THORP TIGER TALES

AUGUST 2026

As I approach my retirement from my position as Superintendent of Thorp School District at the end of this school year, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who have been a part of this remarkable journey.



First and foremost, I would like to thank the School Board for your unwavering trust and support throughout my time here. Your commitment to the vision of education in our district has not only inspired me but has also shaped the lives of countless students.

Learn more about the Superintendent Search at the next board meeting: Tuesday, August 25 at 6 pm

To the community of Thorp, your collaboration and engagement have been instrumental in building an environment that nurtures the whole student. Together, we have created pathways for all students, whether they are aspiring to attend college, entering trade schools, farming, or starting their own businesses. Your efforts in reaching out and working with our schools have made a significant impact on our success.



As I enter my final year, I am filled with pride for what we have accomplished together and optimism for the future. I look forward to the transition to the next Superintendent, and I sincerely hope you will extend to them the same kindness and support you have shown me. The strength of our community lies in our ability to work together, and I am confident that together you will continue to foster an environment in which every student can thrive.

One tradition I started here at Thorp was a yearly theme. We have had fun each year using the theme to enhance our culture. This year's theme is Grow, Roar, Explore! It is a fitting theme as we move forward and get ready for big changes.

Thank you once again for the support, trust, and collaboration. I will carry the memories of our work together into my retirement, cherishing the relationships built and the successes shared.

Warmest regards,

Andrew M. Perkins

Superintendent

THORP
GROW • ROAR • EXPLORE

Child Find

Any child, birth to five, whose family has concerns about their child's development and lives in the district can contact our office to receive a free Child Find Screening.

- Are you worried about your child's development?
- Does your child have difficulty communicating with people outside the family?
- Does your child have difficulty keeping up with other children their age?
- Does your child have concerning behaviors?
- Does your child have a medical disorder or birth defect that interferes with their development?
- Does your child seem to have hearing or vision issues?

WHAT HAPPENS DURING A CHILD FIND SCREENING?

The purpose of a Child Find Screening is to identify issues that may affect your child's learning, growth, and development and to help parents identify their child's strengths and weaknesses. Potential outcomes of a screening include recommendations for the family to implement in the home, a recommendation for a comprehensive evaluation through the school district, or a referral to a community agency for support.

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NOW ENROLLING TK

Will your student be 4 on August 31, 2026?
Join us for a fun year of growth at Thorp! Call to get your questions answered, schedule a tour, or register! 509-964-2107



SCHEDULE

FIRST DAYS

1st - 12th Grade
Thursday, September 10

TK & Kindergarten
Monday, September 14

SCHOOL HOURS
Doors open at 8:00 am

Monday - Thursday
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Friday
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

MEALS
All students receive FREE meals! There is no cost for breakfasts or lunches. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 am - 8:25 am. Lunch can be ordered in the morning in your student's first class. Lunch times are as follows:

Monday - Thursday

3 - 5:	11:10 am - 11:35 am
TK:	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
K- 2:	11:35 am - 12:00 pm
6 - 8:	12:05 pm - 12:25 pm
9 -12:	12:25 pm - 12:45 pm

Friday

3 - 5:	10:30 am - 10:55 am
TK:	10:50 am - 11:20 am
K - 2:	10:55 am - 11:20
6 - 8:	11:25 pm - 11:45 pm
9 -12:	11:45 pm - 12:05 pm

SPORTS

We offer a number of High School and Middle School sports here at Thorp. For sports we do not offer here, students participate through our sports combine with Kittitas. We offer transportation to and from Kittitas for practices.

We look forward to the smell of popcorn and the cheers in the stands. Varsity sports are an excellent opportunity for our ASB to get more involved in our school and fundraise for field trips. So please come out and support our student athletes wherever they play!

HIGH SCHOOL

FALL
- Girls Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Football @ Kittitas

WINTER
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Cheer
- Wrestling @ Kittitas

SPRING
- Golf
- Boys Baseball @ Kittitas
- Girls Fastpitch @ Kittitas
- Track & Field @ Kittitas

MIDDLE SCHOOL

FALL
- Girls Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football @ Kittitas

WINTER
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Volleyball
- Wrestling @ Kittitas

SPRING
- Boys Baseball @ Kittitas
- Girls Fastpitch @ Kittitas
- Track & Field @ Kittitas





Sign Up!

Links to FinalForms for Thorp and Kittitas online at thorpschools.org.
Must have a current physical and ASB card.
Thorp ($20) and Kittitas ($20), free when families qualify for free/reduced lunch.

COUNSELOR CORNER

Welcome to another year at Thorp! We are so excited to watch you grow, roar, and explore.

As we jump into the new school year, I wanted to share an update regarding my availability. I will be taking maternity leave during the first semester. While I will miss being on campus each day, we have put a solid, experienced team in place to ensure every student and family continues to receive seamless support while I am away.

How to Reach Us
To ensure your questions and needs are addressed promptly, we have established a central point of contact. Please email counselor@thorpschools.org to connect directly with the counseling team at any time.



Mr. Wiswell
Long-Term Substitute School Counselor

Many of our students already know Mr. Wiswell well from his five years at Thorp. Over the years, he has served our community as a paraprofessional, long-term substitute teacher, drama coach, and summer camp instructor. Backed by his background in mental health services, Mr. Wiswell will be teaching social-emotional learning lessons, providing one-on-one student support, facilitating lunch bunches, and helping guide social growth across all grade levels.

