

# One town One school One family

Mustang STRONG

A note from the principal

2022 has come in with snowwwwww! As a Southern girl, I am not used to the amount of snow the Inland Northwest has to offer - I am finding I have a love/hate relationship with it. I love it because I didn't grow up with it...it's pretty, it's fluffy, it's fun! I hate it because it is slippery, wet, and makes a mess! As I reflect on the past year, and all of the challenges it has had to offer us - I also have a love/hate relationship with it! 2021 brought back in-person learning, masks in schools to keep our kiddos safe, and children experiencing fun in school again - these things I love. 2021 also brought more COVID-19 cases and variants, more masks in schools, and personal losses for us all - these things I hate because they are not pretty, fluffy, or fun. 2022 may not prove to be pretty, fluffy, or fun, but it will be what we make it. Let's all get involved in more meaningful learning experiences, the school community, and family. We are better together - we are Mustang STRONG! I am grateful for you all. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to work with your children and families. Join me in the process and preparation for a wonderful year to come!

~ Dr. Hunt



### ATTENDANCE



#### **Facts**

- Good attendance, whether class is held in person or remotely, can help children do well in school, and eventually in the workplace and in college.
- Absences can be a sign that a teen is losing interest, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a teen may drop out of high school.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your teen keep a job and graduate from college.

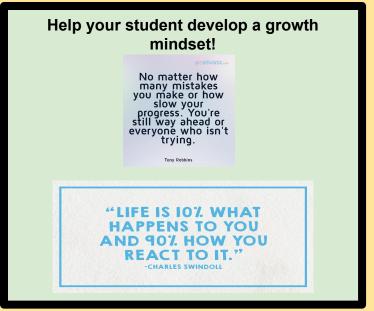
Advancing Student Success By Reducing Chronic Absence

Helping your child succeed in school:

As a parent, you have a special interest in your child's education. As you become more involved, here are some basic tips that you may use at home:

- ♠ Encourage your child to read. It's the single most important thing that you can do to help your child succeed in school. Read with your child right from the start, and make sure there are lots of reading materials in the house.
- ♠ Talk with your child. Talking and listening are major components of children's school success. By having many opportunities to use and hear spoken language, children are given a tremendous advantage, picking up the language skills they will need to do well in school.
- Monitor homework, and how much time children spend watching television, playing video games, and using the Internet. Help your child get organized and provide a quiet place in the home for him or her to study. Limit the amount of time your child spends watching television, surfing the Internet, and playing video games. Help your child learn to properly and effectively use the Internet.
- ◆ Encourage your child to be responsible and work independently. Make it clear to your child that he or she has to take responsibility for actions both at home and at school.
- ♠ Encourage active learning. Listen to your child's ideas and respond to them. Active learning also can take place when your child plays sports, acts in a school play, plays a musical instrument, or visits museums and bookstores.

Taken from pto.org





For children to be **successful** in school, parents must be actively engaged in their children's learning. Many studies show that parents' involvement in school is more **important** to their children's academic success than the parents' level of education or income. By showing **interest** in their children's education, parents can spark their children's enthusiasm, showing them that **learning**, both inside and outside of school, is enjoyable and **rewarding**. Parents can help children succeed by participating in school or other learning activities, reading with their children, assisting with homework assignments, and talking with their children's teachers. Parents can share the goals they have for their children with teachers to make sure that teachers hold all students to high **standards** of performance

# REMINDERS

# Did you know?

School begins at 9:30 on Monday's? Students are tardy at 9:25.

School begins at 8:30 on Tue-Fri's? Students are tardy at 8:25.

No school on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday.

2nd Trimester Mid Term ends Jan. 28th – expect mid-term grades soon after!

#### **Varsity Basketball:**

Girls play at 6pm.
Boys play at 7:30
Saturday games begin at
4:30pm.

Masks required to be worn by all fans.

Jan. 6 - @ home vs Curlew
Jan. 11 - @ Selkirk
Jan. 14 - @ Cusick
Jan. 15 - @ home vs Columbia
Jan. 18 - @ home vs. Republic
Jan. 22 - @ home vs. Selkirk
Jan. 25 - @ Inchelium
Jan. 26 - @ Chewelah
Jan. 29 - @ Columbia

#### Mini Cheer Camp (K-4)

Every Wednesday from 3-4:30 for the month of January. They will perform during the 1st home game in February (currently scheduled for 2/4).



- ★ If your child is sick, stay home!
- ★ A fever is 100.4
- ★ Your child should not return until fever free for 24 hours without medication!
- ★ If your child experiences symptoms of COVID-19, you can ask for an at-home family testing kit to be sent home for no charge!
- ★ If your child is exposed to COVID-19 please inform the office for guidance.
- If your child, or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, please inform the office as soon as possible for guidance.

#### Mask and Face-Shield Policy



According to the guidelines set forth by the DOH and OSPI, all students 5 years old and older, staff, volunteers, and guests must wear face coverings in K-12 settings.

If a cloth mask can not be worn, an alternative face shield may be worn instead. If the alternative cannot be worn, students will need to remain home and continue distance learning.

#### After School Tutoring & Enrichment

K-8

Tuesday's, Wednesday's, Thursday's 3:00 - 4:30

look for a flier to come home with more information (no afternoon transportation provided).

#### **High School Study Hall**

Monday - Thursday 3:00 - 4:00

## Northport has a Community in Schools Site Coordinator!

Do you need assistance with anything? Anything at all?

Mrs. Marie Taylor is here to answer the call!

She is our student liaison and is able to help families in multiple ways. Please reach out to her at the school (509-732-4215, ext. 157), on her cell (509-800-7022), or via email: Mariet@cisruraleasternwa.org.