

January/February 2023



SCHOOL NEWS

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Principal's Message

Dear Hirsch Families,

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that we are already five months into the school year! We are at the half-way point and soon students will be celebrating the 100th day of learning at school! This is exciting, yet, for quite a few students, this will not be the case.

I would like to remind everyone of how important it is to be *at school every day*. Every day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning. *Learning happens sequentially, therefore missing one day breaks the learning progression*. When a student misses a day of learning, they miss the teaching of important parts of the curriculum which may cause them to feel confused and therefore less confident about their abilities. Attending school every day helps them feel good about school and boosts their confidence.

At this point in the school year, Hirsch is averaging 36 absences every day. That is 8 percent of the student population. Let's see if we can improve that number during the second half of the year!

If you have questions, comments, or would like some suggestions for helping your student get to school, schedule a meeting with me! We also have a list of helpful suggestions you can pick up in the office! *Thank you!*



Clearing Absences

When students are absent, **please call the office to let us know**. It is District policy that **absences MUST be cleared within 48 hours**, otherwise they will be considered unexcused/unverified.

DISTRICT LCAP

Your valuable input is needed!!

The input of many educational partner groups is critical in the development of the District Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) each school year.

Your participation is needed to assist all schools in TUSD to continue to improve education programs and celebrate positive changes and growth. **The survey will be open from Jan 23th to Feb 17th on the TUSD website.**

This survey seeks your feedback regarding our district goals, actions, and services provided and the impact on student learning for the 2022-2023 LCAP plan.

It is also REALLY important to get the students' perspectives on their school. **Parents of fourth and fifth grade students will be receiving a permission slip in the near future** from their student asking for permission to participate in the survey. **Please sign and return to the teacher.** The students will take the survey at school with their class.

Calendar of Events



January/February 2023

3rd Return to school

Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 Early Release Wednesdays
1:30PM dismissal

1/12 **HPTO Meeting** in-person rm 29 5:30PM

1/16 **No School** Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday

1/23 **LCAP Survey links open for parents, students and staff on the district website.**

1/26 HPTO Paint Night 7 – 9

1/27 **No School** Staff Professional Development

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 Early Release Wednesdays

1:30PM dismissal

2/2 School Site Council 3 – 4pm

2/10 **End of trimester, minimum Day 12:40 dismissal**

2/10 End of Trimester Awards Assemblies

2/13 **No School** Lincoln's Birthday

2/20 **No School** Presidents' Day

Travel Study

If at all possible, **please schedule out-of-town trips when school is not in session.**

If you will be taking students out of school for 5 or more days, **travel studies can be arranged.**

However, **teachers need 5 days to prepare a travel study.** We cannot arrange a travel study without the 5 day window for preparing it.

Car Line Etiquette



We are now beginning the second half of the school year. Students are familiar with car line and where to go when they get out of the car. If you are getting out of the car in car line to help your student, please consider transitioning them to exiting the car independently in preparation for next year. If you need to get out, **please park in a marked space away from car line.**

For a speedy, safe car line, please:

- **PEDESTRIANS** – please walk around the parking lot to *avoid walking across the driveway during carline.*
- **CARS** - Please **pull all the way forward** in the car line zone to drop off and pick up students
- If you or a family member needs to exit the car, **please park in a parking spot – not in or at the front of the car line.**
- **Do not leave your car** in car line for any reason
- **Do not stop anywhere in carline** and wait for someone who has exited the car.
- Please make **right hand turns only** when exiting the parking lot.

It's great to model good character ~ THANK YOU!