

Thatcher Elementary School

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"NURTURING SUCCESS"



From the Desk of the Principal:

Dear Families,

As we head into Christmas break, I encourage you to keep learning alive in simple, fun ways. Reading together each day, practicing writing through cards or journaling, and using everyday moments for math—like baking or shopping—can make a big difference. Most of all, enjoy time together, talk often, and let curiosity lead the way.

We look forward to welcoming our students back in the new year!

Warmly,
Mrs. Michelle Ferrin

TES Families donated over 4,000 items for our annual food drive. These items will be taken to Our Neighbors Farm & Pantry

Thank you!



Calendar Items:

December 2025

- 9 3rd Grade Music Concert
9:00 am - Nagy, K. Smith, Payne
10:00 am - Worley, Lewis, Whisman
- 10 TUSD Band/Orchestra @ 6:00 pm
at THS Commons
- 11 6th Grade Music Performance
9:00 am - Ruland, Dixon, Garibaldi
10:00 am - Apodaca, Ajeman, Badillo
- 18 Early Release @ 1:15 pm



Winter Break

December 19 to January 2

- 9 Mandatory Friday - Early Release 1:15
- 15 5th Grade to Safford Airport
(Sherman, Ruland, Quintana)
- 16 Mandatory Friday - Early Release 1:15
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr Day - No School
- 22 5th Grade to Airport
(Davis, Gasca, Luster)

STAR Students

3rd Grade

Holden Williams
Olivia Greer

4th Grade

Elisa Mendez
Wyatt Lines

5th Grade

Nick Johnson
Orla Patton

6th Grade

Jakobi Lukus
Tatum Bryce



Nurse's Notes

If your child has been sick, please keep them home until they are 24 hours fever/vomit free without the use of medication.

Also, the Nurse's Office is

never in place of a physician's visit. If you feel your child needs more emergent attention, please contact your family physician.

**HELP PREVENT THE
SPREAD OF ILLNESS**



Meet Our Team

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Mrs. Kylee Nagy - I have taught at Thatcher for 11 years. I love the kids the most! They are fun and keep me young! Fun Fact: I am an identical twin.

Ms. Debbie Crandall - I have taught for 32 years. I love being with the team that I work with. Fun Fact: Ms. Crandall claims to be "old as dirt!"

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Ms. Ruth Luster: This is my 2nd year teaching. There is A LOT that I love about my job... First and foremost, I am so lucky to teach under some incredible leaders who have taken me by the hand and believed in me...

but truly the best thing about teaching 5th graders is watching them grow not just academically, but as people. Because of some of the challenges I've overcome in my own life, I understand what resilience looks like, and I love helping students see that same strength in themselves. At this age, they're beginning to think more independently, ask deeper questions, and discover who they want to be. Being able to guide them, support them, and celebrate their progress, both in the classroom and as young humans... This is what makes teaching truly meaningful for me. One surprising fact about me is that I never had an actual neighbor until I left home at 18 to discover the world beyond the ranch!



Mrs. Tara Garibaldi: This is my 10th year teaching at TES. What I love most about my job is making connections with students! I also love watching students understand concepts that they once didn't understand or once thought was too hard/difficult for them to do. One surprising fact about me is that I can do both my left and my right splits.

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS

EAGLE PRIDE!

ORCHESTRA - 5TH & 6TH GRADES

Advanced

Mondays & Wednesdays
2:30-3:00 pm

Beginners

Tuesdays & Thursdays
2:30-3:00 pm

Instructor: Jan Venzor
venzor.jan@thatcherud.org



LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB - 4-6 GRADES

Tuesdays - 2:30-3:00 pm

Fridays - 9:30-11:00 am

Scrimmage: Oct 31 @ Safford

Competition date: Nov 21

Coach: Mrs. Ruland
ruland.kelly@thatcherud.org



TES BAND - 5TH & 6TH GRADES

Mon - Thurs 1:20 - 2:05 pm

Concert: Dec. 10 at 6PM at THS.

Director: Ruth Young
young.ruth@thatcherud.org



AFTER-SCHOOL CHOIR

Mondays & Wednesdays
2:30-3:00 pm

Choir Director: Laura Griffith
griffith.laura@thatcherud.org

Concert Dates will be:
December 1, March 5 & April 29

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



Fridays 10:15 - 11:00 am

5th & 6th Grade only - Limited Seats Available
ruland.kevin@thatcherud.org



CHESS CLUB

Fridays 8:00 - 8:45 am

Grades 4-6 - Limited Seats Available
smith.aubrianne@thatcherud.org