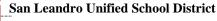
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NO SCHOOL

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.

<u>Unverified Absence</u> 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.

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

<u>Irregular attendance</u> 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.