

THORP TIGER TALES

APRIL 2021

Welcome

to Thorp Schools, where we are dedicated to the academic, social, and emotional growth of all our students, pre-school through high school! We are committed to providing our students with a challenging and nurturing environment for learning. We invite you to partner with us as we help your student grow and continually strive for excellence. We look forward to an amazing 2021-2022 school year!

Our current office hours are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. This is a great time to call or email the office and get more information about upcoming events and enrollment.

School begins Thursday, September 9th, 2021. Kindergarten and Preschool begin Monday, September 13th, 2021. Our school hours are 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:30 am to 1:30 pm on Friday. Please contact the office for any enrollment questions or concerns at 509-964-2107 or haddixb@thorpschools.org or visit our school website at www.thorpschools.org for any school updates and to download registration documents.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

LIMITED OPENINGS IN K-12TH GRADE

Thorp School District would like to welcome you to call the office if you are interested in enrolling your student for the 2021-2022 school year!

At Thorp, we develop personal relationships with students fostered in a caring environment. We concentrate on keeping the student, not the system, at the center of learning. We have nationally and regionally recognized highly qualified teachers.

We have limited openings in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Call about availability and joining our waitlist. We prioritize our student enrollment in the following order:

1. In-district students
2. Siblings of current students
3. Out-of-district students

We are presently at capacity in our SPED department for out-of-district applicants and are not accepting applications for out-of-district students who have special needs. If you have any questions and would like to speak to our SPED Director, we can arrange an on-site consultation.

Registration Requirements:

- Student Registration Form - Can be picked up from the bottom right file drawer outside the office or downloaded from thorpschools.org/registration-documents and mailed or emailed to the office.
- Certificate of Immunization Status
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Choice Transfer Form (Out-of-district students only) <https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/ChoiceTransferRequest>

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Kindergarten Registration

We are excited to begin enrolling for our 2021 - 2022 Kindergarten class!

Space is limited! We encourage you to register your child **as soon as possible!** Your child will be ready for Kindergarten when all paperwork is completed and approved.

Registration packets can be picked up from the bottom right file drawer outside the office or downloaded from the website at thorpschools.org/registration-documents and mailed or emailed to the office.

Your student must be 5 years of age before September 1, 2021 to attend our all-day Kindergarten Program. For additional information about our eligibility policy, visit www.thorpschools.org/3000 and click on 3110 Procedure.

Turn in with your registration packet:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Residence (e.g. utility bill)

PRESCHOOL

Registration Open Now!

How to enroll: Registration packets can be picked up from the bottom right file drawer outside the office or downloaded from the website at thorpschools.org/registration-documents and mailed or emailed to the office.

When: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Students eat lunch on campus and may pack a lunch or participate in the school lunch program.

Cost: \$250 per month

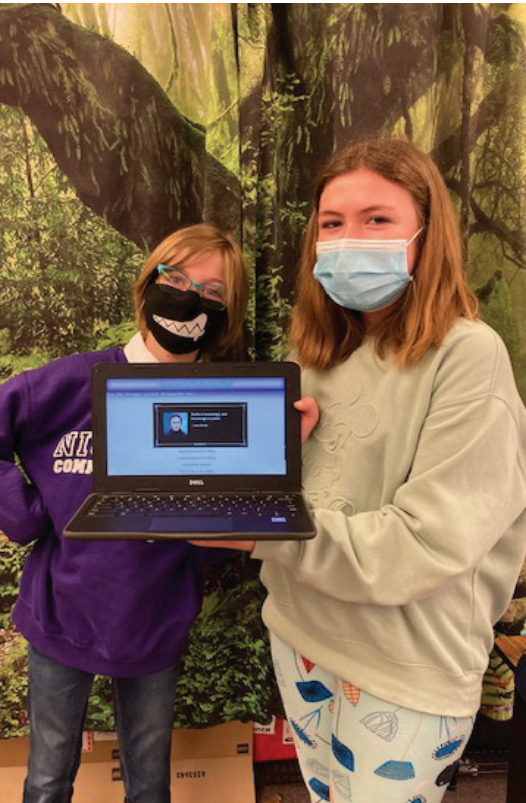
Age: Must be 3 years old by September 1, 2021

Transportation: Students may ride the bus to school. Parents/Guardians provide transportation home.

