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# Smoke Signals Newsletter

**Travis Rohrig, Principal**

**Trina Schutte, Dean of Students**

School website: https://www.milan.k12.in.us/o/mes
Link to Milan Spirit Store:
http://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/indiana/milan/milan-high-school

## MILAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

**Weekly Breakfast and Lunch Menu**
**Link to the folder of cafeteria menus: https://bit.ly/3h9v1ju**

| Tuesday 3 | Wednesday 4 | Thursday 5 | Friday 6 | Monday 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cereal<br>String Cheese<br>Walking Taco<br>Refried Beans<br>Diced Tomato<br>Frui | Egg<br>Buttered Toast<br>Mini Corn Dogs<br>Green Beans<br>Corn<br>Applesauce | Breakfast Pizza<br>Graham Cracker<br>Sloppy Joe on Bun<br>Cole Slaw<br>Tater Tots<br>Fruit | French Toast Sticks<br>Sausage Link<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Mashed Potato<br>Carrots<br>Roll<br>Fruit | Cereal Bar<br>Yogurt<br>Steak Hoagie on Bun<br>French Fries<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>Fruit |
| **Tuesday 10** | **Wednesday 11** | **Thursday 12** | **Friday 13** | **Monday 16** |
| Pancake Stick<br>Graham Cracker<br>Grilled Cheese<br>Peas<br>Celery Sticks & Ranch<br>Applesauce | Pop Tart<br>Sausage Link<br>Soft Taco<br>Salsa & Chips<br>Black Beans<br>Fruit<br>Cookie | Cereal<br>Buttered Toast<br>Diced Chicken & Gravy<br>Mashed Potato<br>Carrots<br>Roll<br>Fruit | Mini Cinni<br>Sausage Link<br>Pizza<br>Tossed Salad<br>Cucumber Slices<br>Fruit | Cereal<br>String Cheese<br>Turkey, Ham & Cheese Sub<br>Sliced Tomato<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>Fruit |

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A TRANSPORTATION CHANGE, **PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE**. DO ***NOT*** RELY ON JUST SENDING A MESSAGE OR EMAIL TO THE TEACHER. WE CAN NOT GUARANTEE THAT THE TEACHER WILL SEE THE MESSAGE BEFORE DISMISSAL.

***812-654-2922***



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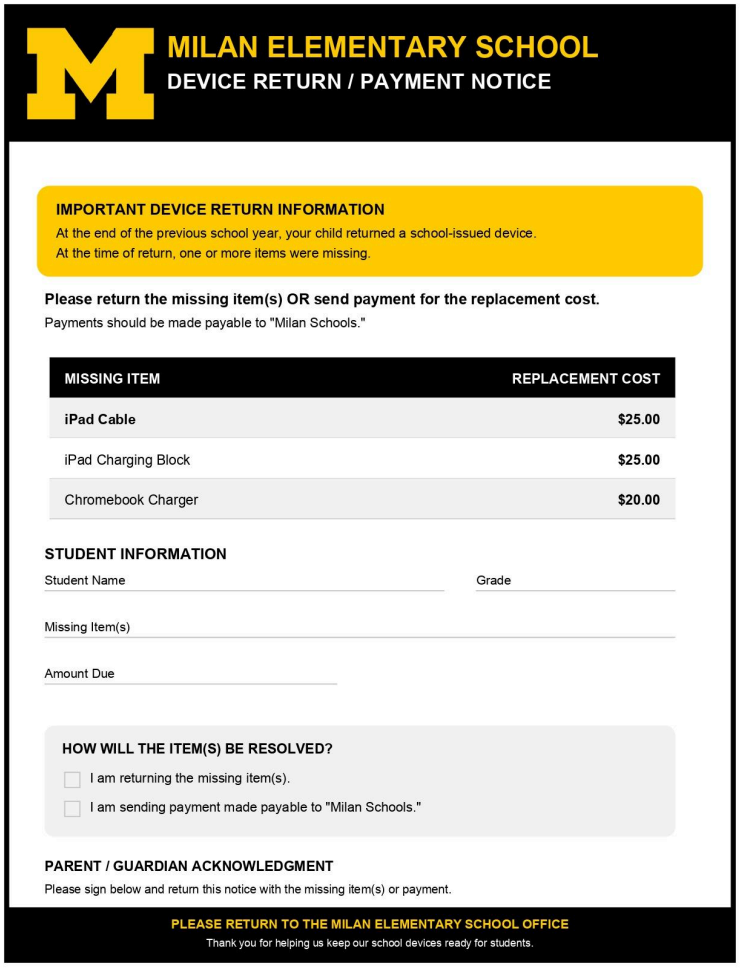
**Important Dates**

