



Hawk Happenings

Family Edition

January 26, 2024

A Note from Mr. Brooks, Principal

I can't believe that we are officially halfway through the year! Students and teachers have worked hard. With that being said, we are seeing a lot of illness. While we want students in school as much as possible, we know that a sick child cannot learn effectively and is unable to participate in classes in a meaningful way. Keeping a sick child home prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the child an opportunity to rest and recover. I am including some guidance regarding illness in this newsletter to help you with your decision making. I look forward to the remainder of the year and all that students will accomplish! As always, please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.



General Reminders

- Morning drop-off is between 7:30-8:00 and breakfast is served during this time.
- Classes start at 8:00.
- Afternoon dismissal is at 2:25. No one should be waiting on the grounds before 2:00.
- The building is locked daily, and you will need to use the call system and to check in with the office.
- All bus notes must include the date, student first/last name, destination, address of the destination, and parent/guardian signature.
- Please avoid calling the office with after school plan changes after 1:00.



GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING SICK CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOL

Each day, many parents/guardians are faced with a decision: should they keep their sick children at home or send them off to school? Often the way a child looks and acts can make the decision an obvious one. The following guidelines should be considered when making the decision:

Fever: The child should remain at home with a fever greater than 100°. The child can return to school after he/she has been fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol or Motrin).

Diarrhea/Vomiting: A child with diarrhea and/or vomiting should stay at home and return to school only after being symptom-free for 24 hours.

Strep and Bacterial Infections: Following a diagnosis of strep throat or other bacterial infections, the child can return to school 24 hours after the first dose of prescribed meds.

COVID-19: For positive COVID cases, students should follow the latest CDC/DOE guidance in consultation with the school nurse.



Simple Strategies for Creating Strong Readers

From the Florida Department of Education

Without doubt, reading with children spells success for early literacy. Putting a few simple strategies into action will make a significant difference in helping children develop into good readers and writers.

Through reading aloud, providing print materials and promoting positive attitudes about reading and writing, you can have a powerful impact on children's literacy and learning.

- Invite a child to read with you every day.
- When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help the child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word he or she says is the word he or she sees.
- Read a child's favorite book over and over again.
- Read many stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat. Invite the child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as he or she reads along with you.
- Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
- Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
- Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, songbooks, poems and information books.



Important Upcoming Dates:

January 31: School Board Meeting at Milbridge Elementary, 7:00
February 6: Honor Roll & Perfect Attendance Assembly, 1:30
February 9: Valentines Candy Gram Sheets & Money Due
February 14: Valentine's Day Parties (afternoon)
February 16: Early Release, Teacher Workshop
February 17-25: No School, Vacation!
February 26: Return to school, Phys. Ed. Week!
February 28: School Board Meeting, 7:00
March 1: Quarter 3 Progress Reports
March 14: Early Release, Teacher Workshop
March 15: No School, Teacher Workshop
March 29: Quarter 3 Grades Close
April 4: Early Release/ Parent Teacher Conferences
April 5: Early Release
April 10: Bikes for Books Reading Entries & Permission Slips Due
April 13-21: No School, Vacation!



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