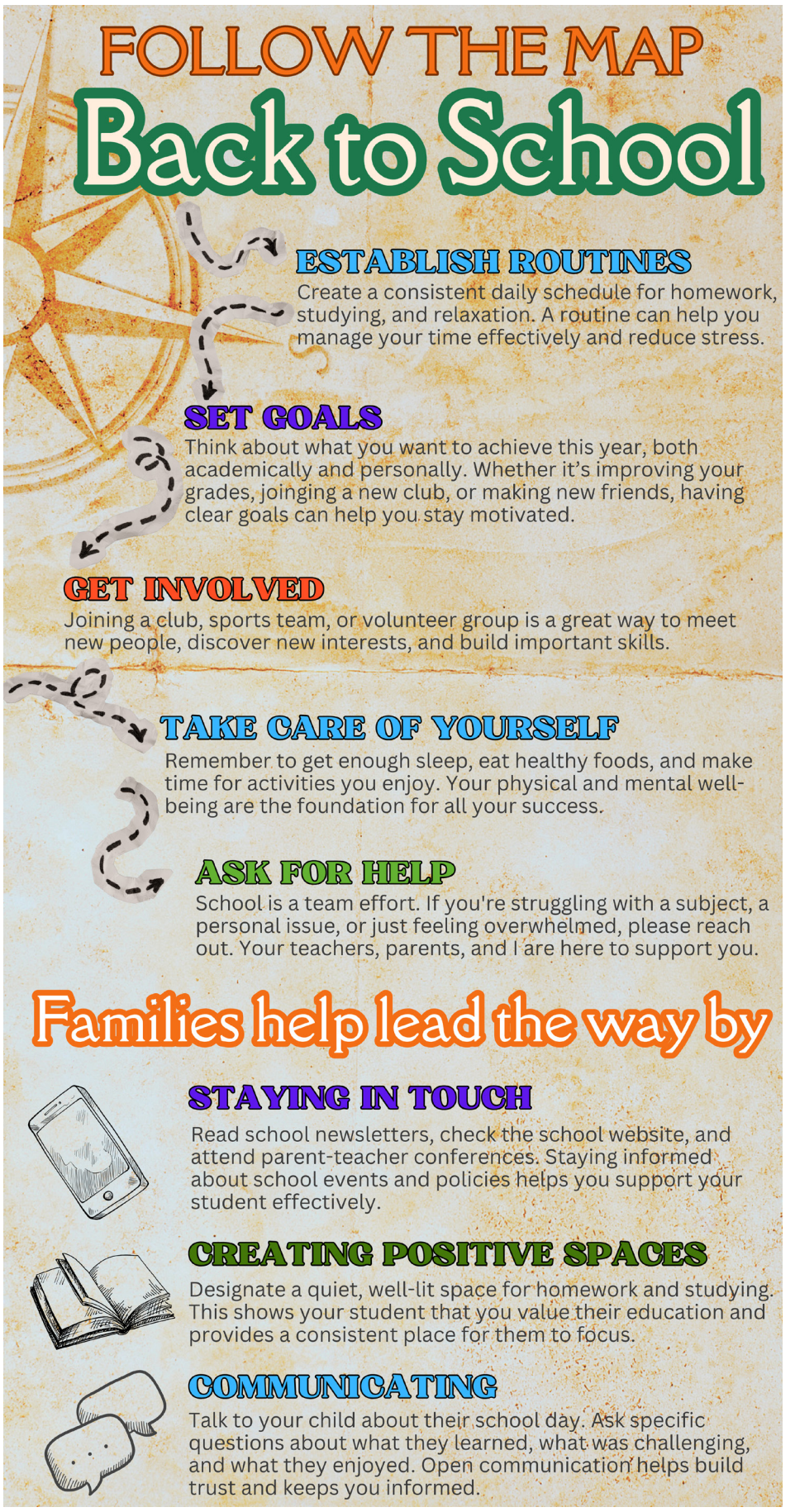


Mr. Fudacz
Administrative Intern & Dean of Students

Another long-time staff member, Mr. Fudacz will be managing academic counseling duties. He will oversee state and local assessments, support our Running Start students, and guide high schoolers through their High School and Beyond Plans to keep them on track for graduation and future career goals.

Our primary goal is to make this transition as smooth as possible so our students feel safe, supported, and ready to thrive. Thank you for your continued partnership, and we look forward to a wonderful semester ahead!

Rachel Hoffman
School Counselor



NURSE



New Location, More Space, More Privacy, Same Caring Support!

The Nurse's Office has leveled up with exciting updates! The School Nurse's Office has moved and now has direct access from the Commons making it easier for students who need care. The new space also offers more room and grater privacy, creating a comfortable and welcoming environment for students. Pop in and say Hi!

Nurse Dorothy will be here Monday through Thursday. Angela Dyk will be returning as our Nurse's Aid Wednesday through Friday. The office is open to accept paperwork and medications.

WHEN SHOULD YOUR CHILD STAY HOME?

To help keep our school community healthy, please keep your child home if they have:

- A fever of **100.4°F or higher** **(fever free for 24hrs WITHOUT medication to return)**
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Are **not well enough to participate comfortably in the school day**

Give your child time to rest and recover. Help protect our students, teachers, and staff.