⭐ Tutoring - Nov 2
⭐ Tutoring - Nov 3
⭐ Early Dismissal, CARES Appreciation Dinner 4pm - Nov 4
⭐ Tutoring, CARES Kids Discovery Factory 4pm - Nov 5
⭐ National School Psychology Week begins, Tutoring - Nov 9
⭐ Tutoring - Nov 10
⭐ Early Dismissal, Veterans Day Program - G4 performs 9am MHS gym - Nov 11
⭐Tutoring, Good News Club - Nov 12
⭐ World Kindness Day - Nov 13
⭐ National Substitute Appreciation Week begins, Tutoring - Nov 16
⭐ Tutoring - Nov 17
⭐ Early Dismissal/PLC - Nov 18
⭐ November Birthday Celebration, Tutoring, Good News Club - Nov 19
⭐ Thanksgiving Meal during lunch - Nov 20




The Milan Public Library is beginning its Annual Veterans Letter Writing/Pictures campaign on November 1, and it runs through November 6th.

As in past years, the library wants to show appreciation to each child who writes a letter or colors a picture for them to share. At the conclusion of the letter-writing campaign, a library employee will deliver certificates so each child may redeem them at either public library for a free paperback book to keep.



**MILAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
**DEVICE RETURN / PAYMENT NOTICE**

**IMPORTANT DEVICE RETURN INFORMATION**
At the end of the previous school year, your child returned a school-issued device.
At the time of return, one or more items were missing.

**Please return the missing item(s) OR send payment for the replacement cost.**
Payments should be made payable to "Milan Schools."

| MISSING ITEM | REPLACEMENT COST |
|---|---|
| iPad Cable | $25.00 |
| iPad Charging Block | $25.00 |
| Chromebook Charger | $20.00 |

**STUDENT INFORMATION**
Student Name _____ Grade _____
Missing Item(s) _____
Amount Due _____

**HOW WILL THE ITEM(S) BE RESOLVED?**
☐ I am returning the missing item(s).
☐ I am sending payment made payable to "Milan Schools."

**PARENT / GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT**
Please sign below and return this notice with the missing item(s) or payment.

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE MILAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICE**
Thank you for helping us keep our school devices ready for students.

# Device Return Information

At the end of the school year several students had missing items from their device collection.

If your child has a missing item, they will be bringing home a paper that looks like the image to the left.

If you have questions, please contact the MES office.

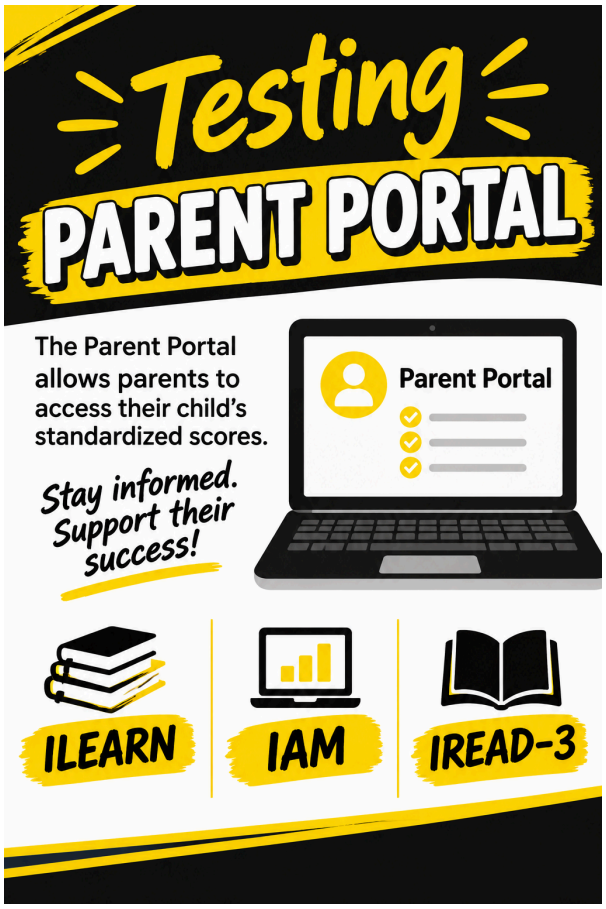
## Good News Club (GNC)

