



Thatcher Elementary School

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From the Desk of the Principal:

Dear Families,

Spring break is finally here! I hope you enjoy this well-deserved time to relax, have fun, and spend special moments with your family and friends.

Whether you're traveling or staying close to home, make sure to rest, recharge, and do something that makes you smile.

We can't wait to welcome you back refreshed, recharged, and ready for an exciting finish to the school year!

Have a wonderful and safe spring break!



Warmly,
Mrs. Michelle Ferrin



Calendar Items:

March 2026

- 4 5th Grade to Saxophone Quartet @CFA
- 10 Governing Board Mtg @ 5:30 pm
- 11 Spring Individual/Class Pictures
- 31 3rd Grade Oral Fluency Test
- 31 5th Grade AzSci Test



MARCH 13-20 SPRING BREAK

MARCH 30 - APRIL 2 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

April 2026

- 1 3rd Grade Oral Fluency Test
- 1 5th Grade AzSci Test
- 3 No School - Good Friday
- 7 AASA Writing Test
- 9 Governing Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- 14 AASA Math Test, Part 1
- 15 AASA Math Test, Part 2



Scholastic Book Fair

March 30 - April 2

Monday 11:30 am - 4:00 pm
 Tuesday 11:30 am - 4:00 pm
 Wednesday 11:30 am - TBD
 Thursday 11:30 am - 4:00 pm

in the KC Building located on the
 northeast corner of TES campus
 (corner of 1st St & 4th Ave)

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.**



**HELP PREVENT THE
 SPREAD OF ILLNESS**



Meet Our Team

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Mrs. Misty Whisman - This is my second year teaching at Thatcher Elementary. I love building my relationships with my students. A surprising fact about me is I cannot stand the smell of popcorn!

Mrs. Jennifer Phillips - This is my fifth year teaching at TES. I love watching a child who has struggled finally grasp a topic being taught. It is a beautiful thing to watch! A surprising fact about me is I love to play games on my phone to unwind.

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Mr. Kevin Ruland - This is my third year at Thatcher Elementary. I love the relationships that I have gained with our awesome students! Surprisingly, a long, long time ago, I played guitar and drums on stage.

Ms. Stephany Apodaca - This is my second year at TES. I love igniting a passion for learning within the students and watching them grow, not only academically, but as a whole person. A surprising fact about me is I originally went to school for Mechanical Engineering.

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Did You Know?



- Reading reduces stress by up to 68% in just six minutes, making it more effective than walking or playing video games to relax.
- If you read just one book a day to your child, they will have been read 1,825 books by their 5th birthday.
- Children learn 4,000 to 12,000 words per year through reading.
- When children have a home library, as little as 20 books of their own, they achieve 3 more years of schooling than children who don't have any books at home.

(Source: Weareteachers.com)



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

Fridays - 9:30-11:00 am

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



TES BAND - 5TH & 6TH GRADES

Mon - Thurs 1:20 - 2:05 pm

Concert: TBA

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:

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.aubrienne@thatcherud.org