

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TIPS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTS & GUARDIANS EVERY DAY COUNTS!



A student who misses class is a student who misses learning. With a little extra support, many school absences can be easily avoided. By encouraging and supporting your child's attendance, you will help your child learn, build lasting friendships, and develop the skills and attitudes needed to become a good citizen and a valuable member of the community.

- ✓ Get your child to school **on time, every day**, and make sure homework assignments are complete.

This will help him/her to be mentally and physically ready to learn, and strengthen the immune system.
- ✓ Car trouble and missing the bus are considered **unexcused absences** and will go on your child's permanent record.
- ✓ **Read all information** sent home by the school. Post important dates on a family bulletin board or on the refrigerator.
- ✓ Extended vacations, long weekends and frequent doctor appointments scheduled during school hours will cause your child to **fall behind** in class.
- ✓ Give your child **enough time** to get ready for school in the morning. Try preparing lunches, packing school bags and laying out clothing the night before.
- ✓ Being in school every day **increases your child's chances** of being successful and scoring well on important tests throughout the year.
- ✓ **Resources are available** to help with parenting skills, communicating with your child, and encouraging him/her to take school seriously. Contact Ms. Arieti or Mr. Baker, School Counselors at (434) 315-2110 ext. 3128 or ext. 3130.
- ✓ Follow the proper school guidelines for **reporting excused absences** in a timely manner.
- ✓ Allow your child to stay home **only when** he/she has a **contagious** illness or is too sick to be comfortable.
- ✓ Make sure your child **exercises**, eats a **balanced diet**, and **gets plenty of sleep**.

**BELIEVE that
EVERY DAY COUNTS
AND WATCH YOUR CHILD
SOAR to NEW HEIGHTS!**

For more information on how you can help students in school please contact:
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