



One community
One school
One family

Mustang
STRONG

A note from the principal

Here we are in February - already! I hope everyone had a restful Holiday break and a wonderful beginning to the New Year - 2023. This time of year is so hard for many. It's cold, it's dreary, we miss the sunshine. It is during these times that we must remember that the sunny days are coming. We can't live our days full of doom and gloom - we plug along and persevere through the hardest times of our lives. I know you know what I'm talking about. Why does it always seem so much harder in the winter? Well - I don't have the answers, but what I can say is that we are a family. The school is here to support you, and we need your support. It doesn't mean that we are perfect - it doesn't mean that we don't have areas of improvement - but, families work together to change those areas of improvement to turn them into areas of strengths. We can't do it alone. It takes us all. Please be part of our family - give grace - help us improve and grow strong. We can do it together! We are one community - we are one school - we are one family. We are Mustang Strong!

~ 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

FEBRUARY REMINDERS

If your child is sick - please keep them at home!
A fever is 100.4 degrees.



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.

Mid-2nd Trimester is Jan. 31st.

World Read Aloud Day - **Feb. 1st**
Groundhog Day - **Feb. 2nd**

Lions Club Bingo - **February 5th -**
12:00 noon - school cafeteria.

PTO meeting - **February 1st - 3:15pm**
in the library

Mini Mustang Basketball - Saturdays -
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 10:00 am.

Middle School Dance - grades 6-8
only. **Feb. 16, 2023 - 6 - 8:30pm -**
cafeteria.

No school for students on **Friday,**
2/17/23 for a Professional Day for
teachers, and Monday 2/20/23 in
observance of President's Day.

PSAT 10 testing - all 10th grade
students. 8:30 - 12ish on **Thursday,**
2/23/2023.

“Northport is exploring options for expanding early learning opportunities. If you have a child/children between the ages of 3-6 months, or turns 3 or 4 years old by August 31, please complete the interest survey.”

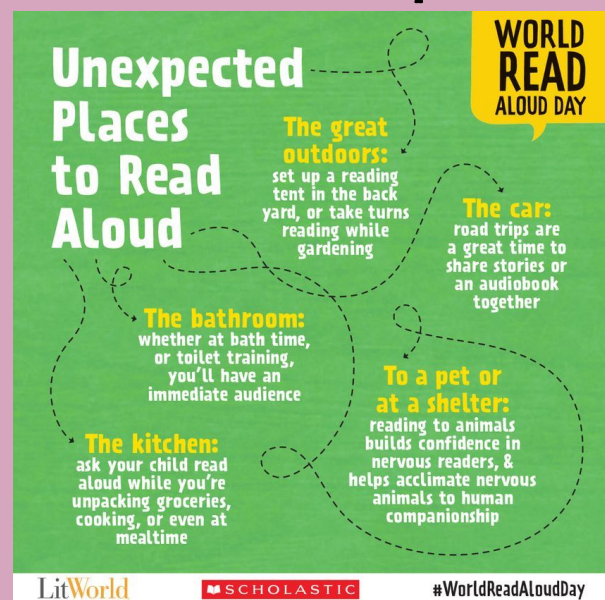
You can find the link to the short survey here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjUcUEKyNAIEzf dxWsgKLYNDR2QHxtpmoZnmAS1RzcXrDtQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

It is important for us to receive as many responses as possible to determine if a transitional kindergarten (Pre-K4) is a need for our students. We will be participating in a collaborative recruitment effort with ESD 101's ECEAP preschool to determine eligibility to expand our programs.

The link for the survey will close on FEBRUARY 28th - please encourage any parent(s) that have 3 or 4 year olds by Aug. 31st, 2023 to fill out the survey.

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY!!!!
February 1st!



Click the Facebook icon to visit our school page!



The 7 Habits of Happy Kids



Habit 1- Be Proactive: You're In Charge

- I am a responsible person.
- I take initiative.
- I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods.
- I do not blame others for my wrong actions.
- I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

Habit 2- Begin with the End in Mind: Have A Plan

- I plan ahead and set goals.
- I do things that have meaning and make a difference.
- I am an important part of my classroom and school.



Habit 3- Put First Things First: Work First, Then Play

- I spend my time on things that are most important.
- I say no to things I know I should not do.
- I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan.
- I am self-disciplined and organized.



Habit 4- Think Win-Win: Everyone Can Win

- I want everyone to be a success.
- I don't have to put others down to get what I want.
- When a conflict happens, I look for a third solution.
- I believe that we all can win!



Habit 5- Seek First to Understand Then to be Understood:

Listen Before You Talk

- I listen to other people's ideas and feelings.
- I try to see things from their viewpoints.
- I listen to others without interrupting.
- I share my opinions and ideas.



Habit 6- Synergize: Together Is Better

- I know that everyone is good at something.
- Everyone needs to get better at something.
- We can all learn something from each other.
- Working in groups helps to create better ideas than what one person can do alone.



Habit 7- Sharpen the Saw: Balance Feels Best

- I take care of my body by eating right, exercising and getting sleep.
- I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school.
- I take time to help others.

