

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

FRIDAY FORECAST- Thursday Edition

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No School for Students on Friday, September 4th due to School Improvement Day for Teachers. No School for Students on Monday, September 7th due to the Labor Day holiday.



The date for Back to School Night for parents HAS CHANGED TO September 9th at 6:30 – 8:15 pm. We hope to see you all at this fun and informative evening! Watch for your ParentLink message with details about our Back to School Night!



5TH ANNUAL FOX MILL 5K:



Please come out for the 5th Annual Fox Mill 5K Saturday, September 12th. This year we are *Running for a Reason* by supporting a Thompson parent recently diagnosed with Colon Cancer. Proceeds will also benefit a local and wonderful charity, Fox Valley Food For Health. Please read about our inspiration, get all the information about the race, and learn about the newly added 1 mile family-fun COLOR RUN at <http://www.foxmill5k.com>. It's going to be a BLAST!



HELP NEEDED AT FOOTBALL GAMES AND CROSS COUNTRY MEETS!



Help is needed at our home football games with holding chains. We also need help with someone to time and someone to record at our home Cross Country meets. We so appreciate our parent volunteers! We need you! Please contact our Athletic Director – Jake DeKoyer at: Jacob.dekoyer@d303.org if you are available to help!



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION UPDATE:

Last year Thompson was able to earn over **\$1,700.00** for the PTO. In order to keep up the pace and try to surpass this amount, we need all the Box Tops for Education that you can find. Please send them to Ms. Meyers' Health room 210. Every single one is worth ten cents! Thank you!



HOME ACCESS CENTER/STUDENT GRADES:

As you are aware, a great tool for parents to use to monitor student progress is our Home Access Center. Having access to your student's grades in this format is similar to being able to look at the grade book of your child's teacher. You, as parents, are able to check on class attendance, homework assignments, projects, quizzes, test, and more. Some parents will check in to the Home Access Center daily, while others will check in less often. If you need help accessing HAC, please call the main office at (331) 228-3400. Please know that one of the great features of this system is that parents can view a calendar of assignments as well. Parents are able to bring up a calendar on HAC that shows when homework, tests are due. When teachers enter any assignment into the system, the due date will show up on the calendar. Please note that teachers have flexibility with timelines regarding entering assignments into the system. Use caution when using the Access Center to collect your student's data. Be aware that different subjects will record grades at different intervals. For example, a math teacher might be recording regular, consistent grades, where as a Language Arts teacher may be in the middle of a large writing assignment and will not have the daily information to record on a student's progress. Teachers record grades using this system, just as they would their grade book. If you have any questions about a grade or/and assignment, please do not hesitate to call your child's teacher.



ELECTRONIC PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES:

District 303 is now using PushCoin to handle electronic payments for school lunches. One of the most convenient features of PushCoin is that funds can be transferred from one student to another. Therefore, you can add an amount to your account with one transaction from your bank account through eCheck, credit card, or check and then distribute money to your other students' accounts without an additional transaction fee. If you haven't set up your PushCoin account already, visit: www.pushcoin.com Have your students' ID numbers handy as you will need those to set up your account.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY:



Picture retake day is on Tuesday, October 7th for students who did not have their pictures taken during Material Pickup Days or would like their pictures retaken. There are order forms in the main office.



DO YOU NEED SPORTS SCHEDULES? GO TO:

<http://thompson.d303.org>; Athletics and Clubs; Thompson Athletics

TMS UPCOMING WEEKS AT A GLANCE:

Looking for more information/schedules for Sports, Clubs, Drama and Activities? Please go to:

<http://thompson.d303.org>; Athletics and Clubs; Thompson Athletics or Thompson Clubs.



Drama Department News:

Looking for more information on our Drama productions or Drama Club?

Please go to the Drama Webpage at:

<http://thompson.d303.org>; Athletics and Clubs; Thompson Clubs; Drama

“Knights of the RAD Table” Rehearsal schedule:

9/8/15 – Scenes 1-3 Room 123 – 3:30-5:30pm

9/9/15 – Scenes 1-4 Room 123 – **3:30-5:30pm***

9/11/15 – Scenes 4-6 Room 123 – 3:30-5:30pm

**Note the change in time for Wednesday, 9/9/15.*

All Wednesday rehearsals will be from 3:30-5:30 pm from now on. Please update your calendars.



Calendar for September/October 2015

September 4	NO SCHOOL for students due to a Teacher Institute Day
September 7	NO SCHOOL for students due to the Labor Day Holiday
September 9	Back to School Night – 6:30 -8:15 pm (CHANGE)
September 15	PTO Meeting -9:00 – 10:00 am in Room 123
October 7	Picture Retake Day
October 9	School Improvement Day – NO SCHOOL for Students
October 10	Scarecrow Festival-6 th gr. Choir/Orch: 9:00-9:30am
October 12	Columbus Day Holiday - No School
October 19-21	Outdoor Ed for 6 th grade
October 27	Spooktacular Concert - 7 th grade Orchestra – 6:30pm
October 29	EHS fall choir concert w/Bella Voce, 7:00-8:30 pm



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