

Waterbury Weekly

Ignite the Power and Potential of Each Student

January 20, 2020

Dear Waterbury School Community,

Will your family take the Attendance Challenge?

It is the intent of the School Board, school administration, and school staff at all three D20 schools that all students have maximum opportunities for academic growth and achievement. Absenteeism affects student performance and reduces a student's opportunity for success, both academically and in the workforce. As part of our school-wide goal, we are striving to get and keep our attendance at 96% or above for the year. It is so important that students are here on time!

Your child's daily, on-time attendance is critical to their success in school. And while some challenges to your child's school attendance are unavoidable, it's important to understand the impact of each absence. The Absences Add Up campaign emphasizes to parents the importance of consistent school attendance and the impact absences have on their children's academic outcomes. The campaign demonstrates that absences add up, and as early as elementary school, students who miss just two days of school per month are more likely to fall behind and less likely to graduate high school.

The good news? Attending school every day increases a child's chances of success in school and in life.

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success - both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior, and have a better chance of graduating from high school.

For more information on student attendance, visit the Attendance Works website:

<https://www.attendanceworks.org/chronic-absence/the-problem/10-facts-about-school-attendance/>

I look forward to seeing your children in school each day!

Dr. Debbie Guzan
Principal



It's Not Too Late to Fill out the 5Essentials Survey!

Thank you to everyone who has completed the **5Essentials Parent Survey**! If at least 20% of Waterbury Elementary School parents complete this survey, a parent supplement will be generated for our school. We are currently at 14%. To take the survey, please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

Please Put A Name on it!

Whether it's a jacket, snow pants, a lunch box, or lunch money, please put a name on it! Especially lunch money... a couple of dollars sealed in a zip-lock bag found in the hallway is nearly impossible to track to the rightful owner. All money should be labeled with the student's full name and teacher's name. Please identify personal items with a last name or even initials — it will help in our detective work! We appreciate your help and support in this matter.

UPCOMING EVENTS For the other side

No School – MLK Jr. Birthday

Monday, January 20

Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, January 23

Spring Wood Middle School

7 PM

Vision & Hearing Screenings

Tuesday, January 28

PTO Roller Skating Party

Thursday, February 13

Coachlite Roller Rink

7 PM

Parent Teacher Conferences

No School for Students

Friday, February 14

8 AM – 12 PM

Conference times should be arranged with your child's teacher.

No School – Presidents' Day

Monday, February 17

Trimester 2 Ends

Friday, February 21

Read Across America

Thursday, February 27

No School – Teacher Institute Day

Friday, February 28

Report Card Day

Wednesday, March 4