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SCHOOL NEWS

GROWTH IN MOTION

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy October, Husky Families!

The school year is well underway, and it is hard to believe we are already moving into the second half of our first trimester! September was a busy and exciting month filled with opportunities to connect, celebrate, and continue building a strong start to the year.

Last month, we began meeting with our various parent advisory groups. It has been wonderful connecting with families, hearing your perspectives, and learning what is working well and where we can continue to grow. Your partnership and input are invaluable as we work together to support all of our students and families.

A huge thank you to our Husky community for supporting our first fundraiser of the year—the Bubble Run! Our students had a fantastic time celebrating their efforts with a sunny day filled with bubbles, music, movement, and lots of smiles. We also launched our first attendance challenge as we continue emphasizing the importance of being at school, on time, and ready to learn each day.

As we move further into the trimester, our teachers are focused on priority standards, monitoring student learning, and beginning interventions and additional supports for students who need them. With our theme of Growth in Motion, we are excited to see the progress our Huskies will continue to make!

October brings even more to look forward to, including our Fall Festival, one of our favorite community traditions that brings together current and former Huskies, families, and staff for an evening of fall fun. We will also recognize Red Ribbon Week and continue teaching our students about making healthy choices and developing positive habits.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We are excited for another great month of learning, growing, and keeping our Huskies on the Move!

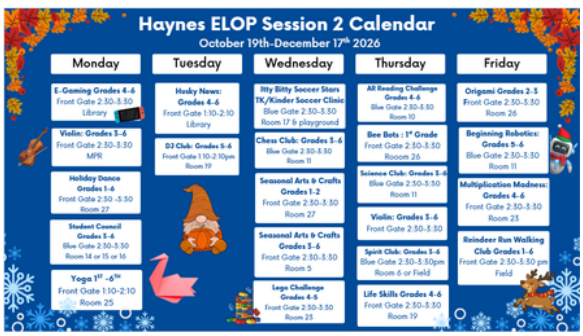
With Husky Pride,
Mrs. Bryant

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/1 Volunteer Orientation @4:00 PM
10/2 No Preschool
10/5 No School for All Grades
10/10 Attendance Make-Up Academy
10/14 Make-Up Picture Day
10/15 Great CA Shakeout (Earthquake Drill)
10/21 Coffee & Community Meeting @ 8:00 AM
10/22 Fall Festival @4:00-6:00 PM
10/23 Early Dismissal for Grades TK-6th grades
10/26 PSO Meeting @3:00 PM
10/29 Fire Drill
10/30 **End of Trimester 1**
10/26-10/30 **Red Ribbon Week**

ELOP

Haynes ELOP Session 2 Begins on Monday, 10/19/26.
Registration Opens on 10/12/26. Here is a sneak peek of our upcoming Schedule



ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS AND EFFORT

As we continue through the school year, we would like to remind our families of the importance of high academic expectations and consistent effort. Every student has the ability to learn and grow, and we want to encourage our students to take pride in their learning and always give their best effort.
Academic success is not only about earning good grades. It is also about developing strong learning habits, completing assignments, participating in class, asking questions, practicing skills, and persevering when learning becomes challenging. We want our students to understand that making mistakes is a natural part of learning and that effort, persistence, and a positive attitude can lead to growth.

Families play an important role in supporting these expectations at home. We encourage you to:

- Ask your child about what they are learning each day.
- Review homework, classwork, and teacher feedback.
- Encourage your child to complete assignments carefully and on time.
- Provide a consistent time and space for reading and homework.
- Encourage your child to ask for help when they do not understand something.
- Celebrate effort, improvement, and perseverance—not just grades.
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At school, our teachers and staff are committed to providing students with meaningful instruction, support, and opportunities to grow. When school and home work together, we can help our students develop the confidence, responsibility, and skills they need to be successful.

Together, we can continue helping our Huskies Grow in Motion!



BUILDING COMPREHENSION AT HOME

Reading comprehension is the ability to understand, think about, and make meaning from what we read. Once children can read the words, the next step is helping them understand what the text is saying. Families can support this development by talking about books, asking questions, making predictions, visualizing what is happening, making inferences, finding evidence in the text, and summarizing important events. Encourage your child to explain their thinking and connect what they are reading to their own experiences and prior knowledge. Choosing books that are appropriate for your child's reading level can also help build confidence while allowing them to focus on understanding the text rather than simply decoding the words.