GNC will be held after school on Thursdays beginning on October 22 and ending on December 3rd.

GNC will not be held on November 5th.

If you have questions, contact Robin Laws.
robinlaws89@gmail.com






# ATTENTION 3rd and 4th GRADE PARENTS

The Parent Portal allows you to log in and see their results on standardized testing. This includes ILEARN Checkpoints tests that we take throughout the school year.

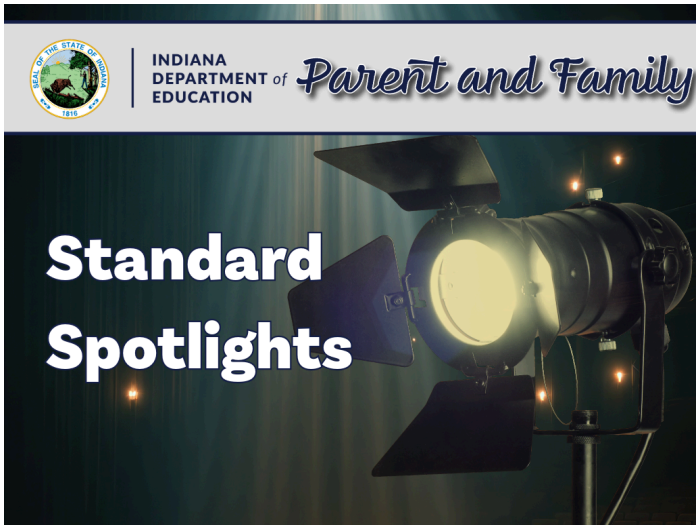
SAVE THIS LETTER AS IT WILL GET ALL RESULTS ALL YEAR!!

NOTE: 4th grade parents, this is the same access code that you used last year.

If you lost your paper, contact Mr. Rohrig.



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HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO HELP WITH HOMEWORK AND YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO HELP? MAYBE YOU DIDN'T LEARN IT THE WAY IT IS BEING TAUGHT.

HERE IS A HELP FOR YOU, THE STANDARD SPOTLIGHTS.

These documents are for helping in 3rd and 4th grade math. They have a video and a resource to help you!

3rd Math

4th Math

## Technology Check Up

- Kindergarten Parents: Do you know where your school issued charging block and cable are located?
- K-4 Parents: Ask your child if they know where their headphones are. They use headphones VERY FREQUENTLY.







Do you know you can keep up on your child's grades in PowerSchool? You can get your login information from Mrs. Bevis at the front desk.
The PowerSchool app looks like this:



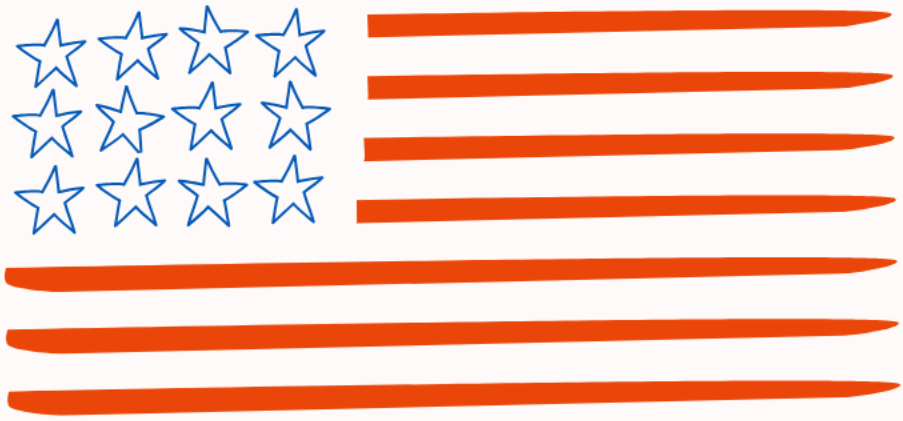
# JOIN US FOR OUR VETERANS DAY PROGRAM AT MILAN HIGH SCHOOL

## November 11, 2026

Breakfast for Veterans 8:00 - 9:00 MHS Cafeteria

Program begins at 9:00 MHS Gymnamsium

All veterans, families, & community members are welcome!



