

The Monthly Howl

Three Forks Elementary School

HOLIDAY EDITION

Preparing for Parent /Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled to take place during the window of December 3-5. Individual teachers will be reaching out to parents to schedule a date / time for the conference on Rooms or via email/phone call. Conferences are a great time for teaching staff and parents to sit down, review the school year thus far, and check in on school progress. This is also a great time for parents to learn more about what is taking place at school. We encourage parents to come in prepared for conferences. Do you have questions about grades? Do you have questions about behavior or resources that are available? These are all great things to bring in and discuss with staff. It is always the goal of the TFES team to have 100% attendance for parents at PT Conferences. If you know that the first week of December will not work, please reach out to your child's teacher to work on scheduling a possible conference date.

Three Forks Christmas Stroll

The Three Forks Christmas Stroll will take place on Saturday, December 14 from noon to 6:00 p.m. This year's Stroll looks better than ever with a great variety of family fun events. For more information about this holiday event please access this [link](#).

MAST Window 1 Complete

TFES students in grades 3-5 have recently completed the first window of the new statewide test, MAST (Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year). During this testing window students completed both 3-5 math and 3-5 ELA "testlets". The next window opens on January 13th. It is imperative that parents communicate any long term absences or vacations that are planned during these windows. When kids miss school unannounced, they may not be able to complete all of the assigned tests, negatively impacting the District's completion rates. Parents can access [this letter](#) for more information.

Prepping for Winter Weather

Winter has arrived! TFES will continue with past practices of sending students outside for 20 minute recess blocks when the windchill is above 0 degrees. These are cold temperatures that students need to prepare for with the appropriate winter gear. Hats, gloves, snow pants, snow boots, and a nice winter jacket should be regular attire until spring arrives. Students that ride school bus transportation should also dress appropriately, especially for those waiting at bus stops or traveling a little farther to and from the bus stop. If any families are in need of winter gear please reach out as we have some wonderful community donations.

Elementary Book Fair

TFES will be holding our annual Book Fair during the first week of December. Students will visit the Book Fair during library class that week. The Book Fair will also be open on a couple evenings of PT Conferences. Stop by and grab a good book!

PAC, Get Involved, Easy as 1, 2, 3!

Check out what the Parent Action Council is all about by visiting us during Parent/Teacher conferences! We'll have tables set up near the Elementary Office and near the Learning Stairs for the MS/HS area. Stop by to say hi and to learn about opportunities to support our teachers, build community, and increase communication between school and home. Check us out at www.tfpac.org and we hope to see you soon!

TFES UPCOMING EVENTS

December 3-5	TFES Parent/Teacher Conferences
December 5 @ 9 a.m.	K-5 Trimester 1 Awards Celebration
December 11 @ 6 p.m.	TFES 2YK-4 Holiday Concert
December 16 @ 6:30 p.m.	TF School Board Meeting
December 23-January 3	Christmas Break, No School
January 4 @ 10 a.m.	Little Wolves Bball Meeting/Practice

-From the Desk of Mr. Fanning: Expectations at Home Events

The high school basketball season will be here soon! We love to pack the gym in red and white and have a great crowd to support our student athletes. With Little Wolves participants and families in attendance, this leads to an even bigger crowd. It is essential that all elementary-aged students are supervised while attending games. We CANNOT have students running around the gym, school, or foyer area. This is unsafe and unacceptable. If you do plan on attending basketball games, please do your part by holding your child accountable and supervising appropriately. Any students that are not following expectations will be brought back to sit with their parents, or asked to return home. If Little Wolves participants are not following expectations, this may lead to lost playing time during their Little Wolves games. We appreciate your assistance in making home games an enjoyable and safe experience for all in attendance. GO WOLVES!

-Little Wolves Basketball Season News/Notes

Basketball season is kicking off and that means we are getting closer to Little Wolves Basketball! Little Wolves Basketball is a long standing tradition here in Three Forks and we are excited about the 24-25 season of the program. Little Wolves Basketball Director, Trevor Aune will once again be leading the program. Trevor is a Three Forks graduate that played Little Wolves himself a few years back. We are excited to have Trevor back to assist with continuing this great tradition. Below you will find some information about the Little Wolves program and some important dates for parents and participants.

Little Wolves Basketball is a FREE developmental program for boys and girls who attend grades 3-6 at Three Forks School. The program is split into two age divisions, grades 3 and 4, as well as grades 5 and 6. The purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity for participants to learn the fundamentals of the game during practice and apply those skills in some competitive games. Teams will compete during the halftime of both boys and girls Varsity games as well as on Saturday mornings. The season will wrap up with a Jamboree tournament that will take place on February 22nd.

If you have a son or daughter that attends grades 3-6 at Three Forks School and is interested in participating, please have them complete and return a player waiver form ([FORM LINK](#)) to the elementary or middle school office. Forms MUST be returned by December 12th for students to be able to participate and to be guaranteed a team jersey. If you are a parent that may be interested in assisting with coaching a Little Wolves squad, please email sfanning@threeforks.k12.mt.us for more information.

It is important to note that this is a FREE program only because of the great sponsors we have in our community. We have team sponsors as well as halftime sponsors for this program. If you as an individual or business would like to be a sponsor, please contact the school office for more information (285-6830).

For the Little Wolves program to operate successfully we utilize high school age referees to manage the games. It is the expectation that these individuals are treated with respect. Yelling or taunting officials will not be tolerated and can lead to ejection from games. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation! Let's make it our objective to keep Little Wolves a fun and learning opportunity for these kids!

Below are some important dates for the Little Wolves Basketball season.

December 12th - Player Waiver Forms Due

January 4th @ 10 a.m. - Parent / Player Meeting (Main Gymnasium)

January 4th TBD - First team practice (all teams will practice on January 4th)

January 17th - First halftime game

January 18th - First Saturday game

February 22nd - Little Wolves Jamboree (Final tournament) *TENTATIVE