



Lincoln Primary

Bulletin

September 26, 2018

Attendance Facts

- Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.
- Over 7 million (1 in 7) U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.
- Absenteeism and its ill effects start early. One in 10 kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent.
- Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
- Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

Here is a video link to help understand why Attendance Matters.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIEPKH2IzXg>



Calendar of Events

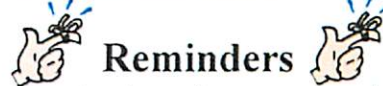
- October 4th – Picture Day. Forms were sent home today.
- October 10th – Health Screening Day (Dental, Heights, Weights, Vision, Hearing)
- October 11th – First Grade Fire Truck Ride at 1:30pm
- October 16th at 1:30pm – Conscious Discipline parenting coffee talk - Donivans
- October 18th and 19th – No School – Teacher Convention
- October 25th - Preschool Family Night at 5:30pm
- October 30th at 1:30pm – Conscious Discipline parenting coffee talk - Donivans
- October 31st – Halloween Celebrations – Parade at 1:30pm – Classroom Celebrations immediately following - more information to follow.

1st Grade Parents - Second Step Starts October 1st

To help make our school even more safe and supportive, Ms. Kellegher is going to be teaching the First Grade Students the following skills using the Second Step Program:

1. **Personal Safety.** Students will learn important safety rules, such as safety with guns, sharp tools, and fire, and when riding on wheels or in cars. They will also learn ways to help them decide if something is safe or not.
2. **Touching Safety** - Students will learn about safe, and unwanted touches, and rules about touching private body parts. They'll also learn to say no to unsafe or unwanted touches, and to tell an adult if someone breaks rules about touching private body parts.
3. **Assertiveness** - These lessons will also give students a chance to practice asking an adult for help, telling an adult about an unsafe situation, and being assertive to get out of unsafe situations.

Parent Letters were sent home last week. If you do NOT want your child to participate in these lessons please contact Ms. Kellegher at rkellegher@anacondaschools.org or 406-563-6141, Ext 1303.



Reminders

- Please remember to make sure your child is dressed for the weather. We go outside for every recess unless it is below zero. If you are in need – please contact our Family Engagement Coordinator, Stacy Caissey, who will be able to assist in getting appropriate clothing. 563-6141, Ext 1307
- All treats for birthday's need to be store bought and individually packaged.
- Just a reminder – no hats are allowed in school. Students may wear hats on the playground. Students wearing hats in school will remove them and they will be given to Ms. Barney for parents to retrieve at the end of the day.