

# CARDINAL



October 2024

connection

TOGETHER WE CAN GIVE CHILDREN THE ROOTS TO GROW AND THE WINGS TO FLY!

## A Note from Mrs. Schneider

We've had a fantastic first month of school! Students are settling into routines, expectations are being met, and the smiles are bright all around.

The beginning-of-the-year benchmark testing is complete, and we're excited to see interventions starting to make a positive impact on student growth. It's exciting to witness everyone's enthusiasm and progress. I'm truly looking forward to another amazing month ahead filled with learning and achievements!

## Reminders

~**Healthy Snacks:** Please pack nutritious snacks for your child. Options like fruits, vegetables, yogurt, and whole grains help fuel their learning and keep energy levels up.

~**Water Only:** Remind your child that water is the only drink allowed during school hours. Staying hydrated is essential for focus and overall well-being.

~**Dress for the weather:** With colder weather ahead, your child should bring appropriate attire to stay warm during outside recess (information attached).

## Dates to Remember

9/30  
thru  
10/4

Homecoming celebrations  
(dress-up days attached)

10/8

Picture Retakes

10/17

Parent-teacher conferences 4 - 7 p.m.  
Book fair  
(information attached)

10/18

Parent-teacher conferences 8 - 12 p.m.  
Book fair  
No school for students  
(information attached)

10/25

1st quarter ends

10/31

Trunk-or-Treat & Fall Festival  
(information attached)

11/1

Teacher Inservice  
**No school for students**

11/25  
thru  
11/29

Thanksgiving Break  
No school for students

## Celebrations!

We had the wonderful opportunity to honor our first **Peacebuilders** of September! These students have truly exemplified what it means to be a Peacebuilder by praising others, giving up put-downs, seeking wise people, and acknowledging the hurts they've caused. They work to right wrongs, help those in need, and actively build peace at home, school, and in their community every day. We're so proud of their positive impact and commitment to fostering a supportive environment!

**STRONGER**  
*together*

Educators and parents are **STRONGER TOGETHER!** Together we can build a powerful **foundation** for a child's **success**, ensuring each child **grows** and **thrives** both **academically** and **personally**.

# Power of Positivity!

Encouraging a positive mindset in our children can boost their confidence, happiness, and success. Simple acts like praising their efforts, modeling kindness, and promoting gratitude can make a big difference. Together, we can create a supportive environment where our kids thrive! Thank you for your continued support!

## PeaceBuilder Principle

### Give Up Put-Downs!

Put-Downs disrupt peace in our school. To create a positive environment, we must all commit to giving them up.

We need to recognize Put-Downs and use kind language instead. Let's praise each other for uplifting words and promoting a culture of respect. Our words matter—they can either build someone up or bring them down. Together, we can create a supportive and peaceful community!

## Growth Mindset

**We Can GROW Our Brains!** Our brains can grow just like muscles through regular practice.

- **Improvement Takes Effort:** Just as muscles develop with consistent exercise, our brains get stronger with effort and practice. Learning involves struggles and failures, which help us grow.
- **Practice Makes Perfect:** The more we practice skills, like reading, the easier it becomes. Our brains recognize patterns and improve over time.
- **Focus on Progress, Not Perfection:** It's all about making progress. Encourage perseverance: "Just keep going!"
- **Embrace Resilience:** When challenges arise, remind students to never give up and to bounce back from setbacks.

**Let's foster a growth mindset and help every student thrive!**

## Staff Spotlight Kindergarten Teachers



## Educational Glossary: Breaking down buzzwords

**Progress Monitoring:** Short, timed assessments to measure a student's progress on a skill. They help determine if a child is achieving growth. Students in targeted/intensive interventions are progress monitored weekly.

**Interventions:** Additional supports to help students succeed.

**Tier 2 Interventions (targeted supports):** Supports for students who need a little extra help; typically in the classroom. They are often provided in a small group, led by the teacher. We also have staff who may come into the classroom to support more students and provide the help they need early on.

