



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

September 2018

Attendance Matters- We Need Your HELP!

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

Starting this year, ISBE and the State of Illinois have begun the formal process of collecting data on chronic absenteeism for schools and using it to define student success.

Chronically absent students include students who are absent for any reason (e.g., illness, suspension, the need to care for a family member), **regardless of whether absences are excused or unexcused**. Include students who were enrolled in the school for at least 10 school days at any time during the school year, and **who missed 10% of the school days**.

Upcoming Events:

PTO Meeting, Sept. 4 @ 7 p.m. Board Room
Open House, Sept. 11 @ 6:30 p.m.
Scholastic Book Fair Night, Sept. 27 @ 6 p.m.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the school calendar to view all upcoming events

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to his/her teachers and classmates before school starts to help his/her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school social worker, or other parents for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Home to School Connections!

There are great things happening at Hillside and we have increased our use of newsletters, email blast, newsletters, and posting items on our website and social media to keep you informed!

Staff Directory

When you go to www.hillside93.org, you will notice navigation links at the top of the page to help you locate information/resources. Under the Department & Service navigation link you find a Staff Directory Link with an alphabetical listing of all staff. When you click on a staff member's name, you will be directed to their page that includes a biography and email link.

How to stay connected with Hillside School District 93??

Twitter!!!

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Yours in Education

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