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ELEMENTARY

PARENTS

Make A
Difference!



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A note from:

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So far this year we have been fortunate not to have to cancel school due to bad weather. Even with Groundhog Day just around the corner it is going to be difficult to determine what this winter might bring.

Being in school is extremely important. I want to take this opportunity to talk about students missing and being tardy for school. As we get into the second semester it seems that students begin to miss more and we have more students walking in late for school. I want to encourage parents to work hard to insure they have their children in school every day possible and on time.

At Alexander Elementary on average we have 44 students that are absent each day. We currently have 457 students enrolled. That means approximately 9% of our students are not in school each day. Another way of looking at it is that approximately 1 out of every 10 students at our school is absent each day.

We realize that some absences can not be prevented. When students are sick or when there is a family emergency, absences can not be helped.

We do want to encourage parents to try and make sure students are in school and on time every day possible. When students are absent they missing out on important material being covered during that day and get behind.

It is important to never fall in the habit of missing school for poor reasons. We encourage appointments to be scheduled during school breaks or after school hours.

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What's Up!

Parent-Teacher Conferences-
Tuesday and Thursday, January 31 and February 2. 3:30
PM – 7:00 PM

Ground Hog Day- Thursday, February 2.

NO SCHOOL- Friday, February 3.

Valentines Day- Tuesday, February 14.

NO SCHOOL- Friday, February 17, 2006
NEO Professional Day for Faculty

Presidents' Day- Monday, February 20.

Fifth Grade Writing Test- Wednesday, February 22.

Book Fair Begins- Monday, February 20-27.

Special Program- Oklahoma Aquarium

Gifted and Talented Field Trip- Pittsburg State University

End of 3rd Quarter- Friday, March 3.

Grade Cards Out- Thursday, March 9

NO SCHOOL- Friday, March 10.

Zone Day- Professional Development

Spring Break- March 13-17

Educators will tell you that the top students in the school are the ones that are on time and never miss.

Making sure your children get to school every day possible and on time will teach them a life long lesson. They will learn to be responsible, dependable and punctual insuring a future filled with success.



Lessons Only A Parent Can Teach His or Her Child

Giving your child a good start in school is

very important; a solid start is the foundation for success in his or her secondary education (K-12).

You are a very important influence in the early years of your child's life. In fact, you are your child's first and most important teacher. And once your child starts school, your role as a teacher becomes more important than ever!

Lessons only a parent can teach his or her child,
Like How To:

- Stay Healthy
- Get Enough Sleep
- Eat the Right Kind of Food
- Get to School Every Day on Time

These lessons will affect how well your child does in school. Both your child and his or her teachers need the kind of help that only you can give. When there is a good connection between parents and the school, everyone will benefit.

There are things that you as a parent can do to help the educational process and make the job of a teacher a little better:

- Maintain a working relationship with your child's teacher(s)
- Attend, when possible, parent-teacher conferences, PFC meetings and school activities in which your child is participating
- Show your child that you value education in general, talk about the importance of being educated
- Encourage your child to do his or her best
- Learn your child's strengths
- Show pleasure in his/her accomplishments
- Understand the school rules and policies
- Provide a place and time for your child to study and read
- Ensure that your child gets exercise and nutritious food
- Make sure your child has time to play, it is the work of children

Gaining a solid foundation in elementary and middle school will only help children succeed as they proceed through school and prepare for higher education and a career.

GOOD STUFF

There is no such thing in anyone's life as an unimportant day.

--Alexander Woollcott

A Smile is Contagious;
Be a carrier.

Parents need to fill a child's bucket of self-esteem so high that the rest of the world can't poke enough holes in it to drain it dry.

--Alvin Price

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

You can either complain that the rose bushes have thorns --or rejoice that thorn bushes have roses.

One of the secrets of life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks.

--Jack Penn

Truths Children Have Learned
No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.

When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.

You can't trust dogs to watch your food.

You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.

Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a Tic-Tac.