



Bullpup Nips

September 17, 2019

24 hr. SAFE ARRIVAL/ATTENDANCE PHONE LINE: 427-7457

School Office: 427-5672

Theme: Kindness

Character Trait: Friendship



"Students who come to school every day, behave, and participate - graduate!"

Paraphrased from Balfanz (2007) by the Academic Team

IMMUNIZATIONS: As of July 28, 2019, a new state law removes the personal & philosophical option to exempt children from the MMR vaccine required for school and child care attendance.

RIGHT TO KNOW: Teacher Qualifications - If you are a parent in a Title 1 school, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information in a timely manner. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information:

- Whether OSPI has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether OSPI has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications. If you would like to receive any of this information, please call the school office.

BULLPUPS and PARENTS: It is great school spirit to attend an SHS football game. When our Bullpups and their families attend an event at Stevenson High School, the expectation is that families sit together. **Students need to be directly supervised by an adult at all times.** For safety purposes, children must be seated with parents (or a guardian), and may not wander, run, or play in walkways or other areas of the facilities (including the track, field, sidelines, and under/around the stadium at football games). This will be announced at games as well- but we want to make sure families know in advance. Thank you for helping us keep ALL students safe!!

TARDIES: A student who arrives even a few minutes late ends up playing "catch up" for most of the morning. That child's day can end up being very stressful and frustrating which impacts learning. If the student arrives late he/she needs to be checked in at the office (by a parent) and receive an admit slip. Students will say "good-bye" to their families in the office. Students will walk themselves to class. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Tips:

- Set a regular bedtime, and stick to it.
- Prepare clothes the night before, lay them out.
- Finish homework in the evening; put the backpack by the door.
- Set an alarm clock, or even two ☺
- Plan to have your child IN THE CLASSROOM by 8:25 a.m.
- Schedule your child's appointments after 3:30 p.m. or on early release days whenever possible.

Attendance and Promptness MAKES A DIFFERENCE!!

SNACKS and CELEBRATIONS: Stevenson Elementary staff support our district's nutritional policy and will encourage children to make healthy choices. SES has a NO GUM policy, and we encourage families to save the sugary drinks and candy for special occasions at home. Research indicates that a meal that is high in protein gives the brain an extra boost, while a meal high in sugar will be followed with a time that the child feels tired, lethargic and sometimes even irritable. We have BIG learning goals for your child and we need an ENGAGED BRAIN!

Sometimes, a child will bring a treat to share with the entire class for a special celebration (i.e., birthday). If your child has any food allergy on file in our school office, a treat that is homemade will not be served to your child. We will only serve children with identified food allergies special treats that have a manufacturer's ingredient label attached. We will provide an alternative treat when a homemade item is served.

If you would prefer your child NOT eat any special treats provided by the families of our school community (regardless of an existing food allergy or not), simply complete the appropriate form in the school office. The only time students will be allowed to share their food will be when the food is a special treat (i.e., birthday cupcakes) brought from home. At ALL other times, children are asked to eat ONLY from their own lunch. {Note to families who wish to provide a special treat for a celebration: (1) prearrange this with the classroom teacher and (2) please, nothing with nuts.}

NAME ON BELONGINGS: The best way to ensure that your child's coat, backpack, lunchbox is returned if it is misplaced a clear name written on the article. Please take the time to label your child's belongings; it is then very easy for us to return misplaced items.

BULLPUP NIPS: If you would like to receive your Bullpup Nips via email, please contact the school, at 427-5672, with your email address.

COUNSELING CORNER: Have you ever thought about giving your child a break? When students are upset, they are not able to hear what you are saying. They are also not in a place where they can learn what they did and how they can change it for next time. Consider giving your child a calm area within your home where when they are upset, they can go to take a break. Here at the school, each classroom has a corner where students can go when they are upset. In that corner, there are different breathing strategies and fidget toys to help them calm their bodies. Normally five to ten minutes is all it takes and then they are ready to talk and ready to hear what you want to say to them!

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