MEDICATION & VACCINATION REMINDERS

- Get new medication orders: Every school year requires updated doctor's orders - no carry-overs from last year!
- Schedule refills: Avoid delays in your child receiving their medication during school hours.
- Drop off medication & orders: Bring both to the office BEFORE the first day of school.
- Get any vaccines that are required for school or fill out the appropriate exemption forms.
- Questions? Contact the school nurse or main office for help at (509) 964-2107 or nurse@thorpschools.org.

PRINCIPAL



Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! I hope you had a fun and relaxing summer break filled with memorable adventures and precious time with family and friends. As we open our doors to a fresh academic year, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest greetings to our entire community.

We are thrilled to welcome both our returning families and those who are joining us for the very first time. Whether your child is stepping into a classroom for the first time as a Transitional Kindergartner or embarking on their final year as a high school senior, our dedicated staff has been hard at work all summer preparing every detail to ensure a seamless, engaging, and successful start. Above all, we are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and intellectually stimulating environment where every single student can grow, thrive, and achieve their full potential.

Reliving the Magic: Thorp Summer Camp!
Before we turn our focus entirely to the fall semester, we want to look back and celebrate the incredible energy that filled our campus over the break. Thanks to generous grant funding from our county, our Summer Camp was a resounding success! With 35 to 50 enthusiastic campers joining us each week, our halls and fields were buzzing with activity, learning, and connection. Our campers had the opportunity to dive into a dynamic mix of physical, creative, and life-skill activities, including:

Sports & Recreation: Soccer, volleyball, basketball, pickleball, and outdoor adventures that kept everyone active.

Creative & Cultural Arts: Marching band workshops, arts and crafts projects, and “Spanish for Fun” language exploration.



Practical Life Skills: Hands-on experience with food preparation and serving, complemented by exciting local field trips and service projects.



Social-Emotional Learning (SEL): Interactive lessons and team games like Captain’s Call and relay races designed to make character building fun.



At its core, the camp was designed to build well-rounded, resilient young people. Through every activity, our focus remained on instilling leadership, positive decision-making, self-advocacy, strong friendship skills, and overall student wellness.

We extend a massive, heartfelt thank you to the phenomenal staff members who gave their time and energy this summer to create an unforgettable experience for our campers. Your dedication sets the tone for our entire school community!

Looking Ahead: Partnering for Success
A thriving school relies on a strong partnership between home and campus. As we launch into this new year, I encourage you to actively participate in school life. Whether you lend a hand as a volunteer, support our academic initiatives, cheer from the sidelines at athletic events, sponsor a club, or participate in community service projects, your involvement directly enriches our environment and elevates the experience for all students.



Together, we can ensure that our students receive the guidance, support, and encouragement they need to excel. We look forward to collaborating with you to make the 2026–2027 school year our most inspiring and impactful one yet!

Mel Blair
Principal & Special Education Director

ADMINISTRATION

Andrew M. Perkins	Superintendent	(509) 964-7103	perkinsa@thorpschools.org
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Chris Groepper	Food Services Manager	(509) 964-7110	groepperc@thorpschools.org
Jarred Fudacz	Dean of Students, CTE and Transportation Manager	(509) 964-7109	fudaczj@thorpschools.org
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Todd Gibson	Athletic Director	(509) 964-7106	gibsont@thorpschools.org
Dorothy White	Nurse	(509) 964-7142	nurse@thorpschools.org

SAFETY

As we welcome our students and staff back for the 2026–2027 school year, nothing is more important to us than creating a secure, supportive environment where students can focus on learning and growing. Safety isn't just a set of rules; it's an ongoing culture of care, vigilance, and partnership between our school, first responders, and families. Here are some reminders to help keep our students safe.

CAMPUS ACCESS & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Controlled Entry & Visitor Check-Ins: All visitors, volunteers, and contractors must check in at the main office and present a valid photo ID before entering school grounds. Please remember to wear your visitor badge visibly while on campus.

Volunteer Background Checks: At Thorp, students learn about safe adults and safe directions. To ensure the adults in our building are safe, all staff and volunteers are supervised and undergo a background check. To volunteer, fill out the application online at www.thorpschools.org under Our District, or scan the QR code.

Routine Safety Drills: At least once a month, our schools practice a standard safety drill (including fire, secure and teach, shelter-in-place, and lockdown drills). These drills are conducted calmly and in age-appropriate ways to ensure our students and staff know exactly what to do in an emergency without creating unnecessary fear.

EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY: ANONYMOUS REPORTING TOOLS

Safety is a shared responsibility. Each one of us can do our part to keep our community safe. When students, staff, or families notice something out of the ordinary, speaking up can make all the difference. We provide two key, confidential tools to report concerns 24/7. I would highly encourage you to have these added as contacts in your child's phone:

VECTOR SAFESCHOOLS TIP LINE

This tool allows students, parents, and community members to submit safety concerns directly to our school administrators. You can report issues like bullying, threats, vandalism, or general safety hazards via phone, text, email, or web.

How to submit a tip: thorp-wa.safeschoolsalert.com / 844.294.8084 / School Code 1081

HearMeWA HELPLINE

For youth-centered support, our state offers HearMeWA—a free, 24/7 confidential reporting platform. Using HearMe WA, young people can reach out by app, text, phone, or online to report threats, bullying, or personal well-being and mental health concerns. Reports connect directly with trained crisis counselors who listen and help route support where it's needed.

