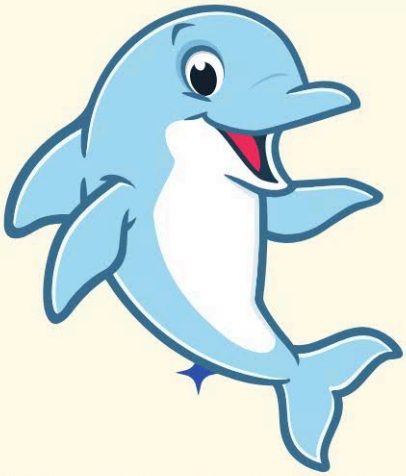
Unionville Elementary School



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Dolphins swim together, dolphins win together.
Dive into school every day!

Welcome to a new school year! Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in your child's academic progress, confidence, and social growth. Our school hours are 9:05 to 3:43. Consistent routines help students feel secure and ready to learn. Minimizing absences, late arrivals, and early checkouts make a huge difference in their daily success.

While being at school is important, your child's health comes first. Please keep your child home if they have experienced a fever or vomiting within the last 24 hours. When possible, we ask that non-emergency appointments be scheduled outside of school hours. If an appointment during the school day is unavoidable, please consider bringing your child to school before or returning them after their visit rather than keeping them home for the entire day. Every hour of learning counts!

We understand that life happens. Absences are considered excused for reasons such as student illness, doctor/dentist/therapist appointments, court subpoenas, religious observances, or a death in the family. To keep our records accurate, all absences require proper documentation; otherwise, they must be marked as unexcused. Examples of unexcused absences include family vacations, missed buses, oversleeping, childcare issues, or lack of transportation.

Whenever your student is absent, please notify us with a valid note, an email to Mrs. Nesbit at jnesbit@ocss-va.org, or a quick phone call to the office at 540-661-4540 stating the reason for the absence. Please note that if a student reaches 5 absences, our team will reach out to partner with you on an attendance plan to support your child.

Thank you for working alongside us to ensure every student has a safe, healthy, and present year of learning!