

Plummer News

Stay Safe - Show Respect - Be Responsible - See the good in others -
Always be a learner



Attendance

As you make plans for the upcoming school holidays, we would like to remind you of our attendance policy and state laws regarding school attendance. **Avoid** additional school days off before or after school holidays for out-of-town trips will be considered as unexcused absences and will put your student at risk of **not** maintaining proficient attendance. Research has shown that it takes an average of three days to catch up for every day a student is absent. For these important reasons, we ask that parents do their part to make sure students return to school on time.

Attendance Goal

96%= 3 absences or less
by December 10

Student Success Starts with Great Attendance!



Councils

The next School Site Council (SSC) and English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) meeting will be on November 26, 2018 at 2:40pm in

Principal's Message

I find myself spending time helping some of our students resolve conflicts that arise outside the school. These problems that students bring to my attention begin when students communicate through social media. Although they may have positive communication with friends, they also hold negative interactions that may affect their academic focus. When students are preoccupied with emotional matters, they tend not to think about school work as much. As a result, a lack of focus on learning leads to decreased performance in academic matters. Our students literally stop learning until their concerns are resolved.

An important fact to consider when allowing your children to have a cell phone is that most social media platforms such as Musical.ly, Instagram, and Facebook require users to be 13 years of age or older. Some parents allow their children to register. However, other students simply lie about their age. In many cases, students help one another to create accounts.

There are organizations such as Common Sense Media that provide assistance and information to help parents keep their children safe. Make use of their website, commonsensemedia.org. It contains very useful information for parents. These basic rules come from this site.

Stay involved and help your children follow these five rules:

- Use privacy settings.
- Think before you post.
- Be respectful.
- Call out cyberbullying if you see it. Don't be a bystander.
- Know that anything you post online can be hard to take back and can be used in ways you didn't intend.

Keep in mind to always check your child's telephone. He or she should know that you will always want to know what she/he is doing with the phone.

the Parent Center.

English Learners

Congratulations to the 69 students who reclassified from February 16, 2018 to October 4, 2018. The students achievement will be celebrated during our Fall Awards Assemblies, they will be receiving a certificate and a RFEP medal.

Title 1

The School Parent Compact, the School Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the summary of the District Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be mailed out to all families on November 13, 2018. If you have any questions about any of the documents please visit or call the main office and ask for Ms. Manzo.



Did you sign up for Schoology and the Parent Portal? We will provide help in the Parent Center on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 8:10 - 10:00 during the month of November.

Important Dates

November 5-9	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 12	Veterans Day/ School Closed
November 16	Lifetouch Picture Retakes
November 19-23	Thanksgiving Break
November 26-30	Awards Assemblies



Library News

We are very happy to have our first student reach the one million word reading challenge. Congratulations to Tazneem Baki! Way to go!