



# JANUARY

- 2 Classes Resume
- 11 PTA Meeting 2:00
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
NO SCHOOL
- 19 Site Council 2:10
- 25 Dog Safety Program 1st & 2nd Grade



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## JANUARY 2017

As we start the **NEW YEAR**, it is a time to think about resolutions. New Year's Resolutions are not just for adults. It is important for kids to think about goals they would like to achieve in the coming year. Challenging your child to try new things, work harder and achieve goals can be a fun adventure you can go on together. Make your goals SMART.

- 1) **Set Specific and realistic goals** — Encourage you child to pick one or two areas to work on. Make sure they know exactly what they want to accomplish. Example– read a new book each month.
- 2) **Measurable** — How will they know when they have reached their goal?
- 3) **Achievable** — Make sure their goal is not too far to reach, but make it challenging.
- 4) **Relevant** — Link the goal to something important.
- 5) **Timely** — Have an idea of when you want to reach your goal. If it is longer term, have mini-goals along the way.

Post your goals as a reminder. Write them down or hang them somewhere visible as a reminder.

**A GOAL**  
without  
**A PLAN**  
is just  
**A WISH**

## AFTER SCHOOL PLANS



The office must

be informed of after school plans

by 1:00!

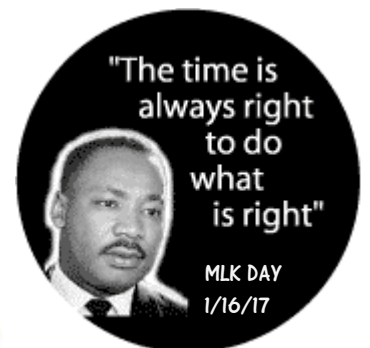


### F.Y.I

A staggering one of every five motor vehicle accidents take place in a parking lot

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 22 percent (more than one-fifth) of children between ages 5 and 9 killed in traffic crashes were pedestrians. Most of these accidents occurred because drivers failed to see kids while backing up their vehicles.

**Please remember to use caution at all times!!**





## LOST & FOUND

### LOST A COAT?



Lost and found for coats, jackets, gloves, scarfs and other clothing is located in the cafeteria.

**PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS!**

## Mrs. Hamilton's Library Corner

Be on the lookout for new books in the library. ~ My scholastic order is on the way!

I will have more BOOK TALK forms after the Winter Break.

The OBOB (Battle of the Books) battles will be starting in February so seep reading those books!

My checkout policy:

- \* Kindergarten—practice books have to go home and come back four times before you can check out “real” books. One book allowed at a time.
- \* 1st graders—Are allowed to check out one book at a time.
- \* 2nd graders—Get to check out two books and take one home.
- \* 3rd-5th graders—Up to three books and preferably leave one at school.

All books are checked out for a period of one week. If your book is not back on the day it is due you cannot check out so be sure to find a safe place to keep it at home.

If you lose a book and pay for it and then it shows back up in good condition, you will receive a refund. If you damage a book it needs to be replaced. Keep water bottles away from books!



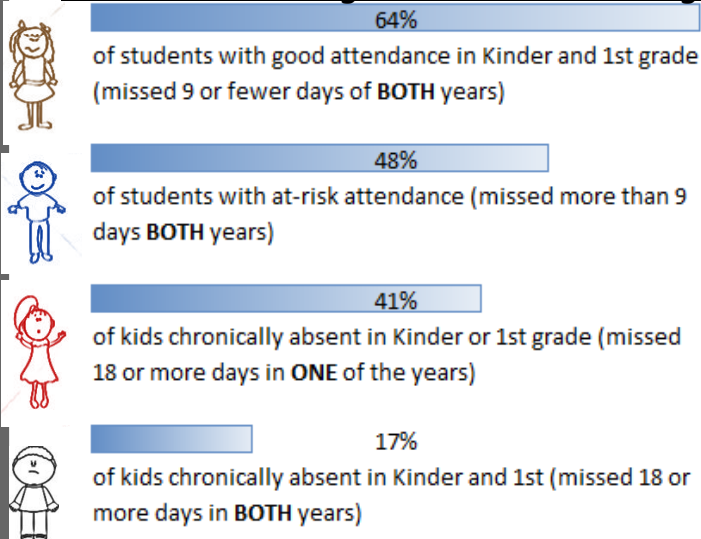
The Family Connection and Head Start will present a Parenting Education program starting February 6th. The program will last for 13 weeks. Child care and dinner will be provided. Watch for sign up sheets coming home in January.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

### Who can read on grade level after 3<sup>rd</sup> grade?



## Coming Soon FEBRUARY

- 1 Kids Smile
- 6 Vision Screening K, 1st, 3rd, 5th
- 8 PTA Meeting 2:00
- 10 Art Day
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION DAY- Site Council 2:10
- 16 Art Night 5:00-7:00
- 20 Presidents Day NO SCHOOL

