

Dear Parents and families,

I hope you have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable winter recess. The staff and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow. We have a busy and exciting week planned. **We hope you will take advantage of our curriculum night this Wednesday, February 22nd. The flyer is attached. Please return the forms to school tomorrow February 21st so that we can take a head count. We have hired the author Tracey West and it proves to be a really fun night for all ages. Dinner, babysitting for younger siblings and writing for enjoyment!**

It is my hope that we can take advantage of the fresh start tomorrow to increase attendance and decrease tardiness. It seems that more than 10% of our students are late on a daily basis. This is unacceptable.

Attendance and punctuality are essential to ensuring that your child gets the most out of their time at school. They are important life skills that your child will need as they become young adults and enter the world of work. Research shows that attendance and punctuality are extremely important factors in building school success.

Please ensure that your child arrives in time for the start of school at 8: 15 am. Children can be dropped off in the cafeteria starting at 7:30 am and are admitted to class at 8.00 am. Breakfast is served during that time and will not be served to students who arrive after 8:00 am.

Late arrivals are disruptive for both the child that is late and the other students who have begun lessons. There is no good reason for any student to be habitually late.

Prompt pick-ups after school are also really important. Children can become distressed when waiting for parents and looking after them requires supervision, which deflects staff from other important work that serves our students. Please phone us if you are going to be late! Dismissal is at 2:45 pm.

Please try to take vacations during designated school holiday periods as absences can undermine your child's progress. If you decide to take your child out of school on a holiday, it is not our policy to provide schoolwork to cover the period of absence.

If your child is ill, please contact the main office by phone at 869-1896. The Principal and the district regard attendance and punctuality as important factors in school success. Attendance and punctuality are being monitored regularly.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Trish McGuire