



One town One school One family

Mustang STRONG

A note from the principal

It's been a busy time of the year for our kiddos - getting back in the swing of things is hard at times. It's a new year, new classes, new teachers, new expectations. Sometimes all of this can get quite overwhelming and stressful for our students (and parents!). I think sometimes we forget our kids are just that - kids. They need some down time at home - time to process - time to reset. As parents, one thing we can do is just that - give the gift of time. So, how do you go about giving the gift of time in the midst of your busy schedule? Try to make the time you have with your kids quality time - put down the devices, talk with each other, cook together, do chores together...laugh a lot. One other way you can spend quality time is by playing games together - and we have just the thing! On Tues, Nov. 15th, our schools and CIS will be partnering to host a family game night. We will play "Even Steven's Odd" and talk about how games can serve as reinforcement of skills at home, and provide opportunities for quality time! I hope you can mark you calendars and join us for a fun time - for all ages! November is also American Indian Heritage Month and when we celebrate Thanksgiving. Ask your students to whom and for what they are thankful! I know one thing - I am thankful for the students, parents, and staff at Northport Schools and the support they show! We are truly blessed to be a part of the Mustang Family! Have a great month! ~ Dr. Hunt



ATTENDANCE



ATTENDANCE in the early grades

Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

1 in 10 kids in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.¹



2 in 10 low-income kids miss too much school. They're also more likely to suffer academically.²



2.6 in 10 homeless kids are chronically absent.³



4 in 10 transient kids miss too much school when families move.⁴



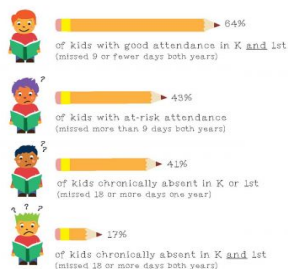
Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten and even pre-K can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?

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?⁵



What We Can Do



Engage Families

Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.



Fix Transportation

The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.



Address Health Needs

Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.



Track the Right Data

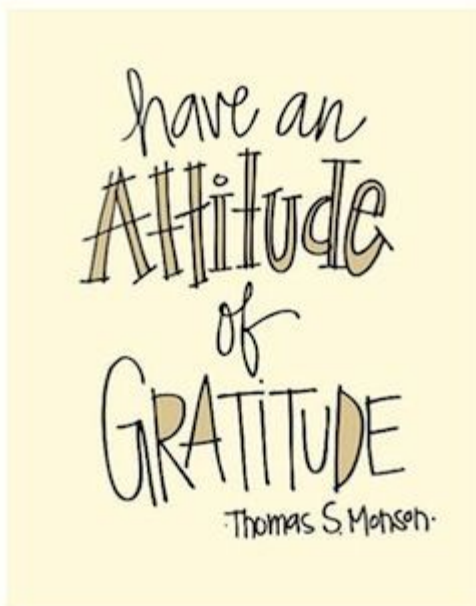
Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

These are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?

