



GOOD NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

December 12, 2017

Dear Parents,

Wednesday, December 20th, will be the last day of classes. The winter break begins December 21st, and goes through January 3rd. **Students will return from winter break on Thursday, January 4th.**

While we understand that there are times when our children are going to have some sick days, it is imperative that our children come to school as often as possible. Our attendance rate has slowly, but steadily dropped from 94.3% to 93.9% within the past 30 days. The state requires us to have at least a 94%. This is extremely detrimental to our children's education. Some things to consider:

1. School starts at 7:20. The tardy bell is at 7:30, no exceptions. If students come to school after 8:40, they are considered a half day late. Please make sure your children are at school on time.
2. Even excused absences are still considered absences. They are still a part of the absence record. Since school is out at 2:35, please try to make doctor appointments for after school.
3. Student absences are considered chronic after 6 days of missing school. If your child has missed more than 6 days, you are in danger of being reported to truancy.
4. Even during cold weather, we still have school. The building is warm, and we will take good care of the kids!

Please help us by doing your part to ensure that your child is getting the best opportunity possible to receive a proper education by getting them to school every day. If warm clothing is the issue keeping your child from school please contact us we will try to help.

Prepare for Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather this winter, please be aware of the following TPS guidelines for school closings: The closing of schools for inclement weather or other acts of nature shall be announced by the superintendent. Notification of such closing shall be made via the local news media, www.tulaschools.org, a recording on the main switchboard (918-746-6800) and the social networking sites Facebook and Twitter (www.facebook.com/TPSInfo and twitter.com/TulsaSchools).

CALENDAR

December 20	Perfect Attendance Payoff	
January 4	Classes Resume	
January 15	Martin Luther King Day	
January 31	Spirit Day/EOM Assembly	1:30 p.m.

We wish you all the gifts of the season--good friends, love shared with your dear ones, and the smiles on childrens' faces. As the New Year approaches we offer our best wishes for your happiness and success.

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Bradley Griffin, Principal