How to reach HearMeWA: Text HEARMEWA to 738477, call 888-537-1634, or visit HearMeWA.org.

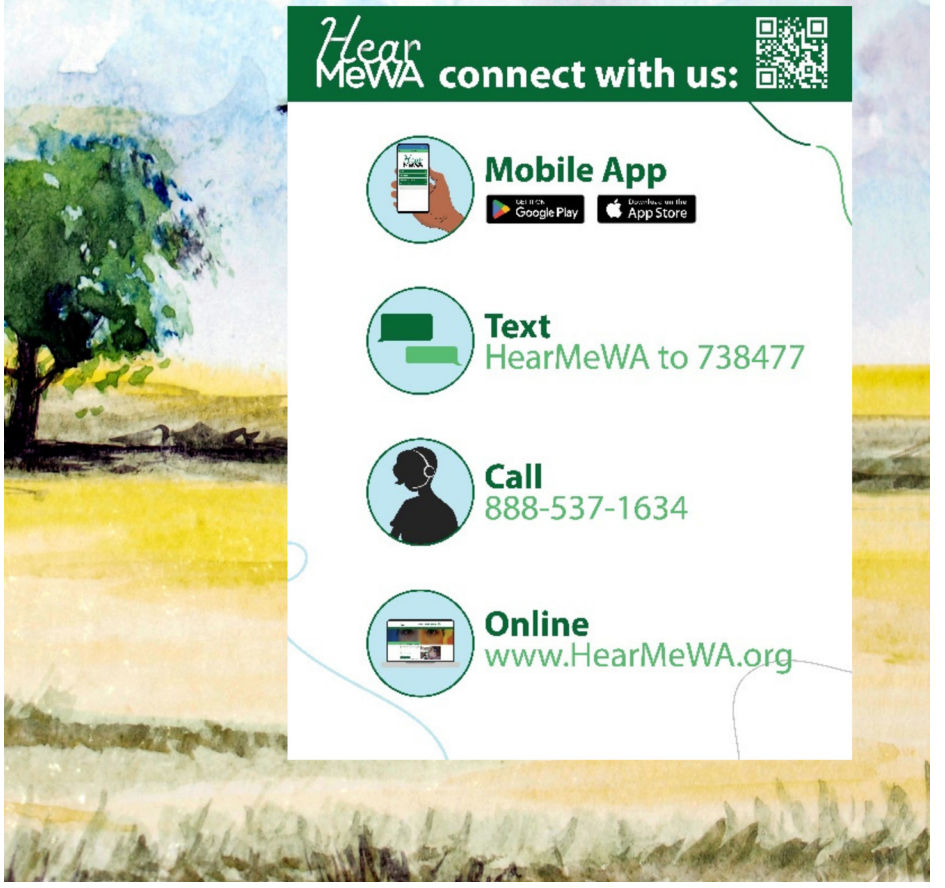
Remember: If you see or hear something concerning—on campus, in the community, or online—please say something. In an immediate crisis or emergency, always dial 911 first.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in keeping our schools safe. We look forward to a fantastic, secure, and successful school year as we Grow, Roar, and Explore!

Garrett Rhodes
Technology and Safety Director

HearMeWA

Washington State has created a confidential statewide youth safety & well-being tipline called HearMeWA. Its whole focus is to give youth a tipline to get help for many concerns they may face and connect them free resources and professionals who can help with Bullying, Social Pressures, Mental Health, Threats, Violence, Eating Disorders, and Substance Abuse. See the graphic on this page to connect with HearMeWA.







BUS ROUTES

Route times may fluctuate +/- 10 minutes the first few weeks as we determine ridership.
Traffic, road, and weather conditions will also affect stop times.
Please see the student handbook for bus rules and expectations.

