Attendance News
Monthly reminders, incentives, and resources from your school
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Happy Thanksgiving, BSE Families!
Dear parents/guardians & students,

It has certainly been a busy and exciting first quarter of the school year and it is already behind us! Our students are showing how great they are by being active learners and leaders at school every day. As our fall break approaches, I want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a fun and restful break! School is back in session on 11/27 and remember bobcats, if you miss school, you miss out!

– Ms. Rosler

Bobcat Corner
Thank you to all the amazing bobcats who shared their tips for coming to school daily and on time! Here are some of those great tips:

“Set an alarm or have a family member wake you up.” – Evelyn, 4th grade
“Chart with star stickers for every day on time.” – Bella, Kindergarten
“Wake up early to not be in a big rush.” – Anna, 5th grade

October’s Best Class Attendance
Congratulations to these four classes of amazing bobcats who had the best attendance this month! Keep up the great work!

1st: Ms. Hartwell’s 3rd grade (99%)
2nd: Rados’ 5th grade (97.92%)
3rd: Ms. Emerson’s 4th grade (97.22%)

Way to go, bobcats!!!

Counseling Services Spotlight
There are several community agencies partnered with Hillsborough County Public Schools that offer individual and family counseling at low or no-cost with insurance. Services are also available for those without insurance. Please contact Ms. Rosler to learn more or for a referral.

Character Trait of the Month

This month’s character trait is kindness, which is being considerate, courteous, generous, and understanding of others. A kind person shows concern for the feelings of others and is helpful without the thought of a reward.

To help your child foster kindness, have them imagine scenarios in which they can practice having empathy for others by deciding what they would do in that situation to help. Reading a book together is another great way to practice kindness by having them picture themselves in the character’s shoes. Parents can model kindness not only by how they interact with others, but also how they take care of themselves. For instance, practice self-care or acknowledge a mistake you made with self-compassion. Finally, encourage children to engage in kind behaviors, such as sharing, volunteering, giving, including, comforting, supporting, listening, and noticing.

Parenting Classes Spotlight

Do you have a child kindergarten to 5th grade who has difficulty with homework, safety, following directions, socializing, challenging behaviors, or calming down? DOCS K-5, a program through the University of South Florida, offers six 2-hour parenting classes that meet once a week. To learn more or sign up, email hotdocs@usf.edu or call (813) 974-1048.

Excused Absences

Parents are encouraged to call the school’s attendance line to excuse their child’s absence by 9:00 am on the day of the absence. Absences, tardies, and early pick-ups are considered unexcused unless notified by phone, in person, or by note. Only student illnesses and emergencies are considered excused. To call our attendance line, dial (813) 671-5060 and press “1”.

Bonus Bobcat Fun

Name: ___________________________ Teacher: _______________________ Grade: ________

Complete the crossword puzzle and write about a way you show kindness to others. Cut it out and turn it in to your teacher for a chance to win a prize at the end of the month!

I show kindness by…

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Best School Ever!