Message from the Principal...

The grand opening of High Plains School is almost upon us. On August 2nd, students, families, and community members will have the opportunity to visit the school and observe the laying of the cornerstone. Staff have been working since the beginning of June and throughout the summer to develop instructional plans, coordinate scheduling, identify consistent and common expectations for both students and themselves, and create a dynamic learning environment. I am proud of the work staff has done and look forward to sharing it with students and families.

The opening of a school is a unique and special time. There is much anticipation, excitement, and even nervousness among all members. My greatest hope for this first year is that a close, caring community develops to fulfill the aspirations, dreams, and goals built up by the development of this school. When staff met in June we had many conversations about the community’s hopes for High Plains, as well as our own visions of a great school. These conversations led to the creation of a mission statement that has been guiding all discussions and decisions:

“High Plains is an early childhood through eighth-grade STEAM school fueled by innovative and authentic learning opportunities where all members feel safe, valued,

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and empowered. Students are immersed in the inquiry process while taking risks and engaging in issues facing our community in order to have a positive impact on our world today, tomorrow, and in years to come.”

On behalf of all High Plains School staff, thank you for choosing High Plains for your child. We are excited to meet each of you and to start building those relationships that will ultimately support us in achieving our mission and your child having a happy, fulfilling, and successful educational experience.

Sincerely,

Danielle Feeney
Principal, High Plains School

Back to School Night

On August 18th, High Plains School will hold a back-to-school night for our families. On this night families will meet with the principal and teachers, be able to drop school supplies off, meet PTCO members, and learn about volunteer opportunities. The event will start at 5pm. Please mark your calendars and keep an eye out for detailed information coming soon!
Transition Days

August 19th and 22nd are transition days for High Plains School students.

- **August 19th**, all kindergarten through eighth-grade students with last names starting with A-L will attend a full school day.

- **August 22nd**, all kindergarten through eighth grade students with last names starting with M-Z will attend a full school day for their transition.

The purpose for splitting students into 2 transition days is to allow students the opportunity to meet their teacher(s), see what a full day looks like at HPS, and get to know their classmates within smaller group settings.

The first official school day is set for August 23rd. School hours are 7:50am-3:10pm. Supervision is available starting at 7:30am. Students should not be dropped off before that time.

Vital Volunteer Information

Register as a new or returning volunteer here, so you can be ready to go on the first day of school. It is quick, easy and required for all classroom, event and field trip volunteering.
PTCO

Next meeting
- Tuesday August 9th
- 6:30pm High Plains Cafeteria
- Everyone is welcome - help us make our school community strong!

Important Dates
- August 23rd  Kindergarten Family "Boo Hoo" Breakfast
- September 14th  Chick-fil-A Fundraiser Night

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Contact the PTCO
- [highplainsk8ptco@gmail.com](mailto:highplainsk8ptco@gmail.com)
- [www.highplainsptco.org](http://www.highplainsptco.org)
**Athletic corner**

Hi everyone and welcome to the Physical Education program at High Plains School! My name is Reid Bauersfeld and I am currently in my sixteenth year of teaching Physical Education in Northern Colorado. I am a Colorado Professionally Certified Teacher. I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Business/Marketing from Emporia State University in 1999, and my Master’s Degree in Physical Education in 2005 from Emporia State University. Prior to teaching at HPS, I served as a Physical Education Teacher, Athletic Director, and Intramural Director at several different Loveland and Fort Collins schools, the last ten of which were at New Vision Charter School. For the second time in my teaching career, I will be starting a new K-8 Physical Education program.

My love of movement is rooted in youth athletics. I was involved in numerous sports growing up including basketball, soccer, tennis, golf, track and field, baseball and football. My greatest love of sport, however, is for cross-country and track field. After placing tenth in the nation in the 2,000 meter steeplechase at the 1994 USATF National Junior Track and Field meet, I moved on to Kansas State University where I ran cross-country and track and field for the Wildcats. After that, I earned my Master’s Degree from Emporia State University and served as a graduate assistant for the cross-country and track and field teams.

