



Thatcher Elementary School

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"NURTURING SUCCESS"



From the Desk of the Principal:

Dear Families,

As we begin the second half of the school year, I want to thank you for your continued partnership and support. Our students have already accomplished so much, and we are excited to see their growth continue in the months ahead.

The second semester brings new learning opportunities as well as state testing. We want families to know that while these assessments are important, they are only one part of your child's educational journey. Our focus remains on helping students build confidence, perseverance, and a love of learning. We encourage children to work hard, try their best, and remember that mistakes are part of learning and growing.

Your encouragement at home—getting a good night's rest, arriving at school ready to learn, and offering positive words—makes a tremendous difference. Together, we can help our students push through challenges, stay motivated, and finish the year strong.

Thank you for trusting us with your children each day. We are proud of our students and grateful for the strong school-family partnership that supports their success.

Warmly,
Mrs. Michelle Ferrin



School will be closed
February 13 & 16
in honor of President's Day



Calendar Items:

February 2026

- 4 4th Grade to Beo String Quartet @ CFA
- 4 Graham County Spelling Bee, 6:00 pm
- 9-12 Love of Reading Week
- 10 Literacy Night 5:30-6:30 pm
- 12 Governing Board Mtg @ 5:30 pm
- 13 NO SCHOOL
- 16 President's Day - NO SCHOOL
- 26 4th Grade to EAC Steam Festival



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

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

Miss Kayleen Smith - This is my 5th year at TES. I love being around the students and getting to know them and helping them be the best they can be. Fun fact: I went to Beauty School and worked in a salon doing hair.

Mrs. Karen Hogan - I have been teaching since 2012, but I was a substitute for about 10 years before that. I love that in my job I get to build relationships with students. I genuinely like kids and find that there is always something that makes each one unique. I also really enjoy seeing the light in their eyes when their curiosity is sparked by something I am teaching. Surprising fact: I like the smell of skunks.



Ms. Jenna Gasca: This is my 4th year teaching here at TES. What I love most about my job is making connections with my students and getting to make a difference in their lives! One surprising fact about me is that I've known I wanted to be a teacher since I was 13 years old. (Before that my plan was to make it big as a ROCKSTAR!!!)

Mrs. Bethany Dixson: This is my 3rd year here at TES. I absolutely love building rapport with my students and celebrating their accomplishments with them, both big and small! One fun fact about me is that I became a published poet when I was in 6th grade!



TES Spelling Bee CHAMPS

Gavin Lauritzen placed first and **Trey Kartchner** placed second for the District and will compete in the Graham County Spelling Bee on February 4th.

The students below are recognized for placing top 3 in their grades.

6th Grade:

Gavin Lauritzen, 1st place

Wyatt Ferrin, 2nd place

Jaeda Way, Alternate

5th Grade:

Trey Kartchner, 1st place

Kathleen Griffith, 2nd place

Areya Jurado, Alternate

4th Grade:

Cleveland Curtis, 1st place

Remie Householder, 2nd place

LJ Allen, Alternate



HAPPY
VALENTINES
DAY



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.aubrianne@thatcherud.org