LUNCH SCHEDULES

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS		TUESDAY & THURSDAYS	
11:15 - 11:35	K-2 Lunch/3-5 Recess	11:15 - 11:35	K-2 Lunch/3-5 Recess
11:40 - 12:00	3-5 Lunch/K-2 Recess	11:40 - 12:00	3-5 Lunch/K-2 Recess
12:00 - 12:30	Preschool Lunch	12:00 - 12:30	Preschool Lunch
12:15 - 12:35	6-8 Lunch/9-12 Recess	12:25 - 12:45	6-8 Lunch/9-12 Recess
12:35 - 12:55	9-12 Recess/6-8 Lunch	12:45 - 1:05	9-12 Recess/6-8 Lunch
FRIDAYS			
10:30 - 10:55	K-2 Lunch/3-5 Recess	11:30 - 11:50	6-8 Lunch/9-12 Recess
11:00 - 11:20	3-5 Lunch/K-2 Recess	11:50 - 12:10	9-12 Recess/6-8 Lunch

HISTORY DAY



Rhia Miller & Paige Woody
1st place for their Website on Braille

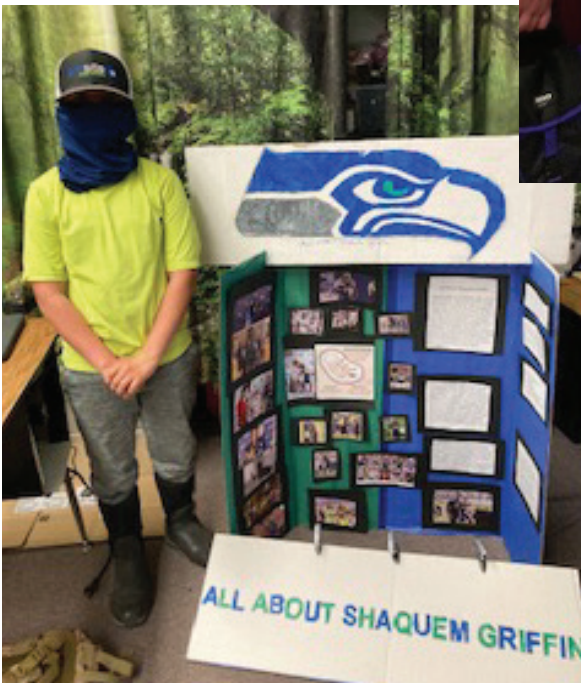


Billy Jack Johnson
Honorable Mention for his Documentary on Hercules Mulligan

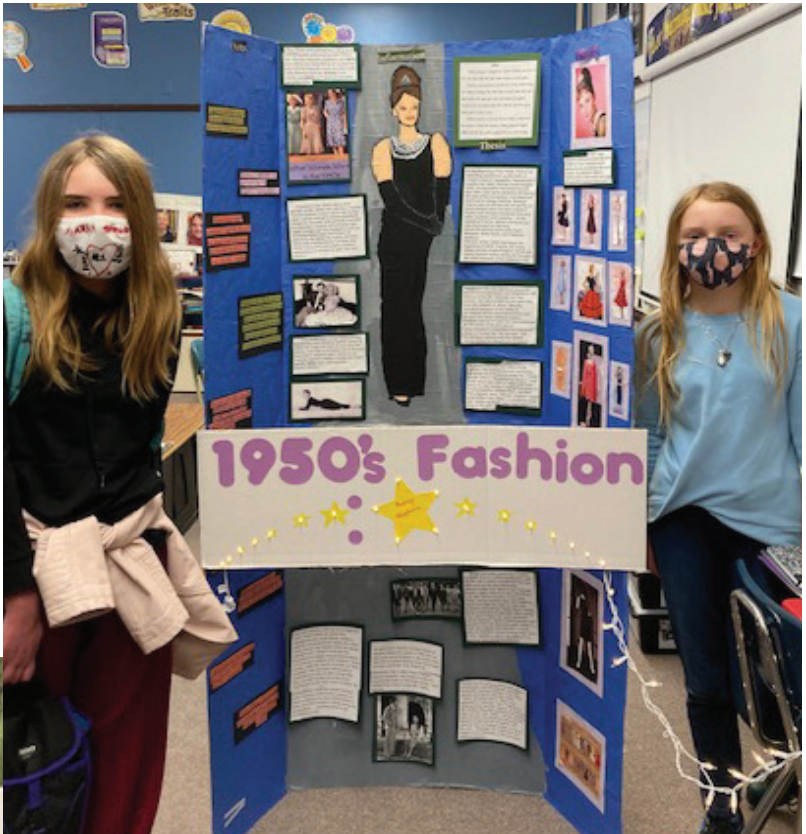
Bryson Flory (not pictured)
2nd place for his Exhibit on Pest Control: Communicating to Prevent Disasters

Alicea Jackson (right)
Documentary on Satellites

This year we had nine 6th and 7th grade students compete at Regionals for History Day. All students did an amazing job, especially during a difficult year and with less time to work on their project. We had six students who placed at Regionals who will be moving on to State! If you see any of these students please congratulate them on their hard work!