Tammy



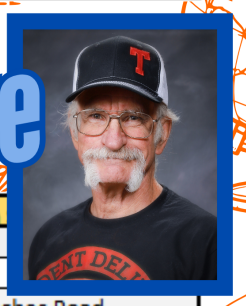
Route #1 Morning Schedule, Driver: Tammy		Route #1 MON - THUR Afternoon Schedule		Route #1 FRIDAY Afternoon	
6:50 AM	Leave Thorp School	3:10 PM	Leave Thorp School	1:40 PM	Leave Thorp School
6:56 AM	1730 Thorp Cemetery Rd	3:11 PM	101 Main Street	1:41 PM	101 Main Street
6:57 AM	2133 Thorp Cemetery Rd	3:13 PM	681 Goodwin Road	1:43 PM	681 Goodwin Road
7:01 AM	Watt Canyon Road @ Mission Road	3:14 PM	1671 Goodwin Road	1:44 PM	1671 Goodwin Road
7:02 AM	Watt Canyon Road (yellow house)	3:20 PM	9440 North Thorp Hwy	1:50 PM	9440 North Thorp Hwy
7:03 AM	771 Watt Canyon Road	3:22 PM	9100 North Thorp Hwy	1:52 PM	9100 North Thorp Hwy
7:04 AM	1311 Watt Canyon (Turnaround)	3:23 PM	341 Wade Rd (Turnaround)	1:53 PM	341 Wade Rd (Turnaround)
7:05 AM	Watt Canyon @ Labrador Dr	3:27 PM	1730 Thorp Cemetery Rd	1:57 PM	1730 Thorp Cemetery Rd
7:07 AM	810 Watt Canyon Road	3:29 PM	2133 Thorp Cemetery Rd	1:59 PM	2133 Thorp Cemetery Rd
7:08 AM	261 Watt Canyon Road	3:30 PM	2574/2576 Cemetery Road - Barn	2:00 PM	2574/2576 Cemetery Road - Barn
7:12 AM	Sisters Road (Turnaround)	3:33 PM	Sisters Road (Turn around)	2:03 PM	Sisters Road (Turn around)
7:15 AM	2574/2576 Cemetery Road - Barn	3:36 PM	4240 Thorp Cemetery Rd	2:06 PM	4240 Thorp Cemetery Rd
7:18 AM	221 Killmore Road	3:38 PM	261 Watt Canyon	2:08 PM	261 Watt Canyon
7:20 AM	1221 Hunter Road	3:39 PM	Watt Canyon Road @ Mission Road	2:09 PM	Watt Canyon Road @ Mission Road
7:22 AM	2353 Hunter Rd	3:40 PM	Watt Canyon Road (Yellowhouse)	2:10 PM	Watt Canyon Road (Yellowhouse)
7:24 AM	2442 Hunter Road (Turnaround)	3:44 PM	Watt Canyon Road	2:14 PM	Watt Canyon Road
7:28 AM	1610 Killmore Road	3:45 PM	1311 Watt Canyon	2:15 PM	1311 Watt Canyon
7:33 AM	Robinson @ Rangeview Road	3:46 PM	Watt Canyon & Labrador Dr (Turnaround)	2:16 PM	Watt Canyon & Labrador Dr (Turnaround)
7:35 AM	Robinson Canyon Rd @ Crusoe Ln	3:47 PM	810 Watt Canyon Road	2:17 PM	810 Watt Canyon Road
7:36 AM	Robinson @ Wrong Road	3:50 PM	1221 Hunter Road	2:20 PM	1221 Hunter Road
7:37 AM	341 Robinson Canyon Rd	3:51 PM	2353 Hunter Road	2:21 PM	2353 Hunter Road
7:42 AM	Washington State Patrol (Turnaround)	3:52 PM	2422 Hunter Road (Turnaround)	2:22 PM	2422 Hunter Road (Turnaround)
7:51 AM	Cove Road	4:01 PM	1610 Killmore Road	2:31 PM	1610 Killmore Road
7:52 AM	6671 South Thorp Hwy	4:03 PM	3320 Killmore Road	2:33 PM	3320 Killmore Road
7:53 AM	7210 South Thorp Hwy	4:04 PM	Robinson Canyon @ Rangeview Rd	2:34 PM	Robinson Canyon @ Rangeview Rd
7:55 AM	9100 N Thorp Hwy	4:07 PM	Robinson Canyon @ Crusoe Ln	2:37 PM	Robinson Canyon @ Crusoe Ln
7:56 AM	9440 N Thorp Hwy	4:08 PM	Robinson Canyon @ Wrong Rd	2:41 PM	Robinson Canyon @ Wrong Rd
8:00 AM	681 Goodwin Road	4:12 PM	341 Robinson Canyon	2:42 PM	341 Robinson Canyon
8:02 AM	1671 Goodwin Road (Turnaround)	4:17 PM	Washington State Patrol (Turnaround)	2:47 PM	Washington State Patrol (Turnaround)
8:10 AM	Arrive at school	4:19 PM	Cove Road	2:49 PM	Cove Road
		4:23 PM	5421 South Thorp Hwy	2:53 PM	5421 South Thorp Hwy
		4:25 PM	6671 South Thorp Hwy	2:55 PM	6671 South Thorp Hwy
		4:26 PM	7210 South Thorp Hwy	2:56 PM	7210 South Thorp Hwy
		4:30 PM	Arrive at School	3:00 PM	Arrive at School

Glenda



Route #2 Morning Schedule, Driver: Glenda G.		Route #2 MON - THUR Afternoon Schedule		Route #2 FRIDAY Afternoon	
6:55 AM	Leave Thorp School	3:10 PM	Leave Thorp School	1:40 PM	Leave Thorp School
7:19 AM	Cle Elum (Twin Pines)	3:12 PM	11321 N Thorp Hwy	1:42 PM	11321 N Thorp Hwy
7:35 AM	Rock Pit at Elk Heights	3:13 PM	11451 N Thorp Hwy	1:43 PM	11451 N Thorp Hwy
7:40 AM	901 Sunlight Drive	3:17 PM	3350 Taneum	1:47 PM	3350 Taneum
7:41 AM	1300 Sunlight Drive	3:27 PM	901 Sunlight Drive	1:57 PM	901 Sunlight Drive
7:43 AM	1440 Sunlight Drive	3:29 PM	1300 Sunlight Drive	1:59 PM	1300 Sunlight Drive
7:45 AM	1470 Sunlight Drive	3:30 PM	1440 Sunlight Drive	2:00 PM	1440 Sunlight Drive
7:46 AM	Turn Around/Highline Loop/Sunlight Drive	3:31 PM	1470 Sunlight Drive	2:01 PM	1470 Sunlight Drive
7:48 AM	Sunlight Dr @ Twin Lakes (mail boxes)	3:33 PM	Turn Around/Highline Loop/Sunlight Drive	2:03 PM	Turn Around/Highline Loop/Sunlight Drive
7:49 AM	1041 Sunlight Drive	3:35 PM	Sunlight Dr @ Twin Lakes (mail boxes)	2:05 PM	Sunlight Dr @ Twin Lakes (mail boxes)
7:50 AM	Sunlight Dr @ Morrison Canyon	3:36 PM	1041 Sunlight Drive	2:06 PM	1041 Sunlight Drive
7:58 AM	3350 E Taneum Road	3:37 PM	Sunlight Dr @ Morrison Canyon	2:07 PM	Sunlight Dr @ Morrison Canyon
8:05 AM	Arrive at School	3:50 PM	Cle Elum (Twin Pines)	2:20 PM	Cle Elum (Twin Pines)
		4:20 PM	Arrive at School	2:50 PM	Arrive at School