## thank you veterans

Home of the free,
because of the brave.

Questions? Contact MHS Office: (812) 654-3096

# Moving Away from Bloomz

bloomz → MyPowerHub

## PowerSchool Is Coming!

We will be moving our messaging and behavior tracking to PowerSchool.



## Need to Contact a Teacher?

Email is currently the best way to reach your child's teacher.



## More information Coming Soon!

We will share more details on how to navigate into the PowerSchool platform.

# PTO NEWS




We want to thank all of you who sold soap for our PTO!! If you missed out in ordering, we did order some extras and we will post them once the soap is delivered. Thanks for helping make a difference for our students!!!

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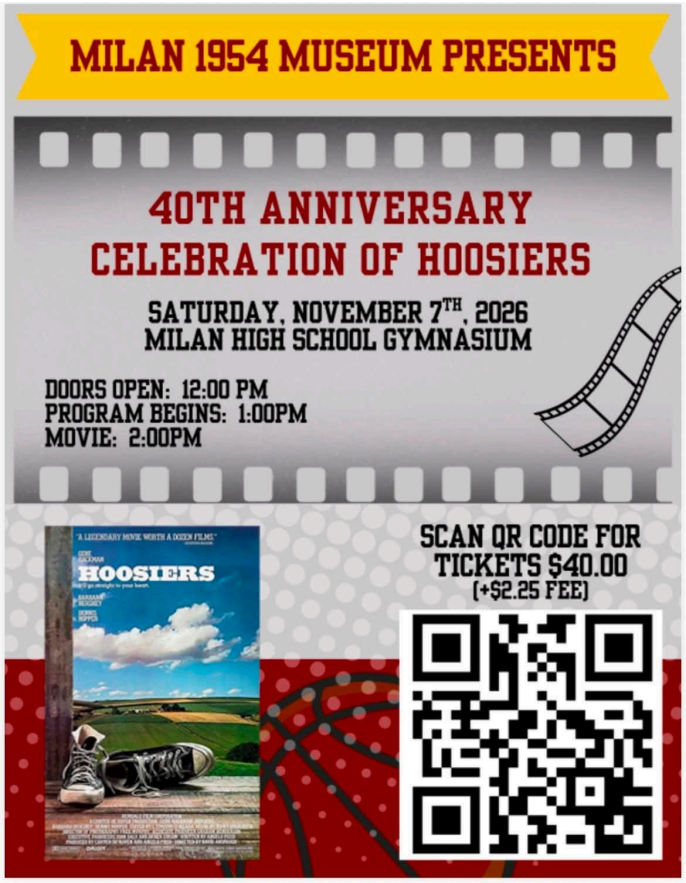
# Mrs. McKittrick Support Station

My class lessons for October focused on understanding four types of conflict (disagreements, rude moments, mean moments, and bullying), the true definition of bullying, and being an upstander. We also participated in Unity Day on October 21st, wore orange, and pledged to be a buddy - not a bully. Students were reminded to "say something if they see something." No one deserves to be bullied, so they should report it to an adult. The following website has great resources:
https://pacerkidsagainstbullying.org/



# COMMUNITY NEWS

Milan Elementary School is pleased to share information about local clubs, organizations, and community activities that may be of interest to our students and families. Please note that the inclusion of an organization or event in this newsletter does not indicate that Milan Elementary School is affiliated with, sponsors, or endorses the organization or activity. We share these announcements simply to help keep our school community informed and connected to opportunities in the greater Milan community.