Westen Fields-Pittsenbarger
3rd place for his Exhibit on Shaquem Griffin



Kylie Watkins & Lilly Porter
1st place for their Exhibit on Audrey Hepburn and 1950's fashion



Noah DeMille
Honorable Mention for his Exhibit on Jim Thorpe

FULL START

All Thorp students will return to our regular schedule of 5 days of in-person instruction. The regular schedule is as follows:

Kindergarten - 12th Grade

Monday	8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Thursday	8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Fridays	8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Preschool

Monday	8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Thursday	8:30 am - 12:30 pm

MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING

Students and staff are expected to wear a mask properly and observe social distancing protocols on the bus and while at school. Students will stay within their class cohort and assigned classes to limit interactions with other cohorts of students as much as possible. This will reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19, and will help prevent the need to shut down the entire school if a student or staff member becomes ill.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Students will enter through the gym doors upon arrival. Students will be asked to sanitize their hands before attending class. Staff and students will have their temperatures taken upon entry. Staff will check to make sure students are wearing masks and have completed their wellness screenings.



MEALS

All students attending school will have the opportunity to order a school provided meal for lunch free of charge under the Summer Food Service Program. If you currently have a child who is receiving take home meals, but is not enrolled in the district, their meal service will continue.

Breakfast will not be served at school.

Families can order breakfast for their student online at www.thorpschools.org/food-service. Breakfast for the following day will be sent home with students after school.

WELLNESS SCREENINGS

All staff and students must have completed a Wellness Screening before attending school. Screenings may be completed on Skyward or by using the orange paper Wellness Screening sheets. Students in 6th- 12th grade may complete their own screenings.

TRANSPORTATION

Buses will run along their regular routes. Due to the increased stops and passengers, buses may run early or late. Please allow an additional 5 minutes as we finalize routes.

BACKPACKS

Students need to bring a backpack each day. There will be no access to lockers for secondary students.

CHROMEBOOKS & IPADS

School issued technology will remain at school. If students need to take home technology, they may work with their teachers to check out equipment.

WATER BOTTLES

There is no access to water fountains. Students need to bring a reusable water bottle to school each day.

COUNSELOR CORNER

Spring is in the air! It’s a great time to go outside and get some fresh air and exercise. Doing this can help increase positivity, release stress, and improve overall mental health. The Thorp School staff have been working hard to implement Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programs including Character Strong and The Zones of Regulation. Most of the classes have been working on Kindness, Empathy, Growth Mindset, Respect, Honesty, among others. Here are some FAMILY DARES, which are activities you can do as a family to demonstrate KINDNESS!

Laura Jones
Student Services Coordinator



DARE #1 FAMILY LITTER WALK By Character Strong

Go for a walk in your neighborhood or at a local park and pick up trash you see along the way. Come prepared! Bring gloves and your own trash bag so you can be clean while you clean.

Try making it a competition! Who can pick up the most trash or pick up trash the fastest?



DARE #2 HELP ME, HELP ME By Character Strong

Have everyone write down a list of 3-5 things that they would appreciate if someone helped them with, said to them, or shared with them.

Put it in a comon space and see if, each week, everyone can get something checked off the list.



SUPERINTENDENT



How was that possible you might ask? Here are some reasons to be proud of your school district and its dedicated staff:



community has continued to shine despite the challenges we have faced. Our success is possible because we all rally behind doing what is best for our students.

The 2020-2021 school year will go down in history as a difficult time for parents, students, and staff. We are proud that, here at Thorp, our students will receive more in-person instruction time this year than the vast majority of students in Washington State.

- Community and staff meetings in spring, summer, and fall of 2020 to plan a safe return to in-person learning
- Financial commitment from the School Board to fund whatever it took to open our schools
- Cooperation from the Classified and Certificated Unions in opening
- Financial commitment from County Commissioners to open schools
- Family flexibility and patience as we maneuvered the uncharted territory
- Student effort to remain involved in their online learning and to follow safety protocols while in-person
- Staff adaptability and commitment to students
- Support staff behind the scenes such as janitorial, food services, and bus drivers

The importance of community has been abundantly clear in the last year. The Thorp

School Farm Update

We are in the final stages of putting together the infrastructure for our school garden. The nursery is complete and has been used by FFA, for plant starts, and by the art class, for pottery.

