

MARCH

- 2 5th Grade Read-A-Thon 
- 5 Site Council meets 2:00
- 7 Spring Pictures 
- 9 4th & 5th Grade Storytelling
- 14 District Science Fair
PTA Meets 2:00
- 15 2nd & 3rd Grade Music
Concert 6:00 pm 
- 17 St. Patrick's Day 
- 21 4th Grade to Science Works 8 am
- 22 PBIS Event
- 26 SPRING BREAK ~
- 30 NO SCHOOL
School Resumes April 2nd

Manzanita Messy Morning March 2018

Creating a culture of achievement starting with creating a culture of showing up

As spring arrives the days get longer, schedules get busy, routines are changing and some kids have a hard time getting up in the morning. This can make getting to school on time a constant uphill battle. You can take steps to get your kids on track in the morning. Here are some tips to reduce tardies & absences:

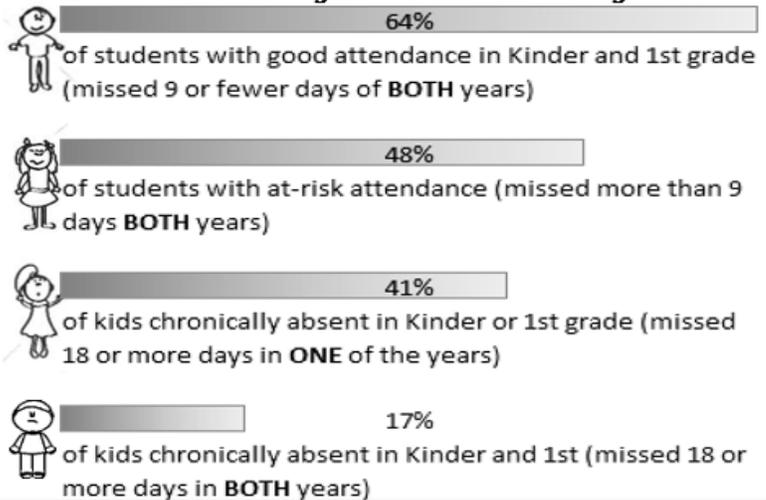
- ⇒ Get your kids in bed early - Getting enough sleep is key.
- ⇒ Wake your kids up at least one hour before you need to leave, more if they take long showers or are slow in the morning. If you really want your kids to get out of bed, it helps if you are up and getting ready at the same time.
- ⇒ Keep a regular schedule during the week. Eat dinner at a specific time, have a set time for homework and a set period for TV, if you allow it.
- ⇒ Plan extra time for traffic or the drop off line.
- ⇒ Lay out clothes and book bags the night before. Use this opportunity to make sure homework is done and they haven't forgotten anything for field trips or projects.
- ⇒ Give your kids an alarm clock. Have your kids set their alarm clock to 15 minutes before you intend on going in their rooms.

WHY IT MATTERS

If children don't show up for school regularly they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who can read on grade level after 3rd grade?



1 hour late start Fridays
Bell rings at 8:35



- make a volcano with baking soda and vinegar - play
- go fish - go for a hike - read a book about bugs -
- make a paper airplane - climb a tree - visit a local museum -
- have a dance party in the kitchen - read a comic book -
- draw a self portrait - make a tower with every block in your house -
- read a magazine - play tag -
- paint rocks - go to the beach - have a backyard picnic -
- ride your bike - make a paper bag puppet of yourself -
- pick some flowers - make a fort - splash in a puddle -
- make a mud pie - help make lunch or make it all by yourself -
- talk like a pirate - make a bird feeder -
- flip over rocks and look for bugs - find shapes in the clouds -
- plant some seeds - go for ice cream - go swimming -
- read an alphabet book - do a word search - write a story - go to the library - RUN outside.





Technology Corner

LOST & FOUND

DO YOUR PART!

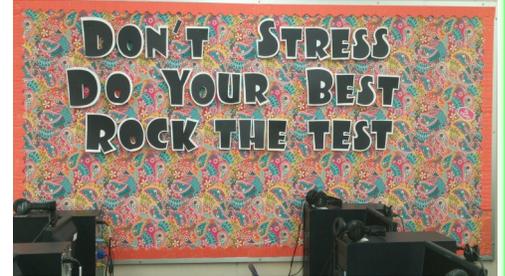
**THE LOST AND FOUND
NEEDS TO BE FOUND!!**

**PLEASE CHECK FOR
MISSING ITEMS!**

LOST A COAT?



Parents of 3rd-5th grade students: Over the new few weeks we will begin taking our Smarter Balanced testing in Language Arts and Math. In the computer lab we have been having fun in the practice/training test site, playing around with all the tools that are available within the program. Students are learning more valuable computer/word processing skills as we move forward. Beginning the week of the 19th, our 5th grade students will take an OAKS Science test, then after Spring Break we will begin our Smarter Balanced testing season. I've been teaching the "Let's just have fun with our test and DO OUR BEST" attitude. It reflects well on the kids for us to maintain a cool attitude and not share any anxiety we may be feeling. They're really ready to rock their tests!! Ensure your student gets enough sleep, eats a healthy breakfast. Avoid heavy foods that may make them feel groggy or high sugar foods that will make them "crash".



LOOK!

One of the most valuable life skills a student can learn is taking the responsibility of arriving at school everyday on time. This skill can easily be accomplished and will transfer as a valuable asset for the future. One of the most important times of the school day is the morning.

This is the time when important school news is announced, teachers define the plans for the day, important social interactions with peers are established and instructional goals are reviewed and set. The whole tone of a child's school day is set in the first part of the day. Please help support your children in learning habits that will help them be successful at school and throughout life.



Coming Soon

APRIL

- 1 Easter and April Fool's Day
- 5 All school play field trip
- 9 Site Council meets 2:00
- 11 PTA meets 2:00
- 12 Kinder & 1st Music Concert
- 13 Clerical Day NO SCHOOL
- 19 Swaim to GP Museum of Art
- 20 Chamberlain to GP Museum of Art
- 25 PBIS Event
- 26 Conferences NO SCHOOL
- 27 Conferences NO SCHOOL

Reminder:

**In order to serve you better
we accept card payment for
shirts, field trips etc.**



Choir Concert

**March 15th
at 6:00 pm**

