

The Nautilus Waves

(Check out our Web Site @ <https://nautilus.lhusd.org>)

For your child's safety, remember there is no playground supervision before 7:30 am

The Spanish version of the Nautilus Waves is available upon request

December 1, 2022

Principal's Corner

Dear Families: What a great time of year! It is exciting to see the joy on the faces of our students during the holiday season. As we begin the month of December, it is easy to depart from regular schedules with all the hustle and bustle of the season. Please make every effort to keep regular bedtimes, send healthy snacks and lunches, and be to school on time. Please read my letter on absences and how we can work together for the success of our students. During the winter break, try to have your child read for a minimum of 20 minutes daily. Reading is a powerful tool for building your child's mind. Happy Holidays!



Holiday Shoppe-Nautilus's PTSO is again providing a holiday shopping experience for Nautilus Students. This will be an opportunity for students to purchase gifts for their families, CASH only please. Monday will be preview day for all students and teachers will schedule specific shopping times for their classes. The store will only be open on Friday afterschool for open shopping.

IT'S NOT TO LATE -TAX CREDIT

Arizona tax laws allow a taxpayer a tax credit of up to \$400 if they elect to support school extracurricular activities. If you choose to donate tax credit to Nautilus Elementary, the monies may be applied to no preference or an approved club or program. The approved clubs/programs at Nautilus are NEHS, Student Council, Homework Club, STEM, Kindness Club, Yearbook Club, Habitat, and Field Trips.