Work on the garden this spring will include installing an automated irrigation system to each zone (each class will have their own space), a security fence to keep young students in and rabbits out, a compost pile, a shed for garden implements, a robotic farm installation, a game camera, an outdoor education classroom/pergola, and a weather station.

Our goal is to complete the infrastructure this spring, send P-6th grade teachers to Field STEM training in the summer, fall, and winter, and be ready to fully plant the garden in the spring of 2022.

This would not have been possible without the generous support of local taxpayers through the Capital Projects Levy (CPL), the Kittitas County Conservation District, the Pacific Education Institute (PEI), the Shoemaker Manufacturing, Suncadia, the Career and Technical Education General Advisory Committee (CTE GAC), and Thorp staff and community members volunteering their time and effort.

Andrew M. Perkins
Superintendent/Principal



ADMINISTRATION

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SAFESCHOOLS

VECTOR SOLUTIONS

SafeSchools

Alert

Thorp School District

Report It

SafeSchools Alert is our district's tip reporting service. If you have information about a threat to our safety, do your part and report it! And remember, you can remain anonymous.

SUBMIT USING OUR APP

Available on the iPhone

App Store

ANDROID APP ON

Google play

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 911

EASY WAYS TO REPORT

REPORT ON:



Visit the website
<http://1081.alert1.us>



Email your Tip to
1081@alert1.us



Call to report your tip
844.294.8084



Text your Tip to
844.294.8084

Our District Code is: 1081

All tips submitted are taken seriously and will be acted upon. Please be responsible with your submissions.

- BULLYING

- INTIMIDATION

- HARASSMENT

- WEAPONS

- DRUGS

- OTHER



Mobile App Download Instructions

The SafeSchools Alert System allows our students, staff, faculty and parents to anonymously and securely submit safety tips regarding bullying, harassment, mental health, threats of violence and safety concerns to our administration team 24/7.

Please go to the App Store for iPhone or Google Play for Android and download the free SafeSchools Alert Mobile App:

1. Search for the SafeSchools Alert Mobile App in the App Store or Google Play.
2. Select “Download” to add the free app to your mobile device.
3. The first time you open the app, you’ll be asked to submit our district’s four-digit code 1081 in order to connect your tip submissions to our district team.
4. After the code is submitted, you’ll be asked to confirm your district’s name: Thorp School District.
5. Once the district name is confirmed, you’ll see the modules that are available to submit tips through (e.g. bullying, safety, violence).
6. You’ll see a confirmation page after submission to confirm that your tip was successfully submitted.
7. Any tips that are submitted will automatically be routed to the appropriate administrators.
8. If we send any messages or replies to your tip, you will automatically receive a push notification.

Thanks for helping to keep Thorp School District safe & connected!

PATRICK PLAYOFFS

Our annual Patrick Playoffs was unlike any before! Determined to find a way to celebrate, teachers came up with a great event for secondary students. Students began their day with a trivia competition before heading outside to compete in Disc Golf, Wiffle Ball Home Run Derby, Penguin Race, Bowling, 5 Yard Field Goal, Corn Hole, Spoon Relay, Soccer Goal, Milk Jug Relay, Football Throw, and Scavenger Hunt. Students competed by grade. Overall winners were the 6th grade and 11th/12th grade class teams.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We had a fantastic week back from Spring Break with more in-person learning! Our students are definitely feeling the excitement of what Spring brings. We are looking forward to school reopening full-time on April 19th and to the return of all students to in-person instruction. We are hopeful to create a greater sense of normalcy.



We know there have been struggles, but we feel confident that our instructional platforms, our student and family outreach, and our health protocols are working well. We will be providing more breaks for students outside without their

masks as well as ensuring that our students have an adequate amount of access to water throughout the day.

We are in the process of planning our extended learning, which will start this summer. We would like to combine outdoor learning with our reading, math and writing programs. Our goal is to provide a fun and motivating program for students while helping them move forward in the skills they need to be successful. We will keep you informed as to whether your student will be participating and our final dates/times.

