REUBEN ELEMENTARY

A Title One School

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Wow, it is hard to believe that it is already September! Looking ahead, September promises to bring even more opportunities for growth, exploration, and success. We invite you to stay connected through our school newsletter and Facebook page where we will keep you informed about upcoming events, important dates, and the achievements of our students and staff. Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of guiding your child's educational journey. Together, we're making strides towards a year filled with accomplishment, inspiration, and shared moments of discovery.

<u>Fun Events</u> for Students in September



Sept 18 – Land of Smiles Dental Program (PK – 3)

Sept 21 – Arts Integration in Classrooms (Gr 1,3,5) – Theater

Sept 21 – Janet's Planet Visit Solar System presentation (PK – 5)

Sept 26 – 3rd, 4th, 5th Visit Newberry College

<u>Important Dates for</u> <u>September</u>

9/4 - No School

9/8 - Games with Grands

9/11 - Interims Issued / iReady Reports Sent Home

9/13 - Early Release

9/21 - PTO Meeting at 4:00pm Eating with Eagles

9/27 - Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Begins

9/29 – Friday with First Responders (EMS and Fire)



10/13 - Report Cards Issued Parent Teacher Conferences No School for Students

10/16 - Fall Break: No School

<u>Charleston Wrap</u> <u>Fundraiser Starting Soon</u>

Sept 27 - Oct 9



District Tardy Policy

Ensuring our students arrive at school on time is not just about punctuality; it's about setting them up for a successful day of learning and growth. Let's continue to work together to create a positive and supportive environment where our students can start their day on the right foot.

- 3 Tardies Notify Parent(s)/Guardians by Phone
- 5 Tardies –Parent Conference
- 10 Tardies Intervention Plan Developed
- 15 Tardies Referral to Student Services for Tardy Hearing



Character Counts!

We are excited to spotlight one of the six pillars of character that defines our character education program: Trustworthiness. This September, we will shine a light on the importance of being individuals who can be counted on and relied upon by others.

Throughout this month, our students will be encouraged to explore what it means to be trustworthy in various aspects of their lives – from the classroom to the playground, from their friendships to their responsibilities. We believe that fostering trustworthiness not only strengthens character but also contributes to a positive and thriving community.





September PTO Events

A big thanks to all of our Reuben families, teachers, and friends who have joined the PTO. Your

membership dues will help support and enhance the educational journey of our students in meaningful ways. From organizing events to providing valuable resources for our classrooms, your generosity and commitment make a difference at RES. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for our students and we're truly grateful for your participation and support.

Upcoming Events:

September 21st – Eating with Eagles 7:18–7:45am PTO Meeting at 4:00pm

September 29th– Friday with First Responders (Fire and EMS)





News from Nurse Gena

Illness Reminder:

We need your help to reduce the spread of germs! By working together, taking precautions, we can help to minimize the impact of any illness that can be spread to others. Please be reminded of the following:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid kissing, hugging and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick
- Stay home when feeling sick and obtain consultations from your health care provider.
- Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have vomiting or diarrhea
- Ill children should stay home until 24 hours after they are fever-free, without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- Cover your cough/sneeze. It is best to cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands. If you cough/sneeze in your hands or in a tissue, make sure you wash your hands afterwards.

Please see the link for DHEC Exclusion list for school. https://scdhec.gov/health/child-teen-health/school-exclusion

ATTENDANCE

Lawful Absences (Only 7 days of parental notes are allowed for the school year):

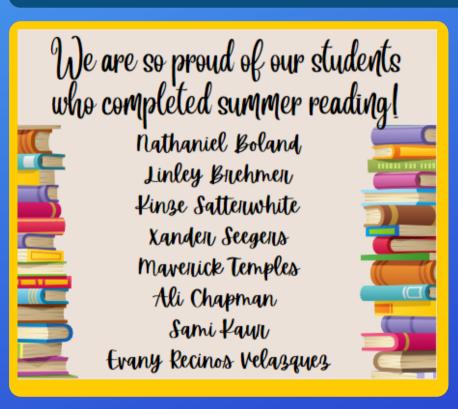
- Student illness
- · Illness or death in the student's immediate family
- Recognized religious holiday of the student's faith
- Activities that are approved in advance by the principal

Unlawful Absences:

- · Absences of a student without the knowledge of his or her parents
- · Absences of a student without acceptable cause with the knowledge of his or her parents

Chronic Absenteeism:

 Any student Who is absent a minimum of 10 percent of the enrollment period – for any reason (e.g. illness, suspension, excused or unexcused is considered as being chronically absent from school.



Car Rider Pickup Line

We kindly ask that you pull up and keep a safe distance from the car ahead of you in the car line. This simple step will really help to prevent traffic congestion on Spearman Road. Thanks so much for your cooperation!

ATTENDANCE FACTS DID YOU KNOW?

- Attendance is taken on the first day of school.
- There is a direct link between higher student achievement and regular school attendance.
- Truant behavior often leads to a student's being involved in other risky behaviors.
- Poor attendance is an early warning sign of trouble in a student's life; including the possibility of dropping out.
- Students who miss a day of school miss instruction and must make up the work while trying to learn new material.
- Poor attendance leads to academic failure and may prevent a student from graduating on time.

