

SCHOOL NEWS JAMES MADISON

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NO SCHOOL
Presidents' Week Break
February 19-23

February

Tuesday, Feb. 13:

Restaurant Night @ Porky's

Friday, Feb. 16

*Principal's Coffee Chat @
8:15am*

Mon., Feb. 19- Fri., Feb. 23

Presidents' Week Break

March

Friday, Mar. 2

*Read Across America
Multicultural Night*

Monday, Mar. 5

PTO Meeting

Sunday, Mar. 11

Daylight Saving Time Begins!

Thursday, Mar. 15

PTO Read-A-Thon Begins

Friday, Mar. 16

*Principal's Coffee Chat @ 8:15
Report Cards Go Home*

Mon., Mar. 19-23

5th Grade Outdoor Education

Friday, Mar. 30

**No School: Cesar Chavez
Observance**

Mon., April 2-Fri., Apr. 6

Spring Break! No School

Attendance Line
895-7940

February 2018

Principal's Message

Hello Madison Families,

Do you know the most important factor in determining school success? **ATTENDANCE** Matters! Being at school every day and on time is often the first key step down the long road of success. Whether in the work place or in school, you cannot excel if you do not show up. It is important to know how attendance is recorded.

Unverified Absence is when the school is not notified that the child will be missing school.

Excused Absence is when the child is not at school because of a medical appointment, illness, or death in the immediate family.

Unexcused Absence is when the child is not at school for a reason other than the three issues listed above.

Irregular attendance is when a child misses three or more days of school that go unverified.

Excessive and Chronic Absenteeism is when any student misses 10% of the school year for any reason.

Students with poor attendance can be referred for the District School Attendance Review Board (S.A.R.B.) process for truancy. Learning begins at the first bell and we teach until the end of the school day. Teachers spend countless hours designing creative and engaging lessons. They work hard to make the most of every moment and often express their concerns about not having enough time to cover the wide range of learning. Arriving late to school is similar to starting a mile race a lap down. Please support us in giving your child the best opportunity for success by having your child attend on time every day.

Madison Students shine with Kindness

Want to see what Mustangs can do? Google YouTube:

"Great Kindness Challenge 2018" and see how Madison fifth graders have partnered with Dignity Heath to show how Kindness Matters. Kids for Peace Global 501c3 has selected James Madison Elementary as a kindness certified school.



Valentine's Day Reminders

Please make sure you do not bring candy and sugary treats. Many students have food allergies and we are promoting healthy food choices. Check with your teacher regarding bringing healthy treats and Valentines.