

Principal's Message Continued

5th GRADE OUTDOOR EDUCATION BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP

Is your business looking for a tax break? You can provide a student with a life-changing week at Mt. Hermon Science School. Please consider sponsoring a student (\$300). A thank you letter for tax purposes will be provided for each business donation.

Lost and Found

This time of year the days can be like summer or like winter, sometimes in the same day! Needless to say our lost and found is full of beautiful and expensive clothing. The lost and found is located in the main hallway and we are asking that you remind your students to check it for coats and sweaters. Check the lost and found at least once a week for items. **Please make sure you label your child's clothing with their name.**

Attendance tips for parents:

Call in for every absence, 895-7940, any absence that is not called in remains unverified. If you schedule dental/doctors appointments at the beginning or end of the school day then students can still attend school for part of the day. If students attend any part of the school day we get full funding.

Attendance Counts, the first step is starting the day on time.

So much of learning and student success depends on being at school on time and ready to learn. Students who arrive late and leave early miss important aspects of each lesson.

Starting the day

Frontloading key vocabulary, connecting concepts to the real world, organizing the students and clarifying expectations are all components that teachers use to set up successful learning for the day. When students arrive late they miss key elements of the lesson plans and they can struggle through the rest of the day.

Ending the day

When students are picked up early they miss the validation of their hard work. The teachers often review homework and reconnect it to the days learning. Often teachers look back over the day to see how much students retain what they have learned so that they can adjust the next day's lessons to meet the needs of all children.

Missing the day

Life does not stop or hold still for school. We know that children get sick, have appointment and family emergencies. Unfortunately, the State of California only funds the students who attend each day! When a student misses the entire day, funding is lost. This hurts everyone, salaries, programs, and services. The State does provide funding for partial days. If you must schedule an appointment having your child here some of the day counts.