I’ve coached many different sports including track and field, cross-country, rugby, baseball, and basketball. In addition to my teaching, I have been a CrossFit coach at CrossFit Loveland, I am the Founder and Executive Director of the Larimer Youth

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Rugby Club, and I frequently serve as a volunteer coach for numerous sports for the City of Loveland. I have been married for fourteen years to my wife, Diane, and our two children will join me at High Plains this year. My passions include my family, my faith, track and field, cross-country, and an active outdoor lifestyle.

I am so excited to have the opportunity to create a new Physical Education Program that promotes lifelong activity and fitness at HPS. I feel that Physical Education at High Plains School is an essential part of every child’s educational experience. It provides students the opportunity to participate in a variety of developmentally appropriate activities designed to help each student improve their level of fitness, develop their basic movement skills, and gain knowledge of specific movement and health concepts. Physical Education at HPS will emphasize personal fitness, movement skills for lifetime activities, teamwork, leadership, and character development.

In addition to being the Physical Education teacher, I will also be the intramural coordinator. This year HPS will offer five different intramural programs for 6th-8th graders to develop our competitive interscholastic sports program in the years to come. Here is what you can look forward to:

- **Boys and Girls Cross-country:** September - October
- **Girls Volleyball:** September - October
- **Boys Basketball:** November - December
- **Girls Basketball:** January - February
- **Boys and Girls Track and Field:** March - May

All students participating in Intramural Athletics must complete the Thompson School District sports participation packet. It can be found at: [http://www.th Thompsonschoo ls.org/page/4413](http://www.th Thompsonschoo ls.org/page/4413)

I am currently creating K-5 athletic camps and plan to send that information to all of you as soon as it’s available. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting all of you and teaching your child the joy of movement!

Actively yours,

Coach B.
**Middle School Core Extensions**

A strong early childhood through eighth grade education should include not only the core academics of English, mathematics, social studies/history, and science but also in-depth studies of art, music, technology, and physical education. These content areas not only support students’ understanding and application of content learned in the core areas, but also develop a well-rounded education that prepares students for high school, college and/or career, and the pursuit of a life well lived.

All sixth through eighth grade students will participate in core extension classes of art, music, technology, and physical education. As students progress through the grades, they will learn each of the subjects in greater depth.

High Plains staff also recognize students at the middle school level need the ability to choose areas of interest that excite and extend their learning. Sixth through eighth grade students will be enrolled in a STEAM period each day. The STEAM period will allow students to explore careers in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics, as well as elect to follow specific passion pursuits that may include communications and marketing, gardening, student leadership, and other areas recommended by students and teachers. Middle school teachers are developing the framework for this period and will communicate details in August. Students will choose their STEAM course within the first two weeks of school.
Nutrition Services

Approximately 10,000 student meals are produced in our kitchens each day. In the 2015-2016 school year the Nutrition Services team produced over 1.5 million meals and snacks for students using over 250,000 pounds of local fresh produce.

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Elementary Students are not allowed to charge more than 2 meals. Middle school students are not allowed to charge meals.

Parents are always welcome to dine with their child, please be sure to call in advance and check in at the school office.

Add money to your students account, check balances, sign up for low balance alerts and more! Click on the icon below to create an account.

Apply ONLINE for Free or Reduced Meal Applications. A fast and convenient way to apply for benefits with added privacy. Click the "Online Meal Applications" button below to get started!
SAVE the DATE

August 2  5:00 p.m.  Grand Opening & Cornerstone Ceremony
August 9  6:30 p.m.  PTCO Meeting
August 18  5:00 p.m.  Back To School Night
August 19  7:50 a.m.  K-8th grade students with last names beginning A-L attend school
August 22  7:50 a.m.  K-8th grade students with last names beginning M-Z attend school
August 22  4:00 p.m.  Early Childhood Families Open House
August 23  7:50 a.m.  ALL K-8th grade students attend school
August 23  Kindergarten Family Boo Hoo Breakfast
August 24  Early Childhood First Day of School
September 5  No School  Labor Day
September 6  No School  Staff Professional Development
September 9  Grandparent’s Day Lunch
September 14  Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser Night
September 30  Picture Day