



One town
One school
One family

Mustangs
STRONG

A note from the principal

Can you believe it is already DECEMBER??? Wow! How time flies! Our students have come back this year working hard and enjoying some (however, not all) of the joys of school again. I want to thank you for supporting your student(s), teachers, and the school community thus far this year. You are an integral part of the success! We, the staff and administration, are committed to excellence in the educational experiences that your students are (and will continue to) receiving. Our teachers are committed to delivering high quality and rigorous experiences that will help stretch your children to reach their potential - all while focusing on their social and emotional needs. Hang in there! We are striving to be a team - we ARE one community, one school, one family - the epitome of Mustang Strong!!!! I hope you all have a Happy Holiday. Please stay safe!

~ Dr. Hunt



ATTENDANCE



Facts

- Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade or be held back!
- By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school!
- Research shows that missing 10% of the school, or about 18 days, negatively affects a student's academic performance! That's just 2 days a month!
- When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduation!



If at any time your child is not attending school, please contact the school office 509-732-4430.



Attendance Works

Advancing Student Success By Reducing Chronic Absence

Strategies to help your child(ren) with MATH at home!

Some of my favorite skill building games for all ages:

- Cards....
 - WAR (highest value wins)
 - Race to 100 (add or multiply)
 - 2 players - even stacks.
 - Turn cards over and add/multiply one at a time. First one to 100 wins!
 - Race to 0 (subtract or divide)
 - Same as Race to 100 only with subtraction/division.
- Counting forwards and backwards.
 - 1,2,3...3,2,1
 - Skip counting!
- Snap!
 - This is a two-player game. Each player is initially dealt 26 cards from a normal 52-card deck.
 - Each player places a card down at the same time (next to each other). The first person to call out the sum of the two cards gets to keep them.
 - **Aces = 1 Jacks = 11 Queens = 12 Kings = 13**
 - Continue playing until all the cards are gone. The winner is the player with the most cards at the end.

For more challenging rounds players can call out subtraction or multiplication facts instead.

Self Awareness in Children

- The ability to tune in to your feelings, thoughts, and actions.
- Being self-aware also means recognizing how others see you in public and private.
- Private and public self-awareness work together. It helps kids understand what they are thinking and feeling - how they "see themselves" - is not necessarily how others see them.
- Doesn't develop all at once. It happens over time.

How do I help my child build self-awareness?

- Have open conversations about school.
- Talk about their strengths and challenges.
- Teach empathy.
- Help them recognize other people's needs and feelings
- Help them recognize how their behavior affects others.

Taken from The Importance of Self-Awareness in Kids by Amanda Morin. <https://www.understood.org>

Help your student develop a growth mindset!

MATH

Mistakes Allow Thinking to Happen

MISTAKES ARE
PROOF
YOU ARE
TRYING

CORRECTING
MISTAKES ARE
PROOF
THAT YOU'RE
GROWING!

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REMINDERS

Happy
Holidays!

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.

Early dismissal for students on **Friday, 12/3/21**. Students will be dismissed at 12:30pm with buses leaving at 12:45.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held on **Friday, 12/10/21**. Students are required to attend conferences only with their parent(s) for attendance purposes.

Winter program: **ARF!! ON THE HOUSETOP** presented by K-5 students, **Friday, 12/17/21 at 2:00 pm in the Gym**. Guests welcome - masks are required to be worn at all times.

**WINTER BREAK
NO SCHOOL**

Begin Date: Monday, 12/20/21
Return Date: Monday, 1/3/22

Varsity Basketball:

Girls play at 6pm.
Boys play at 7:30

Masks required to be worn by all fans.

12/1 - home vs. Curlew
12/7 - away vs. Columbia
12/10 - away vs. Republic
12/11 - home vs. Curlew @ 4:30
12/14 - away vs. Springdale
12/15 - away vs. Inchelium
12/17 & 18 - away Curlew
Tournament.



If your child
is sick -
stay home!
A fever is
100.4
degrees.

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.