I personally would like to thank our students,



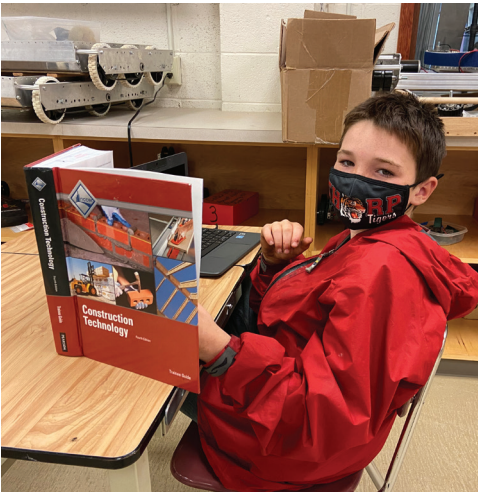
parents, and community members for all of their support during this challenging school year. We remind our students that high standards and expectations for each student in regard to academic performance and responsible citizenship are the foundation of our school. It's both a busy and an exciting time as we

begin to celebrate the end-of-year achievements of many of our students. Please remind your students that, while the end of spring brings the excitement of summer, we still have work to do. Let's finish strong academically and socially. Stay tuned for more information regarding end of year celebration opportunities!

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me and know that my door is always open or we can schedule a phone or ZOOM meeting.

Have a great spring!

Mel Blair
Special Services Director/Assistant Principal
blairm@thorpschools.org



"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." - Mother Teresa

CLUBS & SPORTS

Elementary Robotics
Advisor: Ms. Siekawitch
Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00 PM, must sign up to be contacted by the advisors as we have limited spots available. Will run two, four week cycles for students to rotate through.

Session 1 runs from April 20th through May 11th.
Session 2 will be May 25th through June 15th.



Chess Club
Advisor: Mrs. Tasker
Open to 3rd-12th graders, Chess club will meet Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 pm beginning April 22 and continue through June 10th. Students must be signed

up to be contacted by the advisor as we have limited spots available.

Middle School 6th-8th Sports at Thorp
Athletic Dir.: Mr. Gibson
Athletic packets available online and in the office. Must have a current physical.

Season 1
April 19th - May 14th
• Volleyball
• Cross Country

Season 2
May 17th - June 9th
• Boys Basketball
• Girls Basketball

Middle School 6th-8th Sports at Kittitas
Athletic Dir.: Mr. Gibson
Athletic packets for Thorp and Kittitas available online and in the office. Must have a current physical. Transportation provided to and from Thorp.

Season 1
May 12th - June 11th
• Baseball
• Fastpitch
• Track

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26	Snow Day - Office Closed No In-Person or Distance Learning No Meal Delivery	June 11	Graduation 6:00 pm, by invitation only	September 6	Labor Day Office Closed
May 31	Memorial Day - Office Closed No In-Person or Distance Learning No Meal Delivery	June 18	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Early Release at 10:00 am Lunch delivery ends	September 9	1st -12th Grade FIRST DAY
		July 5	Independence Day Observed Office Closed	September 13	Preschool & K FIRST DAY

2021 - 2022 DRAFT SCHOOL CALENDAR

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September 2021		
6	Labor Day - No School	
7-8	District Mandatory	
9	First Day Grades 1-12	
13	First Day Preschool & Kinder	

October 2021		
November 2021		
10	End of 1st Quarter	
11	Veterans Day - No School	
17	Conference - Noon Release	
18	Conference - Noon Release	
19	Conference - Noon Release	
24	Noon Release - Staff & Students	
25-26	Thanksgiving - No School	

December 2021		
17	Noon Release - Staff & Students	
20-31	Winter Break - No School	

January 2022		
1	New Year's Day	
17	MLK Day - No School	

February 2022		
1	End of Semester/Q2	
21	Presidents Day - No School	

March 2022		
16	Conference - Noon Release	
17	Conference - Noon Release	
18	Conference - Noon Release	
21-25	Spring Break - No School	

April 2022		
13	End of 3rd Quarter	
25	Snow Day	

May 2022		
30	Memorial Day - No School	

June 2022		
10	Graduation	
17	Last Day of School - 10 am Release	

Quarters		
11/10/21	1st Quarter Ends	45 Days
02/01/22	2nd Quarter Ends	45 Days
04/13/22	3rd Quarter Ends	45 Days
06/17/22	4th Quarter Ends	45 Days

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Class
of
2021



Braden
Bare



Jocelyn
Garcia-Espinoza



Ethan
Fields-Haley



William
Mosiman



Lilyanna
Ochoa



Abigale
Ultican



Monte Emma
Watson

Congrats
to our
amazing
Thorp
Seniors!