

Thayne Elementary School



Stronger Together

Newsletter - April 2019

Dear Parents,

We have had a great year at TES. As we look to closing out the school year, we will be making the class placements for the 19-20 school year. Our process will look a little different moving forward.

Our teachers spend many hours and put much professional thought and effort into placing their present students into next year's classes. Our teachers consider a variety of factors as they place your child.

Requests for specific teachers are not appropriate and will not be considered when student placement is made. Please avoid making a request. Extreme requests should be emailed to Dr. Lori Schieffer, principal @ lori.schieffer@lcsd2.org with a written justification by May 6th.

The TES staff takes classroom placement of all children very seriously and wants only the best for each child. Our goal is to provide fair and equitable treatment for all children as a means to encourage and support their learning. Please rely on our professional judgment, and trust that we will group children to provide the best possible learning environment. It has been my experience that nearly all children are able to adjust rapidly to the different teachers they have over the years.

Next year's classroom placements will be mailed out in June if you have completed your child's re-registration through our online system. Please watch for information and instructions through email from LCSD2 (which will be sent the week after Spring Break).

Thank you for helping make this a great year at Thayne Elementary. We appreciate your support and all you do to make this a good experience for your child. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to call Dr. Schieffer at [307-885-2380](tel:307-885-2380).

We value our Values!!

Each month at Thayne Elementary, we focus on a new value. We adopt this new value, while being aware of all the previous ones we have learned and continue to practice. Parents and family members are a wonderful resource for emphasizing, promoting, and helping us practice these valuable life attitudes.

This is a list of the values we have and will introduce.

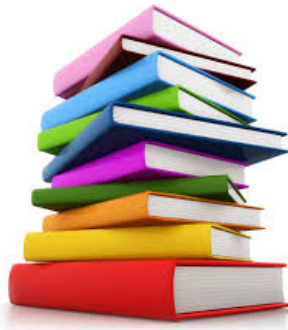
September	Safe
October	Responsible
November	Respectful/Thankful
December	Giving
January	Creativity/Curiosity
February	Loving the difference (Diversity)
March	Integrity
April	Courage
May	Confidence to take action

We will become our best selves by learning the importance of life-time values, and then incorporating them!



Thank You PTO for the amazing water-bottle-filling-fountains.




We love our hydration stations!



Literacy Corner: Parent Tip #1 "Ways to Encourage Your Child to Read"

Do you know the impact of 20 minutes of reading per day? The reader is exposed to **1.8 million words per year and scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.**

You can make a DIFFERENCE by reading every night with your child! Here are three ideas to help encourage your child to read at home.

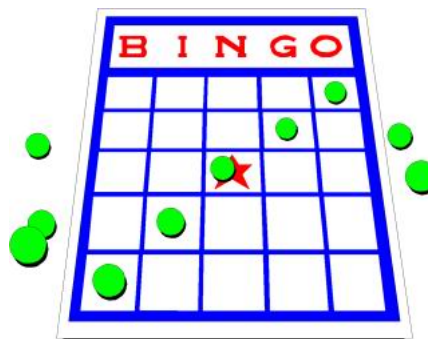
-  **Zero in on Your Child's Interests:** What topics interest your child? Horses? Read Black Beauty and find nonfiction articles on famous horses like Seabiscuit.
-  **Expand Your Definition of Reading:** Include magazines, comic books, and graphic novels in your child's book box.
-  **Pair Books with Activities:** If your child reads Mr. Popper's Penguins, then maybe you could plan a trip to the zoo. Another idea would be to have a family movie night and watch the movie version of the book.

Remember to have fun and enjoy your time reading together.

Mark your calendar for the Family Literacy Night on April 11th at 5:00 pm!!

(From our Reading Specialist, Mary Flagg)

April	1	School resumes
April	11	Family Literacy Night 5:00 pm
April	12	Family Bingo Night 6:00 to 8:00 pm refreshments
May	3	NO SCHOOL
May	9	Kindergarten Roundup for 2019-20, from 5-7 pm
May	17	NO SCHOOL
May	31	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS



**Join the PTO for a night of family fun playing BINGO.
April 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Refreshments.**