Dear Parents,

Safety Assistance:
Arrival and dismissal are very busy times within our community. Please be mindful as you drive on the road to school and through the school zone. Please help me in making sure our arrival and dismissal procedures are safe for community members and students.

- Follow the speed limit on Windhorst and Williams Rd. Too many cars are driving above the speed limit.
- During the school zone time, the speed limit is 20MPH.
- Stop completely at the stop sign.
- In the car loop pull all the way down along the curb. This allows as many students as possible to get dropped off and/or picked up at one time.
- Make sure your child is ready to get out of the car in the morning.
- Any change in way home must be in writing. This is a safety procedure.

Character Trait of the Month:
This month our school will be focusing on Honesty. As we help our students to build independence, honesty is a big part of showing maturity and independence. Honest students display confidence and have a strong sense of right and wrong. They know who they are what they believe in. Honest student do the right thing when no one is looking and are willing to offer help to others in need. Honest students report issues so that help can be provided.

The Sailor Expectations help our students to be honest each day.

Attendance:
Coming to school each day on time helps children to make solid academic strides. In fact, it is the biggest factor influencing your child’s academic success! Did you know:

- Students who attend school on a regular basis are more likely to pass state assessments such as the FAST and other standardized tests.
- Students who are at school on time each day have ample opportunities to learn how to be a good citizen. The morning routine from 7:10-7:40am provides children with chances to engage in social situations with classmates, organize for the day, and to hear the important announcements on the daily Morning Show. The morning show starts at 7:34am. Please try to have your child in class by this time so that they can participate in the Pledge and morning announcements.
- For students who are learning English as a second language, coming to school each day provides more exposure to the English language both in an academic and social setting giving them a greater chance to gain proficiency in English at a much faster rate.
- When students arrive to school on time they feel a part of the group and are more ready to start the school day on a positive note.

Your commitment to school attendance will send a message that education is a priority for your family and coming to school each day is part of the education process that prepares children for life. We look forward to seeing your child in class before 7:40am each day!

Kindergarten Round Up:
Kindergarten Round Up will take place during the week of April 3rd. More information about the specific date and time will be shared out by the end of February. If you have a child who lives in our school attendance zone who will be five on or before September 1st, please make note on your calendar to be on the lookout for information related to Kindergarten Round-Up. You will learn about the standards for kindergarten readiness, standards covered during the kindergarten year, and other important information.

Ms. Lippek, Principal

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Strive to arrive by 7:35
Hello Schmidt Sailors,

January 30 – February 3 will have our Spring Book Fair in the library. Students can shop during the school day and in the evening February 2, 2023 during our SMath Night. See our book fair website for information about eWallet and the Book Fair. https://www.scholastic.com/bf/hugoschmiditelementaryschool

February is a full month of celebration. We will be honoring Black History Month, Valentine’s Day, President’s Day, and more!

Monday is Tech Club day at 1:15-2:15 for grades 3-5. If your child is interested in joining, please tell him/her to come see me.

We have just started our first and second grade club, Young Author’s Club. This is a club for budding young writers to learn the writing process from the perspective of an author. We do author studies and will be getting into writing a book.

We always have so much going on in the library, but my first priority is to encourage students to love reading and books.

Happy Reading!

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