Dave



Route #3 Morning Schedule, Driver: Dave Bell		Route #3 MON - THUR Afternoon Schedule		Route #3 FRIDAY Afternoon	
7:00 AM	Depart Thorp School	3:10 PM	Depart Thorp School	1:40 PM	Depart Thorp School
7:20 AM	Western Village (8th & Alder)	3:20 PM	Hwy 10 @ Deer Valley	1:50 PM	Hwy 10 @ Deer Valley
7:26 AM	Helena & Chestnut	3:22 PM	Hwy 10 @ Ellensburg Ranches Road	1:52 PM	Hwy 10 @ Ellensburg Ranches Road
7:32 AM	Mt. Stuart Elementary (15th Street)	3:24 PM	12051 Hwy 10	1:54 PM	12051 Hwy 10
7:37 AM	Currier Creek	3:24 PM	Yakima River Rd	1:54 PM	Yakima River Rd
7:43 AM	4041 Hwy 97	3:25 PM	11550 Hwy 10	1:55 PM	11550 Hwy 10
7:44 AM	O'Neil Rd	3:27 PM	10093 Hwy 10	1:57 PM	10093 Hwy 10
7:48 AM	10093 Hwy 10	3:28 PM	O'Neil Rd	1:58 PM	O'Neil Rd
7:51 AM	11550 Hwy 10	3:30 PM	4041 Hwy 97	2:00 PM	4041 Hwy 97
7:52 AM	Yakima River Rd	3:35 PM	Currier Creek	2:05 PM	Currier Creek
7:53 AM	12051 Hwy 10	3:40 PM	Mt. Stuart Elementary (15th Street)	2:10 PM	Mt. Stuart Elementary (15th Street)
7:54 AM	Hwy 10 @ Ellensburg Ranches Road	3:44 PM	Mt. Stuart Elementary Daycare	2:14 PM	Mt. Stuart Elementary Daycare
7:56 AM	Hwy 10 @ Deer Valley	3:45 PM	14th & B St (Mercer Creek Church)	2:15 PM	14th & B St (Mercer Creek Church)
8:08 AM	Arrive at School	3:48 PM	Helena & Chestnut	2:18 PM	Helena & Chestnut
		3:53 PM	Western Village (8th & Alder)	2:23 PM	Western Village (8th & Alder)
		3:59 PM	Library	2:29 PM	Library
		4:00 PM	Youth Center	2:30 PM	Youth Center
		4:01 PM	Creative Kids	2:31 PM	Creative Kids
		4:30 PM	Arrive at School	3:00 PM	Arrive at School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 7	Labor Day/Office Closed
Sept 8	Office closed 9 am - 12 pm, Training Back to School Bash, 5 pm - 7 pm
Sept 10	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, 8:30 am - 3 pm 1st grade - 12th grade
Sept 14	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, 8:30 am - 3 pm TK & Kindergarten
Oct 2-3	Thorp Community Day
Oct 5-9	Homecoming Spirit Week
Oct 9	Homecoming Dance (9th-12th Grades)
Oct 29	Harvest Carnival & Haunted House
Nov 10	Veterans Day Assembly
Nov 11	Veterans Day, No School/Office Closed
Nov 18-20	Conferences, Noon Release
Nov 25	Turkey Trot Noon Release - Staff & Students
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving, No School Office Closed
Dec 1	1st Quarter Honor Roll Lunch
Dec 18	Noon Release - Staff & Students
Dec 21-Jan 1	Winter Break - No School Office Closed
Jan 1	New Year's Day - Office Closed
Jan 18	MLK Day - No School/ Office Closed
Jan 22	All School Pep Assembly
Feb 15	Presidents Day - No School Office Closed

2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2026

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August 2026
- 25 Staff Training Day, Certified
- 26 Staff SEL Training Day, All Staff
- 27 Staff Tech & Admin Training Day, Any Staff

September 2026
- 7 Labor Day - Office Closed
- 8 District All Staff Mandatory Day
- 9 Prep Day, Medication & Turn In
- 10 First Day: 1st – 12th Grade
- 14 First Day: TK and Kindergarten

November 2026
- 11 Veterans Day
- 18-20 Conferences - Noon Release
- 25 Noon Release - Staff & Students
- 26-27 Thanksgiving - No School, Office Closed

December 2026
- 18 Noon Release – Staff & Students
- 21-1/1 Winter Break - No School through Jan 1

January 2027
- 1 New Year's Day – No School, Office Closed
- 18 MLK Day - No School, Office Closed

