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Special Edition – Attendance Matters!

Welcome to the first edition of our new quarterly attendance newsletter. We want to keep you up to date with one of the most important issues we face here at Santa Teresa, student attendance. You may already know that a good portion of our funding comes from daily student attendance, also known as ADA. It is our hope that by keeping you informed, we can all work together to improve our overall attendance habits.

Improving student attendance begins with arriving to school on time each day. As a reminder our bell schedule is:

TK and Kindergarten	8:30 AM – 1:45 PM
Grades 1 – 6	8:30 AM – 2:45 PM
Adjusted Day Grades K-6	8:30 AM – 1:45 PM All Tuesdays

You might be surprised to know that as of this date, school wide, we have recorded **633** tardies and **216** early check outs. This means students are arriving late to class and being signed out early from school. We understand that *some* of these instances are outside of your control. However, this number puts our school far outside of our District's policy of maintaining a 10% overall attendance rate. More importantly, students who are late or who leave school early are disrupting their entire class. The teacher must stop and start each time this situation occurs. As you might imagine, this makes for a very challenging learning environment for all students.

As of this notice students at Santa Teresa have accumulated **775** absences. Noting we are on the 49th day of school, this number is also outside the set guidelines. In our next edition of "Attendance Matters", we will review in greater detail, student absences and the process we are required to comply with for follow up. If your student falls in either one of these categories (absences or tardies), we've mailed individual attendance letters and reports home. It is our sincere hope that in having this information, you will make every effort to help us improve your student's daily attendance.

Finally, we have **210** students who have achieved perfect attendance so far this year. Congratulations to those students and families!

As Santa Teresa Panthers, always being responsible starts first thing in the morning by being in school, on time, EVERY DAY. Thank you for your partnership. We look forward to seeing marked improvement throughout the school year.

TODAY IS OUR 49th DAY OF SCHOOL!