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Parent Bulletin

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Update Your Information

If your phone number or address has changed since the first day of school, please make the necessary measures to correct this information in the office immediately. I called several phone numbers for sick children last week and this week and all numbers submitted were disconnected. This is dangerous! We need to be able to get into contact with you in case of emergency.

How Does My Child Get Home?

Please be sure you review with your child how they are to get home every day. If you change your child method of getting home, you must come to the office and fill out and sign a new form. If another child comes home with your child and they are not authorized to be there, please contact the school and/or the parent. You do not want to put yourself in a situation to be accused of kidnapping someone else's child.

Note: Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Special Family Activities

We have many *special family activities* planned for the year. Our first activities were Meet the Teacher and Registration. Our next activity is PTO Open House. Open House is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2022, from 4:30PM – 5:30PM.

Special Note: Thank you to those who attended Meet the Teacher.

School Attendance Month

September is School Attendance Month. Attendance will be tracked from September 6th – September 30th. All classes that have perfect attendance will have a chance to enter a drawing for a classroom party. The winning class will receive a gift card for the teacher.

Our Staff Members

Our staff members work hard each day educating our future. Please be sure your child comes to school with a great attitude and is well-prepared to learn. There are so many new things required this year. There is no time for discipline issues. Be sure to talk with your child about proper behavior at school.

Children Walking Home

Please speak with your child (ren) about their conduct on the way home from school. I applaud all of our children who conduct themselves in the correct manner on the way home from school. I encourage all others to walk on the sidewalk with the teachers and keep all trash in their possession until they arrive home.

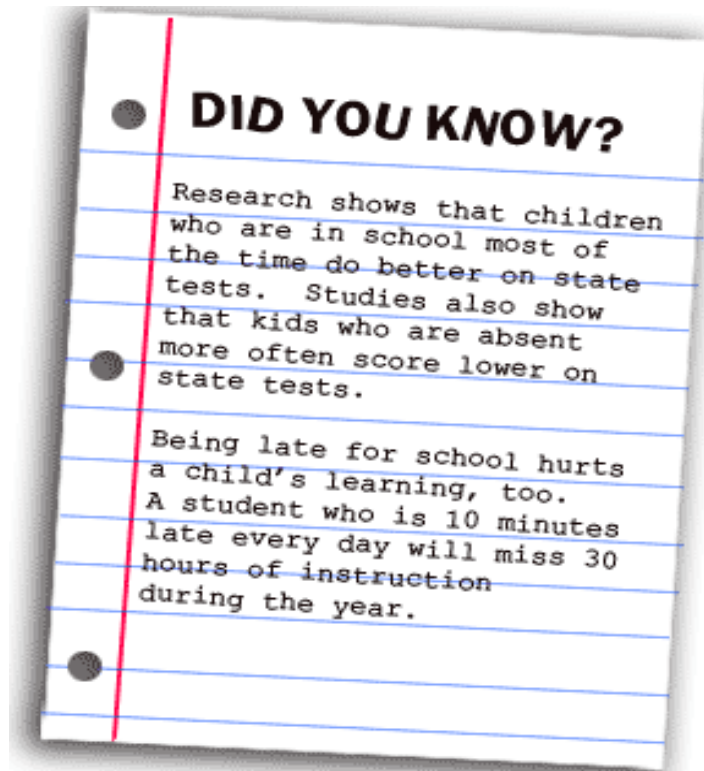
Note: Please encourage your child (ren) to walk straight home from school.

School Attendance

The school **attendance** rate is **important** because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend **school** consistently. It is difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent.

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a [priority](#), you help your child get better grades, develop [healthy](#) life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school.

****When your child is absent, please send an excuse the day they return to school.**



School Safety

As principal of Craighead Elementary School, it is my responsibility to create and maintain a safe and orderly environment. It is also my responsibility to ensure the safety of my students, my faculty and staff members, and all other visitors. As an educational institution, we have a **Disorderly Conduct Policy** in place.

No one will be allowed to come to our campus and act in a disorderly and confrontational manner and think that it is both justifiable. Some examples are the use of profanity, the use of threats, the disregard of school policies and procedures, confronting children/staff members or any other behavior that will compromise the safe and orderly environment on our campus. **Disrespect will not be tolerated.** Respect is the most important character trait one can possess. There is always a better way to handle any situation.

If you choose to disregard our **Disorderly Conduct Policy**, there are consequences that you will face that will include law enforcement and possibly being banned from campus. Thank you for your understanding.

Remember: Everything we do is for the children. If you have any questions, please feel free to schedule an appointment to talk with me. I would love to hear from you.

Parent Conferences

If you have not contacted your child's teacher concerning your child's academic or behavior status, please do so immediately. Call your child's teacher today to make an appointment. **Note: Teachers can only receive phone calls on their planning time. No calls can be forwarded to classrooms during instructional time.**

Early Dismissals

This is a reminder that our cut-off time for early dismissals is 2:00p.m. Our intervention time takes place at the beginning of the day and end of the day. It is extremely important for our students to receive the intervention they need. ****This includes inclement weather days as well. Note: There are too many unnecessary early dismissals.**

Join the PTO

Please support your child and our school by becoming a member of the PTO. The membership fee is \$6.00 per person. *Please join today.*

Parent Compacts

Please complete your parent compacts and return it to school by Tuesday, September 13. Do not detach any parts of the form. We will send your copy back to you. Thank you for your cooperation. *Note: All students who bring their compact back will receive a special treat. Thank you to those who have sent their compact back.*

REMINDERS:

Arrival and Dismissal Reminder

School takes in at 8:15 a.m. and dismisses at 3:15 p.m. We begin serving breakfast at 7:35 a.m. and stop serving breakfast at 7:55 a.m. We would like for all of our students to join us for breakfast. Please be sure to get your children to school on time. A parent must come to the office and sign in all students arriving after 8:15 a.m. *However, students are not to arrive on campus before 7:35 a.m. Faculty members are not on duty prior to that time.* We do not have before or after school care. *If your child is dropped off or arrives earlier than 7:35 a.m. and is picked up after 3:30, that is considered neglect and it will be reported to the authorities.* In order to minimize the traffic in the halls and to help your children become independent, please drop your students off at the carpool. All walkers must *cross at the crossing guard whether an adult is with them or not.* If your child is going home in a different way. than usual, please send a note to your child's teacher.

Please do not pick up or drop off any students on Ann St., Douglas St. or in the school's driveway. All students should be dropped off and picked up in the carpool area only. *We are also asking that all parents remain in your car in the carpool lane.* The teachers will load all cars. ***This is for your child's safety!***

Note: Do not block the drop off lane in the mornings in carpool. Do not move the carpool cones. They have been placed there for safety purposes. Your child should not exit your vehicle until school staff members enter carpool at 7:35AM.

Mark Your Calendar

Labor Day – Monday, September 5, 2022 (No school)

Parent Compacts – Tuesday, September 6, 2022, Please return all compacts to school on September 13.

PTO Open House – Monday, September 12, 2022, at 4:30PM – 5:30PM

Progress Reports – Monday, September 12, 2022

Tentative October Family Activities

Parental Awareness Month

Parenting Day

Report Card Pick-up

Required Parent Conferences (Pre-k – 5th grade)