Message from the Principal...

Dear Winona Families!

Happy Fall!!! Thank you to all of our families who came and played Bingo on September 25th! Based on requests from multiple families and our students, we hope to hold another Bingo night in the spring!

Our Winona heart is back out front with a new pedestal! We are happy to finally have this as a permanent fixture at Winona! Thank you to all of our families who helped out with the Wildcat Dash, whether it was through donations or coming to help and volunteer! We raised over $3,000. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are helping to plan out what that raised money will go toward!

Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade will be starting our first round of Personalized Learning classes. Please see the attached brochure to learn more about this unique opportunity for our students!!!

Just a friendly reminder that if you are pulling up to the curb for Parent Pick-Up, please remain in your vehicles. If you would like to get out of your vehicle to meet your child, please park your car in one of the lot spots and then walk up to Parent Pick-Up. We also ask that you keep your vehicle out of the bus lane in the front. We had a vehicle bump into one of the buses while leaving the other day.

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In order to make sure that the kids have enough fuel for their brains, please have a discussion with your children about eating their lunches each day! If they do not like the school lunch, they have the option of bringing a lunch! If you would like to go through the lunch menu with your children ahead of time, the monthly menu is available on the Thompson website, as well as on our free TSD app.

The weather is getting cooler. Please make sure that your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather. If your child is in need of boots or coats, please contact Lacee Smith, our counselor, and she can help to support your family with those needs.

Thank you for sharing your children with us at Winona!!!

Kim Tymkowych
Principal of Winona Elementary

Volunteers Needed

1st Grade will be going to Rocky Mountain National Park on October 17th and 18th. We need 3 volunteers from each 1st grade classroom. If you are interested in attending this field trip and are a registered volunteer please contact Mrs. Newman by calling the office at 970-613-7100 or by email whitney.newman@thompsonschools.org.
Newspapers needed

The art room is getting ready to start paper mache projects and we are in need of newspaper! If you have any unwanted newspaper at home that you would like to donate, please send it to Ms. Blake in the art room. Thank you for supporting our budding artists!

Upcoming Events and Dates

October

15 Hearing and Vision Screening
16 Hearing and Vision Screening
25 Picture Retake Day
31 Halloween Parties and Parade (more details to come)

Picture Retake Day

Winona picture retake day is Friday, October 25th. Photographers will be in our building from 8am-8:30am. New students to Winona or absent students are encouraged to get their picture taken. Please see attached picture order forms. If you have any questions please call the office at 970-613-7100. Thank you!
Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Thompson School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs $1.75 for Elementary, $2.00 for Secondary. Lunch costs $3.00 for Elementary and $3.25 for lunch. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. Students in all grades that qualify for free or reduced-price meals will receive breakfast and lunch at no charge.

This packet contains an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. You can also find applications at:

- Any school or TSD NS office, 2890 N. Monroe Ave., Loveland or apply online at www.myschoolapps.com

Below are common questions and answers to help you with the application process:

1. **WHO CAN RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS?**
   - All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (Colorado Works - Basic Cash Assistance or State D Welfare), are eligible for free meals.
   - Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Foster children may be added as a household member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to apply, including foster children who are household members who may help other children qualify for benefits. If the foster family is not eligible, it does not prevent a foster child from receiving benefits.
   - Children who qualify for their districts Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
   - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
   - Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your child may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household's income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

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2. **HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY?** Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, motel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and have not already been notified that they will receive free meals, please call or e-mail Sara Rademaker, 970-623-6507 or contact the school secretary.

3. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to TSD Nutrition Services, 2890 N. Monroe Ave., Loveland, CO 80538.

4. **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** No. But please read the letter received carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household are missing from your eligibility notification, contact Julie Winters, Food Services Coordinator, 970-623-5143 or Julie.winters@thompsonschools.org immediately.

5. **CAN I APPLY ONLINE?** Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit www.myschoolapps.com to begin or learn more about the online application process. Contact Julie Winters, Food Services Coordinator, 970-623-5143 or Julie.winters@thompsonschools.org if you have any questions about the online application.
6. MY CHILD’S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child’s application is only valid for that school year and for the first 30 days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school notified you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

7. I RECEIVE WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN RECEIVE FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in a completed free and reduced-price meal application.

8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? You may be selected to verify household income you report on the application.

9. IF I DON’T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who temporarily becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

10. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL’S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Lisa Kendall, N.J. Director, 2850 N. Monroe Ave., Loveland, CO 80538, 970-613-5140 or lisa.kendall@thompsonschools.org.

11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes, your children or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Immigration, citizens, citizenship or refugee status is not required during the application process, and families should continue to apply for free or reduced-price school meals. The application does require the last four numbers of a Social Security card or an indication that there is no Social Security number. Social Security number information is not reported to any organization outside of Thompson School District.

12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? Use the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make $2000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made $1000, put down that you made $1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income. The last four digits of the Social Security number of an adult household member (or an indication of “none”) is required to process a complete income application.

13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not report some types of income, but you must report any income received. For example, if you receive a disability check for $100 per month, put that you receive $100 per month. If you are a student, you do not report income that you receive as a student. If you are a student, you also do not report income that you receive as a student. The last four digits of the Social Security number of an adult household member (or an indication of “none”) is required to process a complete income application.

14. ARE WE IN THE MILITARY? DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and basic housing are reported as income. You may use any legal ways to cover such basic needs.

15. IF THERE ISN’T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact Julie Winters, Meal Benefits Coordinator, 970-613-5143 or julie.winters@thompsonschools.org to receive a second application.

16. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office. Colorado EITC is an online service to screen and apply for medical, food and cash assistance programs. It can be accessed at http://eligibility.screen.org.

If you have other questions or need help, contact:

Julie Winters, Meal Benefits Coordinator, 970-613-5143 or julie.winters@thompsonschools.org.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kendall, B.S., A.A.S., SNS
NUTRITION SERVICES DIRECTOR

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-1005-CP, found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA. Washington, D.C. 20250-9410. In addition, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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Bond Project Information

From: Tammy Knaur, Bond Director
Date: September 18, 2019
To: Thompson School District: General Release for Parents/Community
Subject: Access Control and Video Surveillance

Thompson School District facilities will be receiving upgraded video and access control equipment as part of the 2018 Bond Program. This includes replacing and installing new cameras, installing new card readers at doorways, and implementing new software for monitoring. Following is some information regarding the work involved.

Background

Design started in March 2019. TSD Facilities, Security and the Bond Team have spent exhaustive hours in fine-tuning implementation for TSD. The design firm and installing contractors have extensive experience in neighboring school districts working under similar conditions within occupied schools. TSD Leadership has worked to modify policy and create standards to support the program that are specific to TSD.

Principals are in collaboration with Operations staff to review the design and ensure accurate coverage and access based on their intimate knowledge of the facility.

Project Information

> **Schedule:** All schools are scheduled to be completed by January 1, 2020.
> **Duration:** Varies by school, 10 – 30 days.
> **Working hours:** 6:00am -3:00pm Monday-Friday. Possible evenings and weekends.
> **Training:** All staff will be issued access cards. The system will be fully tested and staff will be trained before the system is activated.

Questions

> Please contact your principal for any further information.

The Operations Department works with all staff members across the district to provide the safest environment possible. This is accomplished through continual training, planning, and striving to align their security procedures with the most current standards. While our schools do have security technology in the form of controlled access, panic alarms, and surveillance cameras, nothing beats the vigilance of our staff, students, and parents in terms of providing awareness and opportunities for prevention.