

# Total Learning Center

HOME OF THE HAWKS

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Dear Board;

The Total Learning Center would like to increase our focus this upcoming school year on the growing concern about truancy. We deal with truancy by offering attendance incentives to encourage and motivate students towards better choices in school. Each Friday, there is a reward for successful middle school students-these rewards may be for activities such as art, PE, guest speakers, and student choice time. We would like to offer three larger incentive days this year for each trimester. Students at the Total Learning Center are allowed to be absent a total of nine days during the entire school year (three per trimester). This is a 95% attendance expectation as we are all aware that students who are not in school are not learning to read; students with more than twenty absences per year have less than a twenty percent chance of graduating; and by ninth grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation than the previous year's test scores (NCSE National Center for School Engagement). If we can keep these students in school, we are confident that their behaviors and academics will all improve.

We would like the incentive money from the district to include the following:

Rupert Swim Pool (1 ½ hours) =\$55.00

Halloween Party=\$55.00

Thanksgiving Party=\$55.00

Century Cinemas=\$115.00

Cookies and Ice Cream=\$55.00

Bowling=\$55.00

Field day=\$55.00

Outer Limits Laser Tag=\$55.00

Total=\$500.00

Thank you for your consideration of our school receiving funds to improve attendance.

Sincerely,

Dyann Blood

Principal, TLC