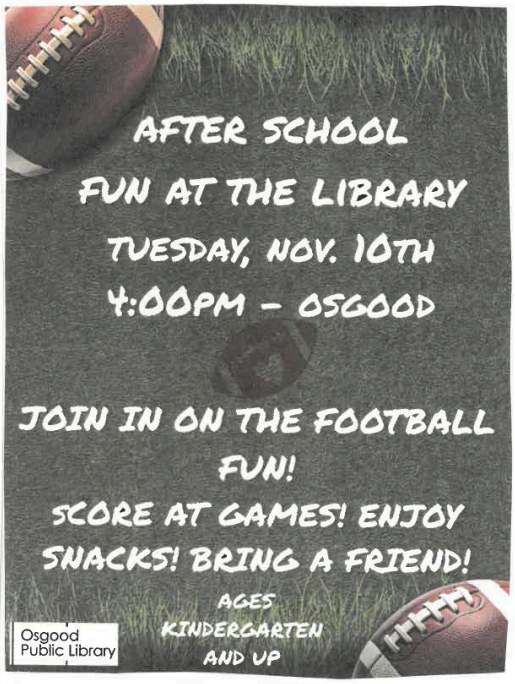



You can also purchase tickets at this LINK.

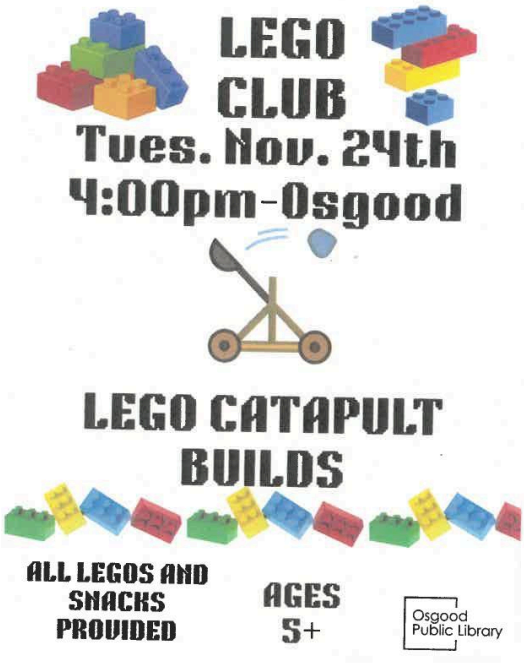
# Public Library Upcoming Events




DINO-VEMBER
STORY TIME
Osgood Library:
Mon. Nov. 2nd
Mon. Nov. 9th
Mon. Nov. 16th
Mon. Nov. 23rd
Mon. Nov. 30th
10:30am
Milan Library:
Tues. Nov. 3rd
Tues. Nov. 10th
Tues. Nov. 17th
Tues. Nov. 24th
10:30am
Join Miss Linda for stories, craft and a roaring good time
No registration required
Osgood Public Library


AFTER SCHOOL
FUN AT THE LIBRARY
TUESDAY, NOV. 10TH
4:00PM - OSGOOD
JOIN IN ON THE FOOTBALL FUN!
SCORE AT GAMES! ENJOY SNACKS! BRING A FRIEND!
AGES KINDERGARTEN AND UP
Osgood Public Library


A CHARLIE BROWN THANKSGIVING
Saturday, Nov. 21st
11:00am
Milan Library
Good grief don't miss the stories, craft, and a Snoopy feast!!!
Registration is required CALL 812-689-4077
Osgood Public Library


LEGO CLUB
Tues. Nov. 24th
4:00pm-Osgood
LEGO CATAPULT BUILDS
ALL LEGOS AND SNACKS PROVIDED
AGES 5+
Osgood Public Library

girl scouts of central indiana

# Join Girl Scouts and make memories that last!

**Find your troop and start your Girl Scout adventure today! New troops are forming across the community, and girls are joining every day.**

**Thinking about starting a Girl Scout troop? There's never been a better time! Start a new troop by Jan. 31 and we'll help you get started with these all-new benefits. Your benefits include:**

- **Free volunteer membership** ($30 value)
- **Your girl's membership covered** ($65 value)
- **Monthly experience boxes with supplies and materials for your troop meetings** ($500 value)
- **Connections to local girls, troops and volunteers** who can help you along the way
- **More time and experiences with your girl.** Priceless!