February 2027
- 15 Presidents Day - No School, Office Closed

March 2027
- 17-19 Conferences - Noon Release
- 22-26 Spring Break - No School

May 2027
- 31 Memorial Day – No School, Office Closed

June 2027
- 11 Graduation
- 17 Last Day of School - 10 am Release
- 18 Juneteenth Observed – Office Closed

July 2027
- 5 Independence Day Observed – Office Closed

FEBRUARY 2027

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Secondary Quarters

11/12	1st Quarter Ends	45 Days
2/02	2nd Quarter Ends	45 Days
4/14	3rd Quarter Ends	45 Days
6/17	4th Quarter Ends	45 Days

THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER The Thorp School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities based on sex, race, ethnicity, color, religion, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, homelessness, immigration or citizenship status, disability, neurodivergence, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal, age, and honorably discharged veteran or military status and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the USC as a patriotic society. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinator, Civil Rights Coordinator, and Section 504 Compliance Coordinator, Mel Blair, (509) 964-7139, PO Box 150, 10831 N Thorp Hwy, Thorp, WA, 98946, blairm@thorpschools.org.

MANDATORY NOTICES

"School Choice" Information
Policy 3140 and 3141, regarding resident and nonresident students, provides information on inter-district enrollment. Resident parents shall be informed of these options annually. Parents must apply to the school district office to "choice" in or out of the Thorp School District per state law. This district office has available for public inspection the Superintendent of Public Instruction's annual information on enrollment options in the state, or you may visit the state website at http://www.k12.wa.us/General Info/EnrollmentOptions.aspx

Compulsory Attendance
Thorp School District Policy 3121, Compulsory Attendance, states: "Parents of any child eight years of age and under eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend school and such child shall have the responsibility to and therefore shall attend for the full time when such school may be in session unless the child is enrolled in an approved private school, an educational center as provided in chapter 28A.205 RCW or is receiving home-based instruction. Parents of any child six or seven years old, who have enrolled the child in school shall cause the child to attend school full time when such school may be in session, unless the child is formally withdrawn from enrollment by the parents.

Student Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism
Every absence, excused or unexcused, is a learning opportunity lost and can have significant impacts on a student's success in school and life. A student who misses 18 or more days in a school year – just two (2) days a month – for any reason, is considered chronically absent. Chronically absent students are more likely to fall behind in reading and math and less likely to graduate from high school. Addressing chronic absenteeism and developing good attendance habits is a solvable problem for which we all share responsibility.

Strive for less than 5 days absent. Good attendance helps children do well in school and eventually in the workplace. Good attendance matters for school success, starting as early as pre-kindergarten and throughout elementary school. Excused and unexcused absences quickly add up to too much time lost in the classroom. Students are at risk academically if they miss 10% of the school year, or about 18 days. By middle and high school, poor attendance is a leading indicator of dropout. Developing the habit of attendance prepares students for success on the job and in life.

Notification of Right to Privacy and Release of Directory Information (FERPA)
In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, every effort will be taken to protect student privacy. You have the right to inspect, review, and request amendments to your student's educational records that parents believe are inaccurate or misleading. (View policy online or Request Policy 3231 at the district office).

Educational records will not be released by the school district without your express written consent. Subpoena request shall be honored after you have been notified. Educational records will be sent, upon request, to another educational institution in the event of student transfer.

The District makes available "directory information". (Directory information includes: name, grade level, photograph, participation in officially recognized sports and activities, height (and weight, wrestling only) of athletic participants, diplomas, honors, and awards received.

Parent permission is not required for release of "directory information". However, if you do not want the school to release this information without your specific consent, please notify your school office within 10 days of this notice. If notification is not received by that date, we will assume that you have no objection to release of such information. The district believes it is in the student's best interest to have such information released in school newsletters and community newspapers because of the recognition it gives the child.

Parents have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA:
Student Privacy Policy Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Rights transfer to the student when they turn 18 years of age or enter a post-secondary educational institution at any age.

Legislation Regarding Military Recruiters
Section 952B of the No Child Left Behind Act, also known as Armed Forces Recruiter Access to Students and Student Recruiting Information, requires schools to provide student contact information to military recruiters and institutes of higher education unless a parent has opted out of providing such information.

Public Participation
It is the policy of the school district to permit all parents and/or legal guardians the access to inspect and review any education records relating to their child that have been collected. These policies and procedures are outlined in the School Board Policy and Procedures 3231 and 2161P, available online and at the District Office.

Nondiscrimination
The Thorp School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities based on sex, race, ethnicity, color, religion, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, homelessness, immigration or citizenship status, disability, neurodivergence, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal, age, and honorably discharged veteran or military status and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the USC as a patriotic society. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinator, Civil Rights Coordinator, and Section 504 Compliance Coordinator, Mel Blair, (509) 964-7139, PO Box 150, 10831 N Thorp Hwy, Thorp, WA, 98946, blairm@thorpschools.org.

Tobacco, Substance Abuse, and Dangerous Weapons
State law RCW 28A.120.030 and district Policy 4215 ban the use of all tobacco products on public property including building, grounds and vehicles.

