

Thunder Mountain Elementary School



December 2016

Diane Carver, Principal | Shawn Wilson, Asst. Principal | Mary Gorsuch, Secretary | Jackie DiThomas, Secretary

Important Dates

Barnes & Noble Program Night

December 2nd, 2016
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Holiday School Store

December 8th, 2016
9:00-4:00 p.m.

PTA Christmas Craft Night

Basket Auction Holiday School Store

December 8th, 2016
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Manuppella/McKissen Concert

December 12th, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Batchelor/Carey Concert

December 13th, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Student Council

Spirit Day – Twin Day End of 2nd Quarter

December 16th, 2016

Christmas Break – No School

Dec. 19th – Jan. 3rd, 2017

3rd Quarter begins

January 4th, 2017

No School

January 16th, 2017

A Message From the Principal

Shared vision: We strive to be a positive community who thinks creatively, problem solves, and loves learning.

Dear Thunder Mt. Families:

We feel so fortunate to work with such supportive parents who want to make the education of their children a top priority. Thunder Mountain families are so wonderful to participate in our school wide activities.

We want to thank Angela Booher, our music teacher, for working with the students and preparing the performances for the Barnes and Noble PBIS fundraiser on December 2. It is always such fun to see so many families come out and support our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) fundraiser each year.

We appreciate Maja Sommersted, our art teacher, for displaying samples of student art work at the Barnes and Noble event.

We thank our librarian, Jenny Aker, for organizing the event each year. This event provides funding for purchasing books that students are allowed to select from when they earn the special SOAR feathers.

We also want to thank Angela Booher for all the hard work she does for the music performances throughout the year. These events are great opportunities for the students to perform for audiences.

Another Thunder Mountain event that our students and families are always so excited to participate in is the PTA Christmas Craft Night and Silent Basket Auction. This is always very well attended and everyone has a great time. Thanks to the PTA for furnishing the supplies for all the crafts and to the staff, classes, and families for putting together the beautiful baskets each year.

As we go into the holidays, we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Enjoy the time with family and friends. Of course, it would be really great if your students kept reading or working on math and reading computer programs a little each day over the break!

Diane Carver, Principal

Dear Parents,

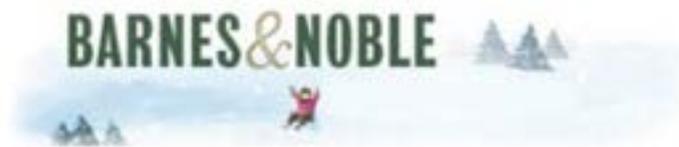
The Thunder Mountain community is collecting canned and non-perishable items from November 14, 2016 until December 9, 2016 for The Salvation Army. Please consider helping those in need by donating today!



BARNES & NOBLE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Friday, December 2, 2016

Music performance at Barnes & Noble booksellers in Grand Junction from 5:30-7:30. Watch for more details to come. Our children will perform for parents and others to enjoy. This is a great night to enjoy some music, shopping and treats! All proceeds from book sales will go to purchase SOAR books for our PBIS program.



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District Policy for When the Health Office Will Make Calls Home

- Fever: Temps 103* or higher, there is a mandatory pick-up within 30 minutes with estimated arrival time required. This is because of increased risk of complications due to high fever. Children may return to school once fever free without the use of fever reducing medication for 24 hours.
- Persistent sore throat with fever or white spots around tonsil area.
- “Heavy cold or hacking cough.
- Breathing difficulty or chest pain.
- Vomiting or Diarrhea.
- Rash or any suspicion of a contagious disease.
- Head injury: Major or Minor.
- Eye injury: Major or Minor.
- Any suspicion of fracture.
- If medication dosage is missed or later than 30 minutes.
- Child continues to cry after a reasonable amount of time post injury.
- Anytime a child asks to call parents unless a plan has been made by parent to limit calls.



Medication Distribution at School

Ø All medications prescription and over the counter must be in the original container/package and a consent to administer medication must be signed and on file with the Health Assistant. Students may not carry any medication, including cough drops, etc. Parents are required to bring in the medications themselves rather than send them with their student.



From the office

We use a couple of different methods to contact parents throughout the year such as auto calls, newsletter, emails, and text messages. Please make sure that we have your current phone number and email address to that you receive all school communications. Our school website also has upcoming events listed, PTA activities, and links for parents and students. We're excited about what's happening at Thunder Mountain and love to share it with you!

NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!

- Sports Physical Special: \$25! No appointment necessary. You do not have to be a current patient.
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Planning for the Weather

In an effort to promote fitness, wellness, creativity, and fun at Thunder Mountain, we want our students to be able to play outdoors as long and as often as they can. Unless the weather is prohibitive, we will be outside playing during recess. Please help us by making sure your child is dressed for the weather.

PTA Christmas Craft Family Fun Night and Basket Auction



Please join us on Thursday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. for our most popular **free** family fun night. We will have a variety of Christmas crafts throughout the building. Be sure you bring something to carry your crafts in! It's quite an impressive collection by night's end.

Our annual basket auction will take place in the library that same night. Many of our classes donate themed baskets, such as family game night or movie night. Last year's baskets were absolutely amazing and everyone is excited to see this year's. All proceeds benefit families in our Thunder Mountain community who could use a little help getting through the holidays. Please make a point of stopping by the library to see the baskets, and possibly even bid on one or two.



Holiday Gift Shop ~ Thursday, December 8

Once again we are offering the holiday store as a service to our students. This is not a fundraiser, but rather a way to assist students with purchasing gifts for family members and to help them learn about managing money. This has been a big hit with students over the years and you should have already received information about this year's store. It will be open on Thursday, December 8 during the school day and also during craft night from 6:00-7:00.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS





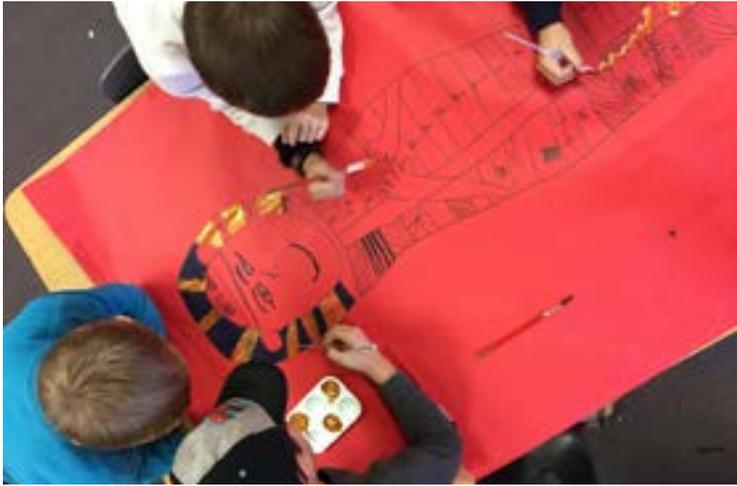
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