Welcome Back to School, BSE Families!

Dear parents/guardians,

Rates of chronic absenteeism have been on the rise, doubling to an estimated one out of three students nationwide. This alarming increase has been occurring in tandem with significant declines in reading and math scores. Parents may face several barriers to getting their children to school every day and on time, such as a lack of reliable transportation, work schedules, and student concerns, but we want you to know BSE is here to help! Please do not hesitate to reach out to the school or myself for assistance. Let’s combat these statistics by doing our part every day to come to school ready to learn. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year, and remember bobcats, if you miss school, you miss out!

– Ms. Rosler

Bobcat Corner

Thank you to all the amazing bobcats who shared what their favorite part of the school year has been so far! Here are some of those favorite moments:

“Lunch and P.E.” – Camani, 4th grade
“The popcorn experiment!” – Sumire, 1st grade
“Making friends.” – Ella, 4th grade
“Learning about time and writing.” – Abigail, 2nd grade

December’s Best Class Attendance

Congratulations to these three classes of amazing bobcats who had the best attendance this month! Keep up the great work!

1st: Ms. Rados’ 5th grade (99%)
2nd: Ms. Hartwell’s 3rd grade (97.6%)
3rd: Ms. Emerson’s 4th grade (97%)

Way to go, bobcats!!!
Success 4 Kids & Families Spotlight
Success 4 Kids & Families is a community organization within the Tampa Bay Area that provides support and services for individuals and families coping with behavioral, emotional, or mental health challenges, as well as pregnant women and their families. To learn more about available services, call (813) 490-5490 to speak to a representative or complete a referral online at https://www.s4kf.org/.

Character Trait of the Month
This month’s character trait is teamwork, which is getting along and engaging with others toward a common goal. From collaborating in a sports team to giving a class presentation, teamwork is a big part of school life and mastering it will help your child succeed not just at school, but throughout their lives. To practice teamwork skills at home, families can play board games, which help develop social skills, cook, put on a play, show, or music concert, complete arts and crafts, help a younger sibling with homework, and play sports with one another. Parents can emphasize the importance of being part of a team and demonstrate teamwork at home through chores, too!

SEEDS Program Spotlight
Supporting and Empowering Educational and Developmental Services (SEEDS) is a program supporting and empowering families in their child’s educational, social, and developmental experience. The goal is to prepare children for kindergarten, ensure they are promoted at the end of the school year, and are reading on level by third grade. Families with children birth through 3rd grade who reside in Hillsborough and have academic concerns can apply to the SEEDS program. To learn more, call their office at (813) 901-3439.

Bonus Bobcat Fun
Name: _____________________________________ Teacher: _________________________ Grade: ________
Complete the word search below and write about how you practice teamwork. Then, cut along the dotted line and turn it in to your teacher for a chance to win a prize at the end of the month!

When should I send my child to school if they have been sick?
Make sure to send children to school if they are:
- Healthy and well
- Participating in usual day-to-day activities
- Having a mild cold
- Having eye drainage, redness, or pain without fever
- Having a mild stomachache
- Having a mild rash with no other symptoms
- Having no fever overnight/having not taken fever-reducing medicine

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