

Thayne Elementary School

Newsletter - OCTOBER 2018



There is a designated fire lane in the front of the school. Oftentimes, parents use this as a “drop-off” zone*. It is very necessary that it be reserved as a fire lane. Cars cannot be left unattended, in order for parents to enter the school with their student. If you wish to enter the school, please park your car in the adjacent parking area. When students are dropped off, they must be ready to exit the car quickly. This is courteous to others who are also being dropped off, and clears the way for busses that are arriving. The fire lane is just that: A FIRE LANE. **Thayne Police will be enforcing this ordinance and watching for violators.**

*The front of the building (which is south and off of Myer’s street, where the flagpole is located) is the parent drop-off location. The opposite side of the building, or back, is where most of the busses arrive to load and unload students. The bus area needs to be avoided by all traffic, so that busses can safely enter, exit and unload.

October brings a national awareness to Earthquakes. Every year, Thayne Elementary participates in the Great Wyoming Shakeout, which is a statewide effort to practice earthquake safety. Do you have a plan or practice at home for this type of emergency? (For more information, checkout www.shakeout.)

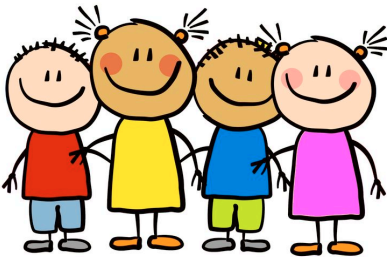
October will continue to bring different weather. Please make sure that your child is ready daily to be outside for recess and riding the bus. Have a great fall!

October Happenings

Oct	5	School Pictures (Pre-school age children are welcome from 11:30 - 12:00)
Oct	9	Columbus Day—School in Session
Oct	13	No School
Oct	16	No School
Oct	20	Bus Safety: First, Second, Third Grades
Oct	31	Halloween 🐾 Pumpkin Judging 🐾 Costume Parade @2:00 pm
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Nov	15-16	Parent Teacher Conferences (This is a Wed. & Thurs.)

If you have or know of a four year old whom is not in a preschool, please contact Christine Turner (307-880-2583, cturner@lcsd2.org) or Jayna Green (307-699-1993, jagreen@lcsd2.org). Lincoln County School District #2 has a “Gearing Up for Kindergarten” program that is funded by our **21st Century Community Learning Centers Cohort 9 Grant**, and we want to make sure all children have an opportunity to attend preschool.

We are grateful to our **21CCLC Grant** for also funding these other programs at Afton, Thayne, Etna, and Osmond Elementary Schools: **Morning Fitness, STEM classes in Dry Creek Academy and Etna Enrichment Express, Swim-N-Learn, Mastery Camp, and GOFASA.** Morning fitness is offered at our elementary schools for as many students as are able to attend because studies have proven that aerobic exercise leads to better brain functioning. This is explained in the book, Spark: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain, by John J. Ratey, MD. We are excited to be able to give some of our students the opportunity to get their heart rate up during that extra time they have before school begins. We would like to encourage all students to participate in physical fitness activities before and after school to help improve academic achievement.



Parents of children under age five, if you don't have a copy of our district **Getting Ready for Kindergarten** booklet, please pick one up at the Afton or Thayne Elementary Office. Also, the North Lincoln County Early Childhood Coalition website (nlcecc.org) has many resources that may be of interest to you.

PTO NEWS

Pumpkin Decorating Contest: Please NO CARVING! Decorate, Paint, Sticker your pumpkin at home. Put your name and teacher's name on the back. The bottom of the pumpkin can be no larger than an 8 ½ X 11 sheet of paper. Parents can bring the finished pumpkins to school beginning the morning of **Monday, October 23rd. PUMPKINS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE BUS, either coming to or going from school!** Pumpkins should be placed outside each classroom above the student's cubby. The pumpkins will be judged on Oct. 31st. The PTO will be giving recognition to students who bring pumpkins for the contest. Parents may take their child's pumpkin home after the costume parade on October 31st. Remember: PUMPKINS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE BUS! (Any remaining Pumpkins will be disposed of.)

Halloween Costume Parade: The parade will be on Tuesday, October 31st at 2:00 p.m. Please keep in mind that the district dress code applies to the costumes worn to school. Parents, please make sure that any costume worn by you is also dress code appropriate and in keeping with school standards. Watch for any other costume instructions from your student's teacher. Remember that students should NOT wear masks or bring weapons with their

costumes. Extremes in the nature of “wounds” or “bloody and gory” appearances are not in keeping with appropriate wear for grade school. If you plan on taking your child home with you after the parade, your student must have a written note, so the teacher knows you will be taking them.

Box Tops: We are still collecting Box Tops! Please give us yours!!

To keep in touch, check out our Facebook page: [Thayne PTO](#); or contact us by email: tespto@lcsd2.org