**Tier 3 Interventions (intensive supports):** Supports for students who need additional assistance. These are more individualized and more intensive and usually take place outside of the classroom.

Question	Mrs. Luzinski	Ms. Knox
Years in education	17	11
Favorite school lunch food	stromboli	pizza & soup
Favorite thing to do on a day off	~spending time with my family	~spending time with our kids doing anything outside ~taking care of our animals, garden and going to the lake
Best thing about being a teacher	I love seeing the students' smiling faces and witnessing their progress from the first day of school to the last day.	I love teaching our littlest learners to be independent, learn how to read and watch them continue to grow into the amazing little human they are meant to be!
Wanted super power	teleportation	To be in two places at the same time!
Coollest animal as a classroom helper	giraffe	chicken

# THORP ELEMENTARY HOMECOMING



**SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 4, 2024**  
**DRESS-UP DAYS**

**MONDAY**  
**SEPT. 30**  
**POD COLORS**

4K-K: RED  
1ST-3RD: YELLOW  
4-6TH: GREEN

**TUESDAY**  
**OCT. 1**  
**BEACH DAY**

SUNGLASSES  
SHORTS  
SUN HAT

**WEDNESDAY**  
**OCT. 2**  
**PAJAMA DAY**  
COZY PAJAMAS  
SLIPPERS

**FRIDAY**  
**OCT. 4**  
**SPIRIT DAY!**

CARDINAL GEAR  
RED & WHITE

**THURSDAY**  
**OCT. 3**  
**DISNEY THEME**  
**DAY**  
DISNEY ATTIRE  
DISNEY  
CHARACTERS

# Parent-Teacher Conferences

## Thorp Elementary School

Dear Elementary Families,

We are excited to announce our first parent-teacher conferences for the 2024-2025 school year! This is a great opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about how the school year is going so far and to acknowledge their achievements over the past few weeks.

### Conference Details:

- **Thursday, October 17th** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, October 18th** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Parent-teacher conferences are a great way to collaborate with your child's teacher to:

- Identify strengths and areas for growth
- Coordinate efforts to support your child's learning
- Strengthen the connection between home and school

**To sign up for your 15-minute time slot, please visit Skyward:**

1. Go to [www.thorp.k12.wi.us](http://www.thorp.k12.wi.us).
2. Click on **FAMILY ACCESS** at the top.
3. Enter your SKYWARD Login ID and Password.
4. Once logged in, click on **CONFERENCES** on the left side.
5. Select **ALL CONFERENCES** next to your child's name to schedule a conference.
6. Choose the time that works best for your family and click **SAVE**.

**\*If your child receives academic special education services please refer to the attached sheet.**

If you do not have access to a computer or encounter any difficulties, please contact the elementary office for assistance.

Also, make sure to stop by the Elementary Library and visit the Scholastic Book Fair! We look forward to seeing you there!

**Please note:** There will be no school for students on Friday, October 18th.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Shaunna Schneider*

Mrs. Schneider  
Elementary Principal  
715-669-5548





# BOOK FAIR!



It's Scholastic Book Fair time! The Book Fair will be open during parent-teacher conferences.

- **Thursday, October 17**  
**4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, October 18**  
**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Come experience the limitless possibilities with your kids. Every purchase benefits our school. For more information, visit the Book Fair website:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/thorp>

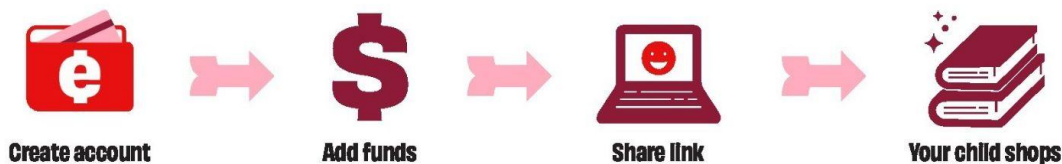


## Create a **Book Fair eWallet** for cash-free shopping.

**Convenient and secure, eWallet lets your child choose books they want to read.**

Plus, you can share your eWallet link so friends and family can help your child find even more to read. **Unspent funds from a past Fair?** To transfer them to this Fair, log in to your Scholastic account and create a new eWallet—then your previous balance will be available to transfer as an eGift Card.

