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THE FAMILY FEEL OF THUNDER RIDGE

Take one step inside the doors of our school and hopefully you feel what we feel: you are a part of an amazing family! A family goes above and beyond and takes care of each other. Here are just a few examples of why we love our Thunder Ridge family!

Our innovative and proactive PTA:

As you can tell by all of the fun activities planned during the school day and in the evening for families, the members of the PTA keep the Raptor Spirit alive here at school.

Waffle Wednesdays:



Kathy Loveridge, also known as our Thunder Ridge Mama, often surprises teachers and faculty with Mickey waffles and homemade jam in the morning. She comes

in early and stays late, but she wants to spread a little love in the building....

It is very much appreciated!

Dress-up Days:

Teachers (and administrators) love

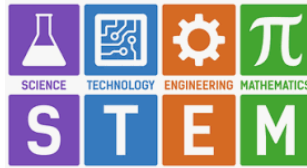


any reason to add a smile to our students' faces. Special dress up days are just as much fun for the adults as kids. From Dr. Seuss day to 100 day to Halloween, we have individuals that celebrate all special days with a little flair.

These are just 3 examples out of the many. Thanks for all you do to help us feel like a family.

FAMILY STEM NIGHT

We have enjoyed our STEM and Art nights this year. Our final family night of the year is March 27th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. From new games to old favorites (back by popular request), we will have an activity that catches the interest of all our raptors and their families. PTA and teachers are already preparing for this STEM night. We will have food trucks if you want to have dinner or a snack to complete the fun event. We hope to see you there!



RAPTOR PARENT TIP OF THE MONTH: HOW TO READ REPORT CARDS

At the end of each trimester, teachers have the opportunity to report progress of students towards each essential standard. Scores represent where a learner is on that essential right now. The student will continue to gain more knowledge and skills throughout the next trimester. A score of a 1 or 2 indicates that a student is below mastery on that skill and needs continued support and instruction. A 3 or 4 during Trimester 2 means that the student has met or surpassed mastery of the current expected learning of that essential. You can check students' progress towards mastery through your Skyward account.

KEY DATES

Mar. 4th: No School -Teacher PD

Mar. 8th: 5th Grade Raptor Reading at 9:15 a.m.

Mar. 18th-22nd: Track Requests

Parents, a Google Form will be sent out in the Monday Memo to be filled out this week.

Mar. 19th: Spirit Night at Chubby's

Mar. 22nd: PTA Talent Show at 9:30 a.m.

Mar. 25th: Kindergarten Registration

Mar. 27th: Family STEM Night from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events in April:

Apr. 1st-5th: Spring Break

CONGRATS!

These students are advancing to Regionals for Science Fair:
Spencer Crouch, Caleb Dickey, Bailey Fowler, McKay Jenson, Cyrus Ottley, Tate Peterson, Hailey Sheppard, Aysia Yates.

FAQ'S

What time does school start?

A track: 8:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
B Track: 9:15a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
AM Kinder: 9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
PM Kinder: 12:35 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

What happens on Mondays?

Students get out an hour early so teachers can collaborate.

A track: 1:15 p.m.
B Track & PM Kinder: 2:30 p.m.
AM Kindergarten: no change

When does my child have recess and lunch?

Lunch Schedule 2018-2019

Grade (Teachers)	Recess	Wash Bell	Lunch
3rd (4 classes)	10:55-11:11	11:11	11:13-11:30
6th (3 classes)	11:10-11:26	11:26	11:28-11:45
1st (4 classes)	11:18-11:33	11:33	11:35-11:55
4th (3 classes)	11:33-11:49	11:49	11:51-12:08
5th (3 classes)	11:42-11:58	11:58	12:00-12:17
2nd (3 classes)	11:53-12:08	12:08	12:10-12:30
SMG (3 classes)			12:20-12:50
Giant Steps			12:25-12:50

What do I do if my child is sick and I need to excuse an absence?

- ▶ Call the office at (801)610-8727
- ▶ Or Email: putykanski@alpinedistrict.org

Why do I need to come to the office and show I.D. when checking out my child?

We have your child's safety in mind. As per ASD policy, please be prepared to come in with your I.D. Thanks!



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. JENSEN

Dear Raptor Families,

We are looking forward to Spring just around the corner. This is a great time of year! We have learned so much about content and about the 6 C's. It has been delightful to see pictures from teachers showing your students being creative, thinking critically, collaborating with classmates, trying out different forms of communication, and demonstrating citizenship in a variety of ways!

This month we are focusing on character. Our foci will be on kindness, respecting others, and not giving up when things get hard. We are learning that mistakes are not a failure, they are just data that will help our next try be even better! We have talked about three ways to handle problems that may come our way:

1. Don't blame the problem on someone else. We lose our power when we do that. When we own problems, we have the power to solve them.
2. Think. Hard work is awesome! But we can also think smarter instead of harder.
3. Ask for help. Someone around us might have great advice we can use to solve our challenge.

We have such a kind and amazing community at Thunder Ridge. With 6 months of learning under our belts this year, I am confident that the best is still ahead of us.

TRACK REQUESTS FOR 2019-2020

Kindergarten: Thanks to all the parents who filled out the input survey about proposed track schedules. We used that information along with school input to make our decision. For the 2019-2020 school year, we will have the 9:15-12:00 session and 12:35-3:30 (2:30 on Monday) session available.

Track Requests: Plan ahead now!!!! This year we will be sending out a Google form to collect Track Requests for the 2019-2020 school year. We try to do our best to honor these requests, but we will be using the timestamp on the completed surveys to help us know the order they were turned in. The Google form will be sent out in the weekly Monday memo and will be available from March 18th at 7:30 a.m.- March 22nd at 5:00 p.m. If you need assistance, we will have a Chromebook available in the office to fill out the form. Please remember to fill out one for every student.

We are not taking teacher requests this year. However, if you would like to share any information about a learning environment that is best for your student(s), there will be a place on the Track Request form where you can add this information.