



August 20, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome! We look forward to partnering with you to make sure your child has the opportunity to learn and thrive at our school during the coming year.

We wanted to let you know attendance will again be a top priority. When children miss school days, they miss out on the opportunity to learn from their teachers. The more children miss, the harder it is for them to keep up with those who attend school regularly. While some absences are unavoidable for health reasons or other important family matters, minimizing absences of any sort gives your child a better chance to academically succeed.

Going to school regularly matters for your child's success and achievement!

Let's work together to make sure that your child does not fall behind in school this school year. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time so they benefit as much as possible from what is taught in the classroom. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Establish a morning routine.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick (e.g child has a fever, is throwing up or has diarrhea versus a minor stomach ache or runny nose.)
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

Please let us know how we can work with you and your family to ensure your children show up for school on time every day. Like you, we want your child to be successful!

Sincerely,

Patrick Lee
Superintendent