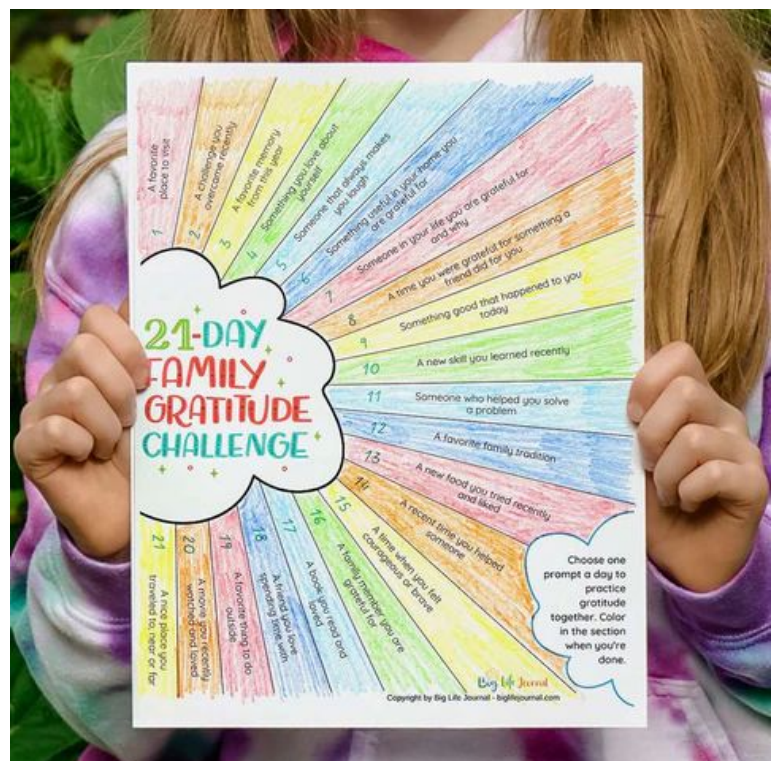
¹ Chang, Hedy, Romero, Marjorie, Present, Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades, National Center for Children in Poverty, NY, NY, September 2008.
² Chronic Absence in Utah, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

³ Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

The month of Gratitude



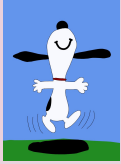
Click on the image to get a free copy of the challenge!



REMINDERS



Middle School Dance
6th-8th grade
Friday, 11/4/22, 7pm-9pm
\$5 entry (at the door)



Lions Club Bingo
Sunday, 11/6/22 @ Noon
School Gym



VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY
MONDAY, 11/7/22, 10:30 am



Family Game Night
Tues, 11/15/22, 6-7:30pm



Fall Sports Banquet
Tues, 11/29/22, 6:30-8:30 pm



NO SCHOOL
Friday, 11/11 - Veterans
Day

WED. - FRIDAY 11/23-25 -
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

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

Northport ALL Sports Schedule

11/2/22 - JH Basketball- home - 3:30
11/3/22 - HS District VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS - home @ 2:00
11/4/22 - HS Football - Columbia - 1:30 - bus leaves @ 11:00
11/7/22 - JH Basketball - home - 3:30
11/9-11/22 - HS Volleyball- State playoffs - TBD
11/12/22 - JH Basketball - @ Republic 10:00/ Curlew 1:00 - bus
leaves @ 7:15 am
11/16/22 - JH Basketball - @ Republic 3:30. Bus leaves @ 12:45.
11/19/22 - JH Basketball - @ TBD/Curlew 10:00 & 1:00. Bus @
7:00am
11/21/22 - JH Basketball @ Nespelem - 3:30. Bus leaves @
11:45am



Students are TARDY at 9:25 am on Mondays, and 8:25 am Tuesday
- Friday.

If at any time your child is not attending school please contact the
school office.

If your child is exposed to, or tests positive for, COVID-19,
please contact us as soon as possible for guidance.

Parent Resources to Support Student Learning:

Summit parent login directions:



Parent Trainings:

There are several online self paced trainings available for parents:

Supporting your Child like a Coach:









<https://www.shiftingschools.com/module-3>

Encourage a Growth Mindset and Why Struggle Is Good for Learning:

<https://www.shiftingschools.com/module-4>

Creating an At Home Learning System/Schedule:

<https://www.shiftingschools.com/module-2>

	Behavioral Health Toolbox for Families Supporting Children and Teens During the COVID-19 Pandemic; Washington State Department of Health
	What is SEL?
	Antiracist SEL, UDL, and Culturally Responsive Teaching
	University of Minnesota's SEL toolkit—section on Families and Youth
	Social and Emotional Learning: Strategies for Parents
	Social Emotional Learning Programs for Schools & Families
	Confident parents confident kids A site for parents actively supporting kids' social and emotional development
	Council of State Science Supervisors: How can families support student science learning at home? Translated materials here