

Dear West View Families,

We have a goal of increasing our attendance for students this year. Our goal is 94% for the entire district and our school goal is also 94%. We are currently on track for meeting this! We appreciate all of the efforts our families make to get students to school on time, and present. One of the strategies we use to raise awareness and attention to school-wide attendance are letters home. These are sent when students are at a 10% absence rate as a reminder to families so that they are aware of their child's attendance status. The letters stress the importance to be at school and ready to learn. The September newsletter shared more information on attendance you might consider reviewing. As an ongoing reminder, we open doors at 7:40 AM for students who are arriving in the car line. Students arriving at or after 8 AM will need to be signed in by an adult inside the building.

We continue to remind our families who drop students off and pick up via car to not park on side streets and walk their child to the school, or to their vehicles. Additionally, we would remind families who drop off and pick up to please not block our neighbors' driveways. We continue to get calls to the office with frustrated neighbors and would appreciate it if families would adhere to the requested procedures.

As we approach colder weather soon, please be sure to have your child dress accordingly for each day. There are some days that start out warm and end quite cold and sending a sweatshirt or jacket is recommended. It is also suggested that you put your child's name on a tag or inside a pocket in the event that it is misplaced or lost at school so we can identify it quickly. Our lost and found items will be reported from time to time and families are encouraged to communicate with classroom teachers and the office when clothing is lost.

In closing, please be reminded that cell phones and other electronic communication devices are not permitted at school or on the bus per state and district policies. Thank you for your cooperation and for following these expectations.

As always, if you have questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at school. I can be reached at 765-747-5437 or eric.ambler@muncieschools.org.

Sincerely, **-Mr. Ambler**

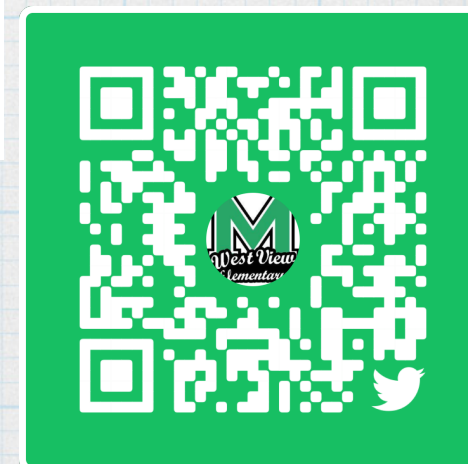
Important Dates in October:

- 4 End of First Grading Period
- 7-11 Fall Break- No School
- 14 Second Grading Period Begins
- Boys B-ball Skills Start
- 14-25 Wicks Pie Fundraiser
- 16 Big Idea Food Pantry 4-5:30PM
- 17 WVCA Meeting 6PM
- 18 Report Cards Home with Students
- 22 Early Dismissal 12:40 PM
- 30 B-Ball Game #1 3:30PM Location TBD
- 31 Dress like your favorite book character!



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Attendance Counts... Self Control Matters!

From our Student Assistance Coordinator

Hello All Stars!

This school year MCS will be focusing on making our attendance goal of 94%. Your student can help! By attending school every day, students build strong relationships with their peers and teachers, fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment. For example, when students consistently attend school, they have the opportunity to interact with their classmates and form meaningful friendships. These relationships create a sense of belonging and support, which can positively impact their social and emotional well-being. Additionally, regular attendance allows students to develop a rapport with their teachers, who can provide personalized guidance and support. In turn, this supportive network of peers and educators contributes to a positive and inclusive learning environment where students feel valued and motivated to achieve their full potential.

A few reminders regarding attendance:

The school day begins at 8:00 AM and this is when our doors close. If your student is tardy please come into the building and fill out a pass for them, including the reason they are late and their full name.

If your student is ill and will not be absent from school, please contact us at 765-747-5437 and let us know.

Your student's absence will not be excused without a medical excuse from their doctor.

Please contact Mrs. Perkins for any additional questions regarding attendance. Have a great October!

From our Counselor

Hello All-Star Families!

During October we will be focussing on Self-Control, choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to. Self-Control can be difficult for all of us, even adults. As a grown up we can ask ourselves when is it toughest for us to have self-control? Is it when that fresh bowl of Halloween candy makes an appearance, or when we see the pumpkin spice latte make its return at Starbucks? We can also ask ourselves what tricks or strategies we use to help develop self-control, and share them with our children. We can ask our children when it is toughest for them to have self-control or if they have ever gotten in trouble for not having enough self-control and what were the consequences. Before you can lead someone where they need to go, you need to know where they are. It helps to understand what's changing in your child...physically, mentally, relationally, culturally, emotionally, and morally. The more you know them, the more they will know they matter, believe they can succeed, feel like they belong, and decide what they should do. The better you understand who your kids are now, the better they'll understand who they're meant to be.



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