Hello February! Students and staff are back in the swing of things, and there are a lot of events, activities, and learning going on! This past month we had our spelling bee, sending 12 students to the district spelling bee in mid-January. A special thank you to Mrs. Jessica Soulek, early childhood teacher, for organizing the competition.

In January school staff partnered with the High Plains PTCO to present on standards based instruction and grading. At the February 28th PTCO meeting, staff will present on literacy instruction and programming at High Plains. Please join us!

This time of year gets particularly chilly, so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Outdoor activities will be suspended only if the “feels like” temperature reaches below 15 degrees. We use the Weather Channel app to check temperature throughout the day. Please also review pages 9-10 in the Parent/Student Handbook for dress code to make sure your child is dressed appropriately.

February will be filled with many events so please continue to check the school’s website and calendar for important dates. The first week full week in March High Plains will hold targeted parent-teacher-student conferences. Please look for more information on dates, times, and details in the coming month through teacher communications, as well as school communications.

Stay warm, healthy, and safe!

Sincerely,

Danielle Feeney, Principal, High Plains School
Schools On The Move

High Plains School Early Childhood through 5th grade students will participate in the Schools on the Move Challenge running February 1st through February 28th. Please check out the link for more information, Schools on the Move or go to the High Plains website under activities. Schools on the Move challenges children and adults to eat 5 fruits and veggies each day, have less than 2 hours of screen time a day, at least 1 hour of physical activity, and drink 0 sugary drinks for the month of February.

2017-2018 Kindergarten Document Drop-off

On February 1st between 8AM and 6PM, parents of incoming kindergarten students may stop by the school to drop off registration documentation (birth certificate, proof of address, vaccination records). If you know of families with incoming kindergarten age students that live within the HPS boundary, please remind them to register their child for the 2017-2018 school year. More information on registration can be found at http://www.thompsonschools.org/page/9880
Community Tours

During the second semester High Plains School will offer tours for community members and parents interested in hearing about the school’s program and unique design features. Tours will be held at 3:30PM on February 8th and March 8th. If interested, please RSVP to Judy Simeon at judy.simeon@thompsonschools.org

Spring Book Fair at High Plains

Get ready, because the Scholastic Book Fair will be here once again during parent/teacher conferences! Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy seeing the wide selection of books and fun school supplies that will be available for purchase. The fair directly benefits our students, and the kids love seeing new books in our library. We deeply appreciate your support!
Easy Access to Great Books!

Reading over break is a great way to reinforce vocabulary acquisition, increase comprehension, and just enjoy a good story! The High Plains library offers thousands of digital books for students of all ages and reading levels. Accessing them is easy:

1. Visit our school’s website (highplainsschool.org)
2. Select "Library" under the "Popular" tab.
3. Click on the Follett Destiny icon in order to search our catalog.
4. Log in to read a book digitally.
5. **Student user name**: first initial, middle initial, last name, last two digits of their graduating year (example: jtdoe23)
6. **Password**: student number preceded by two zeroes (example: 00123456)

Enjoy!

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**Comcast internet deal**

Comcast has a program in place that can help provide affordable Internet to our families who qualify for free and reduced meals.

To participate, parents / guardians or school personnel can simply request a letter from Nutritional services saying that they participate in the program. The department will then provide them with a letter on district letterhead for the family to submit to Comcast.

To learn more or apply, visit InternetEssentials.com or call 1-855-846-8376
Health Office

Q: What does the dentist of the year get?

A: A little Plaque!

- February is Dental Health Month! Do you know what to do to keep your kids’ mouth healthy?
- Brush twice a day.
- Floss!
- Use a mouthwash with fluoride (age appropriate)
- Avoid sugary and sticky snacks.
- See your dentist twice a year.

Also, a friendly fever reminder, if your child has a fever of over 101 please make sure they are resting at home. Our policy states that a student must remain home until there is no fever for 24 hours without the aid of medication.

Have a Fantastic February!
High Plains Music

Thompson School District Sixth Annual 6th Grade Choir Festival
February 7th @ Thompson Valley High School- 6:00pm

We are excited to announce that the fourth annual district-wide Sixth Grade Choir festival will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017! This event is made possible by a grant from the Encounters With Music trust fund and is free for all to attend. Students will spend the day working with regionally acclaimed clinician Jill Burgett, a master teacher with extensive experience working with middle school students. At 6:00 PM, the students will perform at Thompson Valley High School, culminating in a grand finale with about 275 students singing as one!

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Music Program
February 23rd @ HPS- 6:30pm

The youngest Bison will be performing their first ever concert at High Plains School. They will be singing about "What Keeps Us Healthy". Please join us for a night of fun and music!

- February 7 - 6th Grade TSD Choir Festival- All day rehearsals (MVHS); Concert same night (TVHS)
- February 23 - Kinder/1st Concert (HPS) 6:30PM
- March 1 - 4th Grade Field Trip (Rialto Theatre) time TBD
- March 29 - 2nd/3rd Concert (HPS) 6:30PM
- April 19 - Middle School Choir and Band Concert (MVHS Auditorium) 6:30PM
- May 8-12 (TBD)- Talent Show (HPS) time TBD
Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run will start the week of March 6th. Girls on the Run inspires girls to a lifetime of self-respect and a healthy lifestyle through an innovative program that combines training for a 3.1 mile run/walk race with a fun, health education lesson plan. We will meet Mondays and Wednesdays after school. Open to all 3rd through 5th grade girls. Registration opens February 6th - watch for info coming soon. For more information about the program go to [www.girlsontherunrockies.org](http://www.girlsontherunrockies.org). Questions or want to coach? Contact: [Shannon.Altenhofen@thompsonschools.org](mailto:Shannon.Altenhofen@thompsonschools.org)

SAVE the DATE

- **February 1st**: Kindergarten Document Drop-off
- **February 7th**: 6th Grade TSD Choir Festival
- **February 8th**: Community School Tour (3:30pm)
- **February 10th**: K-5 Class Pictures
- **February 20-21**: No school for students
- **February 22nd**: Track & Field Parent Meeting (6:30pm)
- **February 23rd**: Kindergarten & 1st Grade Choir Concert (6:30)
- **February 28th**: PTCO Meeting (6:30)