<https://www.lhusd.org/activitiesandtaxforms>

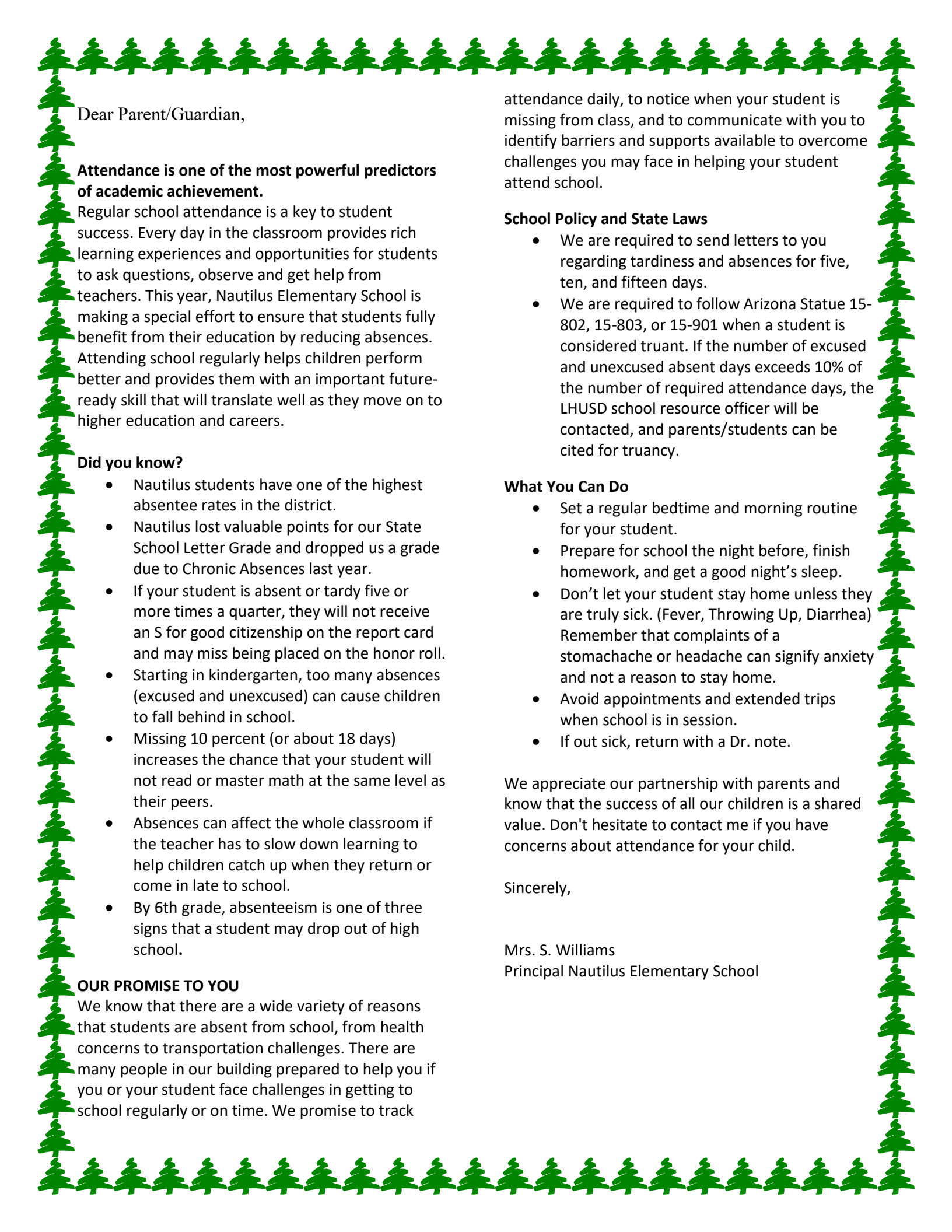


- Dec. 1,8,15 &22 Early Release @ 1:00
- Dec. 10 Jungle Bell Walk
- Dec. 12-16 Holiday Shoppe
- Dec. 19-22 Spirit Days-**19:** Ugly Sweater; **20:**Light up your attire, **21:**Santa, reindeer,elf dress attire;**22st:**holiday socks and shirts
- Dec. 20 Spelling Bee, Gr. 4-6 @8:15
- Dec. 21 Christmas Program @6pm
- Dec. 22 Awards Ceremony
Gr. 2, 3, 4@8:10-8:50
Gr. 5&6: @9:00-9:30



Happy Holidays from the Nurse. I just wanted to give a final shout out for Toys for Tots. The application forms are in the front office. They will accept the form up to the last day of school before Christmas break. Please stop in at the front office to get a form or call the school and we can send one home with your student.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Dec. 23-Jan 8



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Attendance is one of the most powerful predictors of academic achievement.

Regular school attendance is a key to student success. Every day in the classroom provides rich learning experiences and opportunities for students to ask questions, observe and get help from teachers. This year, Nautilus Elementary School is making a special effort to ensure that students fully benefit from their education by reducing absences. Attending school regularly helps children perform better and provides them with an important future-ready skill that will translate well as they move on to higher education and careers.

Did you know?

- Nautilus students have one of the highest absentee rates in the district.
- Nautilus lost valuable points for our State School Letter Grade and dropped us a grade due to Chronic Absences last year.
- If your student is absent or tardy five or more times a quarter, they will not receive an S for good citizenship on the report card and may miss being placed on the honor roll.
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences (excused and unexcused) can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) increases the chance that your student will not read or master math at the same level as their peers.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up when they return or come in late to school.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We know that there are a wide variety of reasons that students are absent from school, from health concerns to transportation challenges. There are many people in our building prepared to help you if you or your student face challenges in getting to school regularly or on time. We promise to track

attendance daily, to notice when your student is missing from class, and to communicate with you to identify barriers and supports available to overcome challenges you may face in helping your student attend school.

School Policy and State Laws

- We are required to send letters to you regarding tardiness and absences for five, ten, and fifteen days.
- We are required to follow Arizona Statue 15-802, 15-803, or 15-901 when a student is considered truant. If the number of excused and unexcused absent days exceeds 10% of the number of required attendance days, the LHUSD school resource officer will be contacted, and parents/students can be cited for truancy.

What You Can Do

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine for your student.
- Prepare for school the night before, finish homework, and get a good night's sleep.
- Don't let your student stay home unless they are truly sick. (Fever, Throwing Up, Diarrhea) Remember that complaints of a stomachache or headache can signify anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- Avoid appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
- If out sick, return with a Dr. note.

We appreciate our partnership with parents and know that the success of all our children is a shared value. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have concerns about attendance for your child.

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. Williams
Principal Nautilus Elementary School