in the direction that you are walking or riding.
- _____ Remember hand signals:
 - _____ Left arm bent, left hand pointing up = **RIGHT** turn
 - _____ Left arm bent, left hand pointing down = **STOP**
 - _____ Left arm straight out from your side = **LEFT** turn



These are just some topics to discuss with your loved ones. Everyone’s goal is safety. Everyone wants each bicycle rider and walking pedestrian to be safe and get to their destination safely. Bicycling and walking, following the rules, makes all travelers safer. Remember, even though you have the right of way, if a vehicle doesn’t see you, you will lose.

October 2018

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 9:00 Parent Volunteer Meeting	3 4:15 VB @ TMS	4 4:30 CC Varsity @ MVHS	5 NO SCHOOL	6 9:00-Swim Varsity @ MVHS
8 4:30 VB 1st round TBD	9 9:00 Picture Retakes	10 4:30-8:30 P/T Conferences	11 7-5pm P/T Conferences	12 NO SCHOOL	13
15 4:15 BB Practice Starts	16	17	18	19	20
22	23	24	25 12:00 7th Grade Vision / Hearing	26 4:15 - 6:30 Color Run / Dance Fund-raiser	27
29	30	31 