



Newsletter - August/September 2016

*Success at the Next Level
Through the ABC's of Education*

Help us "lose" the LOST and FOUND! Please write your student's name on clothing, backpack, jackets, etc.

Reminders to Parents:

Bus Notes - please send a note to the school or teacher if your child is to be delivered to a place other than their regular destination including an address, phone number, bus information, etc. Please sign and date the note. Written notes are preferred, however, in an **emergency only**, you may make verbal notification for a change in student drop-off by calling the school's secretary **no later than 2:00 p.m.**

Student Pick-Up - For the safety of our students, parents who pick their children up from school at the end of the day will be asked to wait for their children in the "**Parent Waiting Area**" that is located in the hallway next to the gym. This will help alleviate congestion in the hallways and insure that students are delivered to their parents safely. **Please note: the entrance brings you through the front office.**

Student Accident or Health Insurance - The school does not have insurance but does provide an opportunity to purchase insurance from a private company. Information on this insurance can be obtained at www.studentinsurance-kk.com or by calling the district office at 885-3811.

Visitors – For safety reasons, parents and volunteers are asked to sign in at the office when entering the building and get a visitor's pass.

Lunch Information: Please keep lunch accounts current. **District Policy does not allow us to carry negative balances.** We collect lunch money in the office daily. Any amount can be added to your student's account, then it is spent out when students take a tray. The prices are \$2.30 for lunch and \$1.30 for breakfast or reduced prices are \$.40 for lunch and \$.30 for breakfast. Free/Reduced Lunch applications are available in the office or on our website. (Students who bring a lunch from home may purchase milk for 35 cents. Please send exact amount.)

Wellness Policy - District policy states that food and treats for classrooms must be pre-packaged or come from a commercial kitchen or bakery that is inspected by state officials. Homemade treats will not be allowed. The ban is solely about ensuring the safety of students, as there is no way for the school to determine if homemade treats are produced in a safe, sanitary manner. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Month	Date	Event
August	22	First day of school! School starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:30.
August	31	Hearing / Vision Screenings
September	1	Hearing / Vision Screenings
September	5	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
September	14	PTO meeting at 6:15 p.m. at the school. Everyone welcome.
September	16	NO SCHOOL
September	17	Constitution Day
September	30	NO SCHOOL
October	6	Class Photos

New Teaching Staff:

- **Denise Faicco, Speech** - I went to school in NY at SUNY Geneseo for my bachelors and Adelphi University for my masters. I am new to the valley, having just moved here after living in NY my entire life. I have a pit bull rescue. I love to go hiking, and anything that has to do with the water.
- **Janis Walker, Special Education** - I am an Air Force brat, and have lived in Ohio, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Florida, Alaska, Utah, and now Wyoming. I met my husband, Doug Walker, while attending Utah State University. Doug was raised in Star Valley. We have 6 children and 3 grandsons, with 1 grandbaby on the way. I earned my BA in Special Education from Western Governors University. I am a 3rd degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. I taught Taekwondo for many years in the valley. I enjoy being with my family, camping, reading, watching movies, and lately, Cross Fit.
- **Toni Brasseaux, Second Grade** - I grew up in Smoot. After graduating from high school, I attended Utah State University. I have a wonderful husband and 7 children. I love to cook and bake. I enjoy traveling and spending time with my family. When I have a few spare minutes to myself, I also like to read.

Thayne Elementary School Student Dress and Appearance

The Lincoln County School District #2 Board of Trustees recognize the effect that student dress and grooming have upon the behavior and commitment to learning of all students. In order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, the Board requires all students to make good choices with regard to their personal appearance.

It further recognizes the vital role parents play in assisting their children in making appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories and personal appearance for a successful school experience.

1. Clothing appearance or personal hygiene and grooming practices that draw an inordinate amount of attention to the individual student is considered inappropriate for school. The dress and or grooming style of any student must not interfere with the educational process or safety of self or other students.
2. Students are not to wear clothing that reveals the body in an inappropriate manner.
3. Heavy coats are to be left in a locker. Trench coats are not allowed.
4. Students are not to wear excessive jewelry, ornaments, or accessories, which distract from the learning environment or could be used as an instrument to cause harm to self or others.
5. T-shirts, tattoos, or any type of clothing or personal items bearing a reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug related slogans and any other wording, drawing, pictures, symbols, etc. which in any way can be interpreted as suggestive, obscene, offensive or depicting violence are not permitted.
6. Undergarments should be worn in an appropriate manner and should not be visible.
7. Pants must be worn at the waist and not allowed to sag.
8. Students are required to wear appropriate and safe footwear at all times.

In addition to the policy set by Lincoln County School District #2 Board of Trustees, Thayne Elementary School has the following expectations for student dress and appearance.

1. All clothing shall be clean, neat and unexaggerated.
2. When shorts, skorts, skirts, or dresses are worn, the bottom of the hem must touch the kneecap, unless leggings are worn underneath.
3. Shoes must be worn at all times. Wheels, noisemakers, or damaging equipment on footwear are not permissible.
4. Hats, bandannas, sunglasses, and pajama pants are not to be worn.
5. Distracting hairstyles or hair colorings are not allowed.
6. Pierced jewelry is limited to the ears only.
7. There may be special days when the dress code may be relaxed or altered.

Protocol for Dealing with Non-Compliance of the Dress and Appearance Guidelines

We believe that students and parents will use common sense in dress and appearance. We reserve the right to determine student compliance on dress code and appearance in relation to our policy.

Parents will be notified by their child's classroom teacher when a dress code violation is observed. Students may be notified as well and always in a discrete manner. Extra clothing is available in the office if the student's dress and/or appearance would require it.

Our main goal is to have students in the classroom learning environment. However, intentional non-compliance with the dress code could have the student miss classroom activities and field trips.

PTO NEWS: The PTO is looking forward to a great year at Thayne Elementary. We hope to have many parents participate, plan, help, organize, and volunteer to assist in the activities the PTO offers!

Meetings will be the second Wednesday of every month at 6:15 p.m. at the school.

The PTO is under the direction of another great team this year. Committee members are:
Ashlea Berger, Jenae Huckins, Ami Pack, Mckenzie Herrod, and Kelley Bowers.

You can reach us at tespto@lcsd2.org. We're excited to work with the students, parents, and staff of Thayne Elementary!