When you fund an eWallet, you can also contribute to **Share the Fair**, the giving program that **benefits kids in your school** who need help buying new books.



Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/thorp>

# Halloween

## October 31, 2024

Dear Elementary Families,

We are excited for our upcoming **Trunk-or-Treat** event hosted by the High School Student Council on **Tuesday, October 31st**. There will be multiple trunks to visit, an inflatable, and also games for the students to participate in. Please send a bag for your child to collect candy.

Students are welcome to dress up for Halloween that day. However, we are asking students to please bring costumes to school. They will have the opportunity to put them on after they have lunch and recess.

The morning will consist of fun academic activities around a fall/halloween theme in the classroom.

**Costume Rules** - no full face paint, no props that would need to be held, no weapons, no violent costumes (dress appropriately, as it will be cold)

Please let me know if you have any questions, need a costume for your child, or do not want your child to participate in any of the activities. I am happy to support in any way that I can.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Schneider*

Mrs. Shaunna Schneider  
Thorp Elementary Principal  
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# GIRLS BASKETBALL

## — SIGN-UP —

22 OCTOBER | 5:00PM-7:00 P.M.  
HIGH SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

THORP CARDINALS

GIRLS IN 3RD-12TH GRADE





★ THORP CARDINAL ★

# BASKETBALL

## WHIZ KIDS



FOR BOYS & GIRLS  
GRADES K-3

PRACTICE DATES:

**December 9 and 18**

**January 8 and 15**

Practices will be held in the  
high school gym  
from 5:15-5:45 p.m.

Please register below  
using the QR code by  
**October 31**



**PERFORMANCE DATES:**  
**JANUARY 21 AND 24**

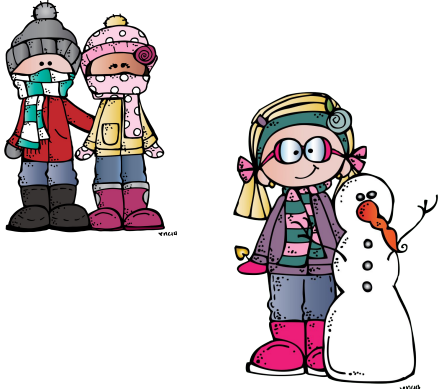

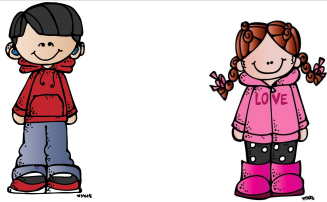
MEET IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE  
ROOM AT  
7:15 P.M. CHILDREN WILL SIT  
BEHIND THE PLAYERS AND  
CHEER THEM ON

Your child will get their t-shirt and basketball  
the first night of practice. Please have them  
wear their t-shirt and bring their basketball to  
each practice and performance



# Are You Dressed for the Weather?

## Recess Recommendations

If the temperature is (actual, feels like, windchill)	You should be wearing	This looks like
0° and below	Indoor recess for all students	
29° and below	<p>Coat Hat Mittens/Gloves <b>Encourage</b> boots and snow pants</p> <p>When there is 1" - 2" of snow, boots are required for the fields and playground, snow pants are required for 3" or more</p>	
30° - 40°	<p>Coat Hat Mittens/Gloves</p> <p>When there is 1" - 2" of snow, boots are required for the fields and playground, snow pants are required for 3" or more</p>	
41° - 49°	Coat, Long Sleeves, Sweatshirt or Jacket	
50° and above	No requirements	