



# **Glenknoll Grapevine**

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### **Principal's Message**

#### **Attendance Updates:**

One of the best indicators of school success for children is having a good attendance record at school. When a child is absent, important classroom instruction is missed. Although the work can be made up, the classroom discussion and sometimes important hands-on opportunities are missed and cannot be made up.

The state of California is experiencing alarming rates of absenteeism and truanancies. In the Placentia Yorba Linda School District we also are seeing a rise in numbers. California law places certain responsibilities on schools and districts to partner with parents to provide interventions to help increase attendance, and hopefully, student performance. The following information will help you understand school and district procedures as it relates to attendance.

When your child is absent, it is extremely important that you contact the office through a note or phone call to report the absence. This should take place within 48 hours of the absence. When the school does not hear from you, your child's absence is recorded as truant. After three truanancies you will receive a letter from our district office informing you of your child's truanancies. After 5 truanancies, a S.A.R.T (School attendance Review Team) will be scheduled at the school site to help provide guidance in how the school can help with the truanancies, and to also review attendance procedures for the purpose of providing clarity. After 7 truanancies, a D.A.R.T. (District Attendance Review Team) will be scheduled at our district office.

We understand that children do get sick and have to miss school. When your child is absent and you call in or send a note, it is recorded as a verified absence. After 8 verified absences, the school mails their first notification to parents. A S.A.R.T. will

be scheduled at the school site between the 10th and 12th verified absence to provide guidance on how the school can help with the absences. After the 15th verified absence, a D.A.R.T. will be scheduled at the district office.

In some instances, a student may have a documented health issue that causes frequent absences from school. In situations like this, it is important to contact the school to make us aware of the situation. With this information, the school will send a form home to be completed by your doctor. This form will indicate approximately how many days the student should be expected to miss during the school year based on the student's medical issue. In these cases, the student's absence will be recorded indicating they are under doctor's care and will not be counted against their attendance record. Any student that turns a doctor or dentist note in to the office for an absence will be recorded in the same way and the absence will not count against their absence history. If you have any questions related to our attendance procedures, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

### **Halloween—Costumes:**

This year Halloween falls on a Wednesday. Costumes will be allowed this year on Wednesday, October 31st. Students must plan their costumes the night before so that they can arrive on time. Costumes must be appropriate for elementary school, and not interfere with student learning, PE class, or general safety. Costumes are not required, and students may choose school shirts, college Wednesday shirts, school colors, or regular school clothing as an alternative.

**For ALL COSTUMES, REMEMBER:** No weapons of any kind — no real, rubber or plastic weapons are ever allowed at school. No masks, over-all makeup, or "props"-- these items are more appropriate for after-school activities. School appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. Students who are dressed inappropriately may be sent home to change.

### **Traffic Safety:**

As we continue to review and improve our safety plans and practices at Glenknoll, I would like to remind you how important it is that we follow safe practices and the traffic laws in and around our school parking lot. I have asked that the Sheriff's Department and Highway Patrol increase their patrols around our school, especially at drop-off and pick-up times. The best way to make sure you are relaxed and alert when driving is to leave with plenty of time to arrive at school between 7:30 and 7:45. There is minimal traffic at 7:30 and drop-offs are quick and easy. Getting up and out the door just 5 minutes earlier may make the difference between a hurried day and a smooth and easy arrival and drop-off. Please follow all traffic laws, including the no-left turn rule when leaving either parking lot. Times of enforcement are noted on the signs.

**Dates to Remember:**

10/22-10/26	Red Ribbon Week
10/26/18	Minimum Day – School Dismissed at 12:45pm
11/6/18	Dine out night Chipotle 4-8 pm
11/7/18	Fibo Art After school opportunity begins – Flyer will be coming home soon!

**Upcoming Events:**

**Red Ribbon Week:** This year's Red Ribbon Week will take place October 22nd through October 26<sup>th</sup>. Red Ribbon bracelets were given to each student and several local businesses will offer deals to those who wear these bracelets. Detailed information was sent home earlier in the month outlining the activities for each day and what the local business deals will be.

**Family Dine Out:** Glenknoll Family Dine Out night to be held at Chipotle at Imperial and La Palma on November 6. More information will be sent home soon.

**Box Top\$:** Keep clipping, saving, and sending in those box tops from the household items you buy every week. Each box top is worth 10 cents and they quickly add up to thousands of dollars every year to help support PTA sponsored programs. Collection sheets will be sent home throughout the year or you can also send them to school in a Ziploc baggie with your child's name and teacher's name clearly labeled. This is an easy way to help support our school and your kids can even get involved in cutting or taping the box tops to the collection sheets.