Reading comprehension grows through practice, conversation, and fun activities. Try asking "I wonder..." questions instead of making reading feel like a test, have your child retell or draw important parts of a story, keep a simple reading journal, or create a scavenger hunt using details from a book. You can also compare a book to its movie version, explore new vocabulary, or ask your child to imagine what might happen next. Most importantly, model good reading habits by sharing your own thoughts, questions, and predictions as you read together. With consistent practice, encouragement, and enjoyable reading experiences, children can become active, confident readers who understand and enjoy what they read.



ATTENDANCE IN MOTION

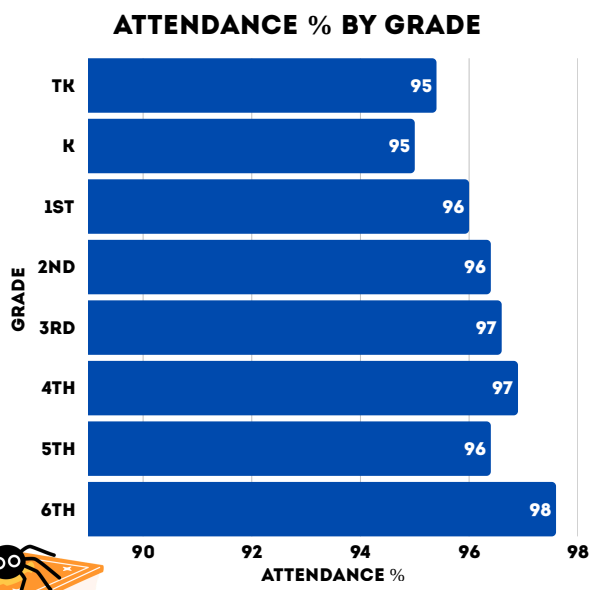
We appreciate your committment to prioritizing your child's attendance and keeping our Huskies moving toward success! Each day at school brings opportunities to learn, build friendships, and grow. Together, we are working toward 97% school-wide attendance and a chronic absenteeism rate of 8.9% or less.

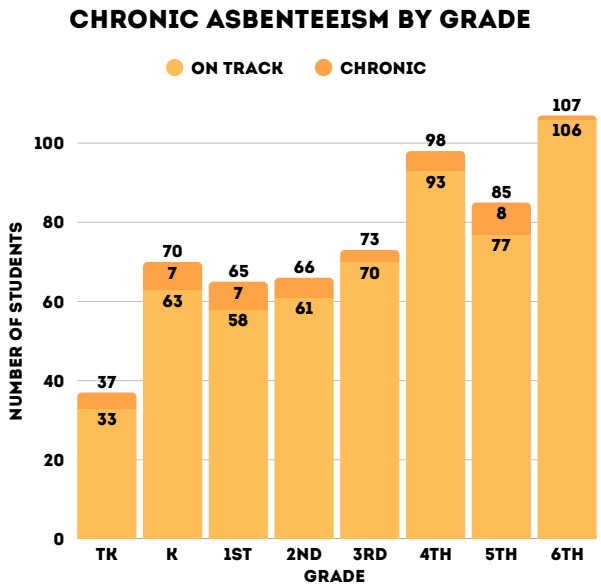
As of September 30, our year-to-date attendance is 96.5%, just half a percentage point from our goal! We have recorded 849 absences school-wide, 130 more than our goal allows. Our current chronic absenteeism rate is 6.7% (40 of 601 students), which exceeds our goal of 8.9%. Let's keep this positive momentum going!

Help your child stay on track by aiming for 2 or fewer absences each trimester—6 or fewer for the school year. If your child misses school, connect with us about making up eligible absences through Independent Study (IS) packets and/or our upcoming Attendance Make-Up Academy (AMA) on October 10th.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Every day counts, and every step forward helps our Huskies grow!

HUSKIES ON TRACK: OUR PROGRESS BY GRADE







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