**Troop Leader Needed!**

**We have girls who are ready and excited to start their Girl Scout journey—they're just waiting for someone to step up and lead the way!**

**Troop Leader membership is waived!**
**Could that leader be **YOU?****

**Reach out to Katelynn to learn more:**
**kkohlmeier@girlscoutsindiana.org**
**317-924-6890**




IF WE DO NOT GET A SCOUT LEADER, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE A SCOUT TROOP!!

PLEASE REVIEW THE BENEFITS OF BEING A LEADER.

# Congrats to the 2nd Grade Youth Football Team

The Milan Youth Football 2nd Grade team won the Super Bowl this past weekend!  Way to go team!!!




Stars, Stripes & Christmas lights
Milan Christmas Walk
Nov. 28th 5pm-8pm | Milan Community Park

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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We have an attendance contest going on and the 4th grade is in the lead!!




Here are some best practices and reminders for attendance.

- If you have attendance questions, call our Attendance Secretary, Mrs. Jodie Hooker.
- If your child is not going to be at school, **CALL IN TO MRS. HOOKER**. If you only send a message to your teacher, it will not count as a parent call in absence.
- You get six parent call-ins a year. Even if your child is not going to be there and you have used all of your parent call-ins, still call in to let us know that your child will not be there.
- Tardies add up! Three tardies count as an absence!
- If you live outside the district, attendance could be a reason for having a transfer revoked.
- Attendance is a factor for attending field trips!

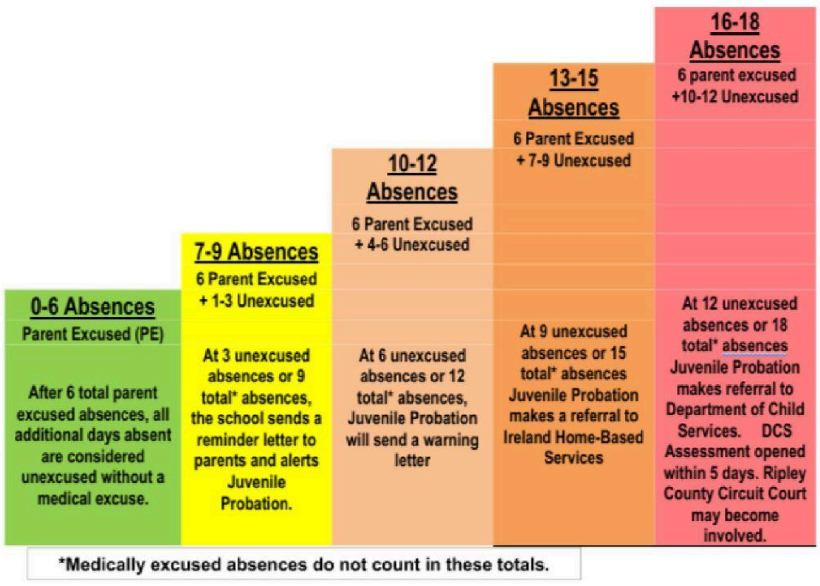
ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT MES!!!

Every MES student is able to have six parent call-in (PCI) days for unexcused absences this school year. In order to use a PCI day, the parent must call in to the office. After these six days have been used, parents will be notified on their 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th unexcused absences. It is a best practice to still call in to the office when your child is going to be absent.

Note:
STUDENTS WHO ARE OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER STUDENTS ARE AT RISK OF HAVING THEIR TRANSFER REVOKED DUE TO POOR ATTENDANCE.
STUDENTS WHO HAVE 12 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES MAY LOSE ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND FIELD TRIPS. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE PRINCIPAL'S DISCRETION.

Best Practices for Attendance:

- ★ If your child is not going to be at school, call the office and let them know. If you do not call the office, it will not be considered a PCI.
- ★ If your child is at an appointment, make sure you bring in an excuse slip.
- ★ Know the attendance policy. You can read the student handbook on the school website.
- ★ Try not to be late to school, as three tardies count as one unexcused absence.




## Attendance Reminder:

The graph to the left shows the method that is used for unexcused absences for students.

Please note that students who have previously reached the 100% threshold in previous school years will be subject to a lower threshold of unexcused absences