

Antrim Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

As the holidays and flu season approach, we would like to remind you of the importance of consistent attendance for your child(ren). Student attendance at the elementary level establishes healthy work habits in high school, college, or work. Furthermore, consistent attendance ensures continued academic and social emotional growth. Whether excused or unexcused, multiple absences can be disruptive to a child's progress and sense of belonging in the classroom. As you think about scheduling family events, please be aware of the school calendar. There are multiple days off to allow for families events.

If your child(ren) will be absent, please refer to our absence policy for details related to excused and unexcused absences. The policy also outlines how to proceed with special requests for absence.

The Board considers the following to be excused absences:

1. Illness
2. Recovery from an injury
3. Required court attendance
4. Medical and dental appointments
5. Death in the immediate family
6. Observation or celebration of a bona fide religious holiday
7. Such other good cause as may be acceptable to the Principal or permitted by law

If parents wish for their child to be absent for a reason not listed above, the parent must provide a written explanation of the reason for such absence, including why the student will be absent and for how long the student will be absent. The Principal will make a determination as to whether the stated reason for the student's absence constitutes good cause and will notify the parents via telephone and writing of his/her decision. If the Principal determines that good cause does not exist, the parents may request a conference with the Principal to again explain the reasons for non-attendance. The Principal may then reconsider his initial determination. However, at this juncture, the Principal's decision shall be final.

Thank you for following the guidelines set forth by the district. We sincerely value our partnership with you in providing the best academic experience for your child(ren).

All the best,



Stephanie Syre-Hager