Public Law 101-226, Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, prohibits the sale, possession or use of any alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, or substances purported to be drugs on school ground or in a reasonable proximity thereto, or at school sponsored events. In addition, persons under the influence of alcohol, illegal substances or substances purported to be drugs, shall not be permitted on school grounds as specified in Policies 3240 and 4200. It is a violation of state law and district Policy 4210 for any person to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon on school premises; school provided transportation or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school activities. These bans apply to all students enrolled in the district's schools; all persons employed by the district and all other persons during the time they are in/on school district property.

Sexual Harassment
The District is committed to a positive and productive educational and working environment free from discrimination, including sexual harassment, intimidation or bullying. The district prohibits sexual harassment of or by students and employees of the district. (Policy 3205 & 3207)

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
Policy and Procedure dealing with Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) can be found at our website at www.thorpschools.org/3000 and click on 3207 and the Procedure below. An Incident Reporting form can be completed at any school office by contacting the building principal. The School Superintendent serves as the district Compliance Officer for the HIB policy and procedure.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act
If you live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, campground, on the street or in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or doubled up with friend or relatives because you cannot find affordable housing you have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. For more information, call the district office at 509-964-2107

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
Under the IDEA, Thorp School District provides a copy of procedural disability safeguards upon request. Please contact the district office if you would like one.

Child Find
It is the policy of the school district to provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education to ALL students. The school district has the policy to locate and identify all resident students enrolled in school or not aged three through 21 who are suspected for having a disability, who are not currently receiving special education and related services, and who may be eligible for those services. A parent may refer their child for services in writing if they feel there is a need. At which time data will then be collected and analyzed for review. After reviewing all data, a determination will be made as to whether a special education evaluation is needed.

Providing parents/guardians with Restraint, Isolation, and Other Use of Reasonable Force Policy
The district will make available to all parents/guardians of students the district's policy. If the student has an IEP or 504 plan, the District will provide the parents/guardians a copy of the policy when the IEP or 504 plan is created.

AHERA Notice
Thorp School District has had its facilities inspected by an accredited asbestos inspector as required by law. The inspector located, sampled, and rated the condition and hazard potential of all material in District facilities suspected of containing asbestos. An asbestos management plan has been developed and is on file for your inspection in the District office. The Thorp School District is complying with all federal and state regulations in this area. The District contact person regarding this subject is Joel Solem.

Teacher Qualifications
Federal law permits parents of children in Title I Schools to request information on the professional qualifications of their child's teachers. Specifically, parents have the right to ask for the following information:

Whether OSPI has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.

Whether OSPI has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.

The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.

Whether any teacher's aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information or would like to know if your child's school is a Title I School and/or receive any of this information, please call the District Office at 509-964-2107.

College Credit Program Information
Thorp School District has information available concerning the entrance requirements and the availability of programs in the local area that lead to college credit. These include classes such as advanced placement, running start, tech-prep, skill centers, college in the high school and international baccalaureate programs. In addition, the high school has the names and contact information of other public or private entities offering such programs, including online advanced placement programs, if the school has knowledge of such entities. For more information on programs and offerings available to Thorp students, contact the high school counseling department.

Career and Technical Education Programs
The Thorp School District offers classes in many career and technical education program areas under its open admissions policy. For more information about CTE course offerings and admissions criteria, see www.thorpschools.org/page/cte or contact Jarred Fudacz, CTE Director, at fudaczj@thorpschools.org.

Lack of English language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career and technical education programs. The Mel Blair has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies.

School Report Card
Thorp School District is dedicated to the success of all of our students. Our staff is committed to ensuring that each student has every opportunity to reach their full potential and focuses on the State's learning standards to achieve this. Every year, students in grades 3 – 10 are assessed using the State's approved assessment system. Washington State provides assessment data for each of our schools. The information can be accessed online through the OSPI website and will provide you with achievement data, participation rates, AYP summary data, teacher qualifications, information regarding the NAEP assessment, and other pertinent student and district related material.

Immunizations
Immunization Law and Policy 3413 requires that all student admitted to Kindergarten through 12th grade must present proof of immunizations on, or before, the first day of attendance. Students who do not comply will be excluded from school until the requirements are met. (WAC 392-380-045) For information concerning immunizations contact the school nurse at (509) 964-7153. Washington State Department of Health immunization requirements can be found at http://www.doh.wa.gov/portals/1/documents/pubs/348-284-individualvaccinereqs2016-17.pdf

Medication at School
Policy 3416 notes that prescribed or non-prescribed oral medication may be dispensed to students on a scheduled basis upon written authorization from the parent accompanied by a written request from a licensed physician or dentist. The physician or dentist must also provide written current and unexpired instructions for the administration of the medication.

Pesticide Notification
The following pesticides and herbicides are used in the Thorp School District: Monthly rodent control bait (Generation M B) EPA# 7173-218 Target pests as needed (Spiders) Product name Suspend Sc 432-763.06% Target pests as needed (Ants) Product name Maxforce ant killer gel bait Target pests as needed (Gophers) Product name ZP rodent bait EPA# 12455-17 Weed Control products Tripleshot (EPA Reg. # 228-445-2935) Speed Zone (EPA Reg. # 2217-833) Amine 42-4D (EPA Reg. # 34704-120) Eraser (EPA # 53883-59) The District shall comply with all legal requirements for record keeping regarding the application of pesticides to school grounds or school facilities. This includes creation of an annual summary report of pesticide usage and compliance with state department of agriculture rules regarding record keeping. Such records will be available on request by interested persons under the state Public Records Act and other laws.