



HOGAN CEDARS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 26, 2023

Dear Hogan Cedars Families,

Attendance is Important!

Did you know that students who are chronically absent from school often read below grade level and struggle to understand math concepts? Children who are absent even a day or two, every few weeks often fall behind their peers. A student who is considered chronically absent from school misses 10% of the school year or 18 days.

We ask that you don't let your child stay home unless he or she is sick. Please remember that complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. If your child seems anxious about coming to school please contact your child's teacher, our counselor, Ms. Turkington, or myself for some tips and advice.

When your child's attendance record starts to approach the chronically absent level you will receive a letter, phone call, or a request to set up a meeting. Together we will start to brainstorm and discuss strategies to make sure your child gets to school regularly so that they do not start falling behind.

I fully understand how busy our lives are. I also understand how difficult it is to raise a child and there are situations where your child may not be able to attend school. As an educator and parent, I know the best thing you can do for your child is to ensure they have the very best education, which means they must attend school regularly.

If you have any questions about your child's absences or you want to brainstorm some strategies with me, please do not hesitate to contact me. Together we have the same goal – to provide the very best education for your child.

Educationally yours,
Heidi Blakley
Principal

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 20 and Tuesday, November 21. Watch for a ParentSquare message from your child's teacher and be sure to schedule a time to meet with the teacher. We look forward to connecting with you soon!

Safety Reminder: As you are driving to and from school, please remember to slow down for pedestrians. There are many families that walk to and from school and we want to ensure their safety. Thank you for your attention to this.

Dates to Remember

October 27	Champions Autumn Festival, Gym, 6:30-8:00 pm
October 31	Halloween, NO costumes or candy, please
November 7	Follow-up Hearing Evaluation for K, 1st & 2nd grades
November 10	No School/Veterans Day Observed
November 14	Picture Retakes
November 14	PTSO Meeting, Media Center, 6:00-7:00 pm
November 15	Restaurant Night, Panda Express
November 17	Fall Festival, 6:30-8:30 pm
November 20	No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
November 21	No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
November 22-24	No School - Thanksgiving Holiday
November 27	School Resumes